We Love our Volunteers!

NewView welcomed two outstanding new volunteers this year for our Creative Visions art program! Charla and Tisha drove all the way from Stillwater, Oklahoma, rolled up their sleeves and weren’t afraid to get a little messy during the program’s four-week session in February.

Both volunteers work in special education in Stillwater and are currently working to become Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists through Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. These specialists teach individuals with visual impairments how to travel safely and independently. Charla and Tisha brought their own skills and experience to help the Creative Visions students explore various art platforms, including paper marbling, collage and origami. Thank you for giving of your time to help those we serve at NewView.

John Bramblitt

John Bramblitt is an internationally acclaimed artist and author who has earned much recognition, including three Presidential Service awards for his innovative art workshops. John Bramblitt is also blind.

In partnership with the Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter of Oklahoma City, NewView is proud to host Haptic: Creating Art by Touch on Friday, May 4 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Dunlap Codding in Oklahoma City.

This event will showcase the painting techniques of John Bramblitt via artist talk and demonstration followed by a live auction of the work completed during his demonstration. Collaborative artwork between established local artists and visually impaired Creative Visions students will be on display and available for purchase during this evening event.

A special thank you to the Kirkpatrick Foundation for helping make this event possible.

Purchase tickets online at eventbrite.com or by contacting Tiffany Henley at thenley@newviewoklahoma.org or at (405) 602-0780.

General Admission - $40  |  VIP - First Look and Artist Meet & Greet - $150

OKC Luncheon

More than 350 people gathered at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church on April 11 for the 9th Annual OKC Envision the Future Luncheon. Betsy Brunsteter and Gus Pekara served as the honorary chairs.

In OKC and surrounding areas, more than 30,000 people are affected by vision loss, and that number grows every single day. Our annual luncheon helps educate the public about NewView’s programs and helps raise funds to continue our services throughout the state.

If you weren’t able to join us in Oklahoma City, save the date for our 4th annual Envision the Future Tulsa Luncheon on October 4, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center.

To RSVP, or if you are interested in hosting a table or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tiffany Henley at thenley@newviewoklahoma.org or at 918-933-4075.

Please join us at our 4th annual Envision the Future Tulsa Luncheon to hear testimonials from our staff and clients about NewView’s life-changing programs. Learn how you can help make a difference in the lives of others with your support and donations.

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Lauren Branch named Most Admired CEO

Twenty-five business and nonprofit leaders will be honored April 30 at The Journal Record’s ninth annual Oklahoma’s Most Admired CEOs event at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

This year’s group includes four honorees who will be inducted into the program’s Chain of Distinction, an honor reserved for three-time honorees. Included is NewView Oklahoma’s President and CEO, Lauren Branch.

Lauren Branch has been the President and CEO of NewView Oklahoma for 20 years and has been recognized numerous times for her leadership.

“At our Most Admired CEOs event, we take a little time to celebrate great leadership,” said Ted Streuli, editor and associate publisher of The Journal Record. “They are great mentors, great strategists and, often, great friends. This year’s class of Oklahoma’s Most Admired CEOs reminds us what can be accomplished when the right captain is at the helm.”

Congratulations Lauren. We’re lucky to have you!

Gifts in Action

The Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) has awarded NewView a grant to assist with transportation needs of clients in the Tulsa Region. This will be helpful for clients who have barriers to transportation for getting to their clinic appointments.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Morningcrest Healthcare Foundation, NewView Oklahoma will have the financial resources to provide low vision optometric and vision rehabilitation services to underserved clients in the Tulsa area. Funds given over three years will help NewView cover the costs for specialized therapy services not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and our sliding scale fee for service program.

NewView Oklahoma is a nationally recognized leader in the field of low vision services. With the support of the Delta Gamma Foundation, NewView Oklahoma will be able to provide training and consulting services to three blind-serving organizations in Indiana, California and Florida seeking to establish a comprehensive low vision rehabilitation program for their service areas.

On May 4 and 5, nationally known artist John Bramblitt will conduct a residency at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, funded by a generous gift given by the Kirkpatrick Foundation. Our thanks to the Kirkpatrick Foundation for your support of the Creative Visions art program which is dedicated to making the arts fully accessible to the blind.