

No one expects to experience vision loss. Few people are prepared for its impact.

Low vision services can restore independence by identifying solutions to problems caused by decreased vision.

## ●● About CVI

The Center for the Visually Impaired is Georgia's largest comprehensive, fully accredited, private facility providing rehabilitation services for individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Since 1962, the Center has grown to serve as a model of innovative services for people who have a wide range of vision impairments from low vision to total blindness.

The mission of the Center for the Visually Impaired is to offer comprehensive services to promote independence with dignity and the preservation of self worth for individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired.

## ●● For more information

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## ●● An Introduction to the Florence Maxwell Low Vision Clinic



Encouraging Independence with Dignity



Do you need to move closer to objects to see them more clearly?

Has your physician said that a new eyeglass prescription will not improve your vision?

Are you having difficulty with any of the following tasks?

- » Recognizing faces of friends, family and acquaintances
- » Reading newspapers, magazines, bills or greeting cards
- » Cooking or cleaning
- » Traveling independently
- » Completing other daily living tasks

If you are facing one or more of these challenges, you may be among the 549,700 Georgians who could benefit from low vision services.

CVI's Low Vision Clinic serves individuals age five and older who need to maximize the use of their vision in order to keep up in school, maintain a job or function more independently at home.

\*Estimate based on 2000 US Census and Lighthouse International's National Survey on Vision Loss.

**The Low Vision Clinic at the Center for the Visually Impaired Can Help**

Guided by your personal goals, the staff of the Low Vision Clinic will provide instruction to help you face the challenges of limited vision.

**A licensed clinical social worker will:**

- » Contact you with general information about the clinic
- » Provide you with resources for community support
- » Help you specify problems to bring to the attention of our optometrists

**An experienced, specially trained optometrist will:**

- » Conduct a vision evaluation
- » Identify low vision devices that will help you maximize your functional vision

**A highly trained low vision therapist will:**

- » Introduce you to lighting and magnification options for reading, writing, and performing daily activities
- » Demonstrate optical, nonoptical and electronic low vision devices
- » Train you to use low vision devices and your vision effectively



**Your independence is our goal.**

“When I was declared legally blind, I felt as if my world had closed in on me. I went three years without reading.

At the Low Vision Clinic at CVI, I learned that I could read a menu, my mail, the newspaper and books. I could even write my checks.

When my visit with the Low Vision Clinic was over, I knew I could do many things that I had thought that I would not be able to do.

I have my independence again.”

— former Low Vision Clinic patient