

Giving Enriching and
Transformative
Education



The Maryland School for the Blind

We See Beyond to Inspire New Possibilities



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accessible education.



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The Maryland School for the Blind (MSB) serves children and youth who are blind or low vision of all abilities—from birth to age 21—throughout their unique educational journeys. Our mission is made possible through the unwavering support of those who believe in the futures of our students and in the power of seeing beyond vision loss.

With your support, MSB can continue to ensure that every student who is blind or low vision has access to the enriching and transformative education, services, and resources needed to be as successful and independent as possible in their educational environment and in their everyday lives.

Who We Serve

Our highly experienced team makes MSB the sole resource in Maryland for students who are blind or low vision whose needs cannot be served at their current school. We reach students with programming on campus and with outreach programs in schools and communities across the state.

1,400 students each year

who are blind or low vision are served by MSB and 200+ students make up the on-campus student body.

96% of students

in our on-campus programs have additional intellectual, sensory, behavioral, and physical disabilities.

100% of our on-campus services are free

to students and their families through the assistance we receive from the State of Maryland. This means ALL donations directly support our students.



How We Live Our Mission at MSB

At MSB, we carry out our mission and foster student achievement by:

- Helping students learn and develop their skills in an accessible environment by providing modern classrooms and educational settings designed for our students and their individual needs.
- Giving students the space to be adventurous, try new things, and grow from their mistakes.
- Working directly with students to find the best ways for them to engage with their community—allowing them to feel comfortable and confident when the time comes for them to transition to life outside of MSB.

At MSB, We Believe...

1. All students can learn.
2. Students should be educated in an environment that keeps them engaged with their family and community as much as possible.
3. In access for all.
4. The dignity of risk-taking is necessary to learn and grow.
5. Family and community partnerships are crucial for student success.

How You Help Us See Beyond at MSB

When you give to MSB, you're investing in student achievement. Your gifts make it possible for us to offer accessible academic support and resources on and off campus, a specialized **Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC)** geared towards students' individual needs, statewide services to reach students and families who need our help, and a thriving campus culture filled with engaging extracurriculars.

The ECC goes beyond the standard school curriculum by addressing the specific areas that help our students who are blind or low vision bridge the gaps that are often learned through visual observation.



Your Gifts Support:

Tuition

Our preschool and kindergarten programs and fully accredited K-12 school are completely free to students thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the State of Maryland.

Out-of-School Programming

Out-of-school programming is provided statewide both on and off our campus and includes extracurricular activities, residential services, home living support, and summer programming. *Read Amaurie's story!*

Statewide Services

Statewide services allow us to work one-on-one with students in their homes and offer programs that address their specific needs. MSB also serves as the repository for braille and large print textbooks at the Maryland Instructional Resource Center (MIRC)—creating educational materials for students who are blind or low vision throughout Maryland.

Residential Program

Our residential program emphasizes activities of daily living and social skills—two main areas of our ECC—for students who live on campus, helping them learn and practice independence. *Read Nadia's story!*

Family Support and Infant and Toddler Services

These services provide guidance for families with children who are blind or low vision. Our teachers of the blind and visually impaired (TVIs) are available to meet parents in their homes, in hospitals, or any other location where they need support.

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities include competitive and non-competitive sports—like swim team, wrestling, track and field, goal ball, lacrosse, soccer, cheerleading, and beep baseball—as well as music education, music therapy, and recreational therapy. Our students look forward to participating in extracurriculars because they are engaging and fun and they allow them to explore their talents. *Read Kimar's story!*



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Celebrating Student Achievement

Meet **AMAURIE**, the Hiking Expert

Recent MSB graduate Amaurie quickly adjusted to his new environment when he arrived at MSB after experiencing some setbacks at his previous school. With orientation and mobility skills at the top of his list, he was immediately assigned an orientation and mobility (O&M) instructor to help him catch up on important lessons in cane travel and movement. After eight incredible years at MSB, and working with his O&M instructor, Amaurie is able to travel independently and with ease—allowing him to engage in one of his absolute favorite activities, hiking. Amaurie has been able to explore challenging trails in MD, NY, VA, TN, KY, and WV with his family thanks to the hands-on, no-cost services at MSB.

Meet **NADIA**, the Social Butterfly

Nadia had a close-knit friend group and a routine at her public school, but her parents knew she was still struggling to feel like an everyday kid. When she came to MSB in the 6th grade, Nadia had trouble speaking to close family members, but in the past three years, her confidence has skyrocketed. As a member of the MSB residential program, Nadia has improved her social skills and found her individuality. She loves sharing a dorm with five other students and taking turns planning after-school outings, and she spoke about the difference MSB has made in her life at a recent groundbreaking ceremony with a crowd of over 100 people!

Meet **KIMAR**, the Athletic Superstar

Kimmar had tried several schools before being referred to MSB to find support for her Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI). At MSB, she quickly excelled after staff determined there needed to be a shift in her educational goals. From there, she became passionate about learning and found a love for sports. With MSB's many mobility tools, Kimmar has participated in cheerleading, track, and soccer. Best of all, she has found lifelong friends in her teammates and mobility skills that will help her enjoy even more exciting activities in the years to come.

