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In BC, there are over 750 children and youth who are blind or partially sighted. To help them be the best they can be, we rely on your generous contributions. Donations of \$20 or more are issued a tax receipt. Visit blindbeginnings.ca to donate.



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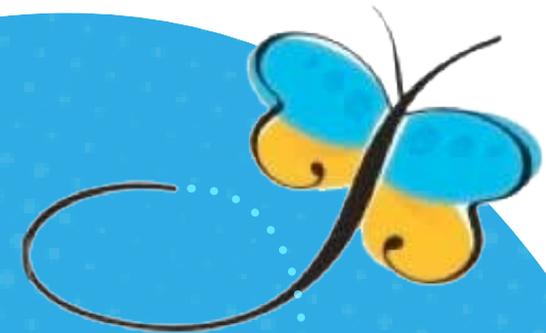
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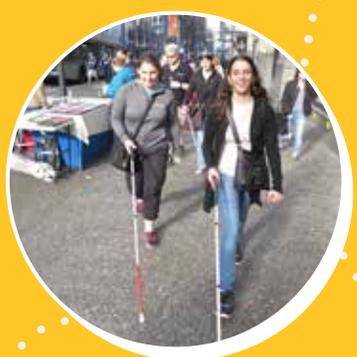
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Limitless potential
is all we see.



What we do

We only see potential

At Blind Beginnings, we give BC's children and youth who are blind or partially sighted the opportunity to develop skills, confidence and independence to help them reach their full potential. For us, blindness and visual impairment are just another expression of the range of human diversity.

We don't see limitations

Instead, we see the enormous possibilities in children who are blind or partially sighted and we passionately challenge any perspectives that limit what they're capable of doing or achieving. If they can dream it, we can help them do it.



How we help

Youth become leaders in the workplace

A first-of-its-kind in BC, our *Youth Leadership & Pre-employment Program* prepares youth who are blind or partially sighted for the transition to work and adult life. Youth increase independence and employability through skills training and practical experience.

Children challenge personal limits to lead active lives

Through our *Adventure Camps & Active Lifestyle Program*, children who are blind or partially sighted challenge personal limits, develop new skills and increase physical activity. By learning to see their child's true capacities, parents allow their child to develop undiscovered talents and lead an active life.

Children and youth develop skills through experiential learning

Our *Educational & Experiential Learning Program* offers children who are blind or partially sighted skill-building training and experiences that support cognitive and motor development, communication, independent travel, social networking and career development. While children increase independence and self-esteem, parents access resources to help their child discover and develop their abilities.

Children reach their potential through family support

Our *Early Intervention, Counselling & Family Support Program* offers support groups and individual counselling for children, youth, and parents, as well as early intervention retreats for families with pre-schoolers. Information, resources, and emotional support are provided to families by registered clinical counsellors and by other parents.