

Blind Beginnings Society has worked tirelessly since its inception in 2008 to support children and youth in BC who are blind or partially sighted. Today there are approximately 800 blind or partially sighted children and youth in BC, and it is our goal to have programs and services for every one of them, from the babies and toddlers in our Baby Beginnings Program, right through to the 19+ young adults who serve as Youth mentors and volunteers for many of our other programs.

Our mission is to inspire children and youth who are blind or partially sighted and their families, providing diverse programs, experiences, counselling and peer support, along with opportunities for them to create fulfilling lives.

## Limitless potential is all we see.

At Blind Beginnings, we see the enormous possibilities in children and youth who are blind or partially sighted and we passionately challenge any perspectives that limit what they're capable of doing or achieving.

Through participation in independence and confidence building workshops, recreational activities, leadership programs and summer camps, children and youth develop the skills and confidence to challenge their personal limits and create fulfilling lives.

No other organization in BC offers the range of programs that we do. We offer unique experiential learning activities for the whole family, because we recognize that blindness impacts parents and siblings too. We also provide counselling and peer support for parents, so they learn how to best support their child. We incorporate a full suite of life instruction, from



daily independent living skills such as cooking and taking transit to pre-employment preparation with workshops that highlight leadership and socialization exercises.

#### WHAT WE DO

- Build Confidence
- Challenge Limits
- Provide Learning
- Prepare for Employment
- Offer Support

### **HOW WE DO IT**

- Creating Confidence Workshops
- Adventure Camps and Active Lifestyle Programs
- Community Discovery Program
- Youth Leadership Program
- Early Intervention and Counselling Services

#### **OUR IMPACT**

Through the knowledge, experience, and support that our programs and services provide, the outcome is a young person who is blind or partially sighted that grows to be employed, independent, confident in their abilities, has friends and family, and is a contributing member of their community.

# For more information visit us online

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