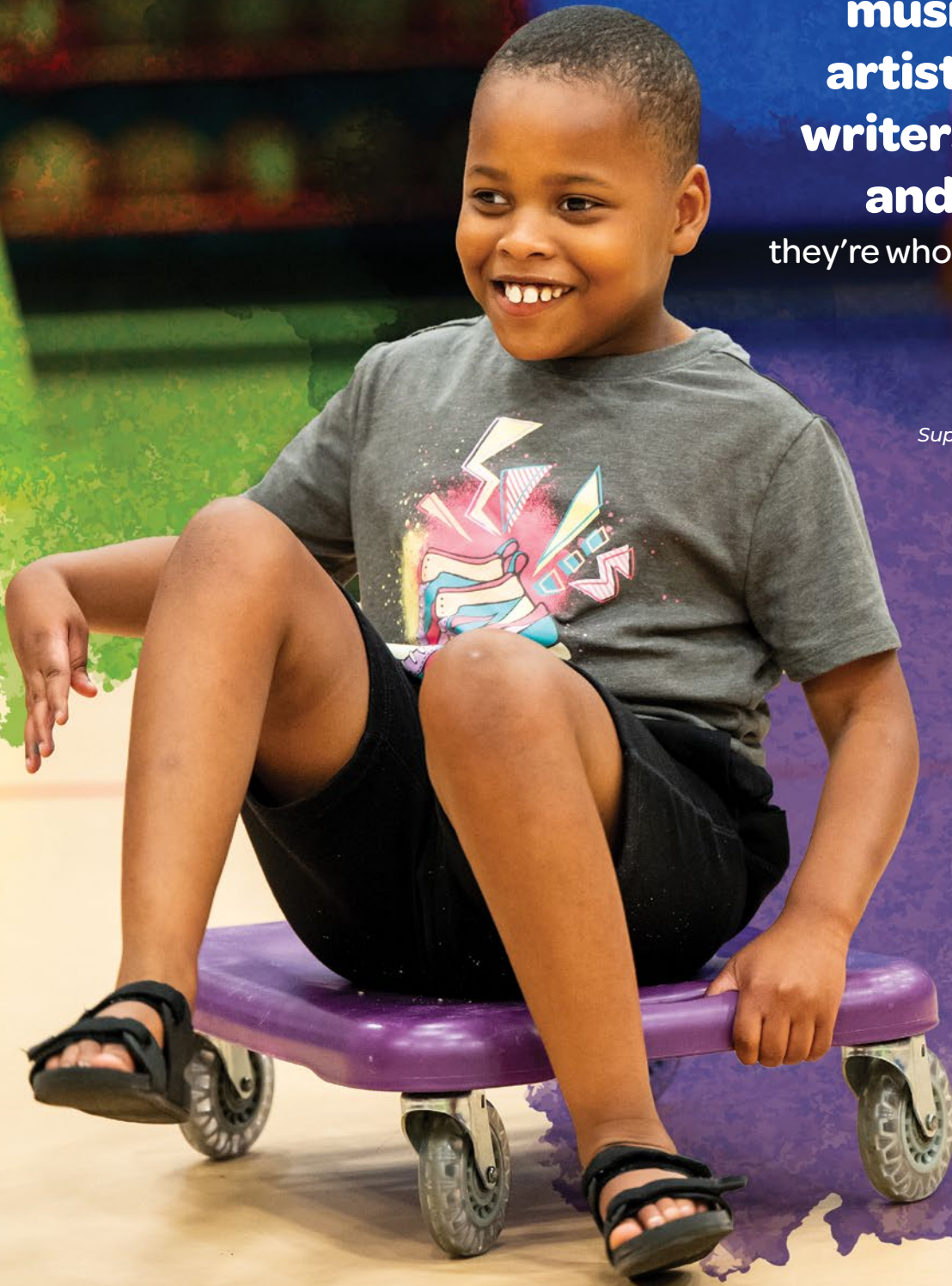




Blindness is not the sum of who our students are. They are **scholars, painters, musicians, and artists; athletes, writers, dreamers, and thinkers;** they're whoever they want to be.



Robert Hair
Superintendent, MSB





Ways You Can Support MSB

There are many ways you can support the success of MSB's students, faculty, staff, and families. Your generous contributions—no matter the type or size—make a world of difference in the lives of those we serve.

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations can include one-time or reoccurring contributions to support the programming and services at MSB. They can be made via check, credit card, over the phone, or through our secure online account.

Vehicle Donations

When you donate your car, truck, boat, or RV to MSB, we'll use the proceeds to directly support our mission. The vehicle donation process is simple, pick-up is free, and it qualifies as a tax-deductible gift. Please call 844-830-GIVE (844-830-4483) to get started.

Planned Gifts

Planned gifts allow you to support MSB by leaving a lasting legacy through a naming gift in your will or in your estate plan. Those with retirement plan assets such as IRAs, 401(K)s, and 403(B)s can also make a charitable donation without impacting lifetime finances.

Becoming a Member of Our 1853 Society

You become a member of our 1853 Society when you donate \$1,000 or greater or name MSB in your estate plans. As a member, you'll have access to a number of benefits, such as invitations to 1853 Society lunches, private tours of our campus, bi-annual lunch and learns, and more.

Stocks and Securities

Gifts of stocks and securities given to MSB may also create special tax benefits for you. If you are interested in making a gift of stocks and securities, please contact our Development Office at 410-444-5000 ext. 1330.

Supporting or Sponsoring Events

From our annual See Beyond Festival to supporting our robotics team, there are numerous opportunities to get involved at MSB and make a difference as a sponsor. By partnering with us, you're enriching the lives of our students while gaining valuable exposure in the community.



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