

Lehigh County Association for the Blind

614 N. 13TH STREET
ALLENTOWN, PENNA.



SERVICES TO THE SIGHTLESS AND SIGHTED OF THE COUNTY

The Lehigh County Association for the Blind was founded by the Allentown Lions Club in 1928 to promote the welfare of the blind in Lehigh County. The first office for blind was established at 10 N. Seventh St., Allentown, Penna., and consisted of a supervising director who carried on all the duties of the office from August 6, 1928 without any additional help, until a workshop was established in 1937 at 713 Linden Street, Allentown, Penna.

At the time of the opening of the workshop, a number of blind people were trained and employed reseating chairs, rug weaving, basket weaving, and the manufacture of brushes. During this period of time, from the inception of the Association for the Blind, a number of blind people each year entered training programs for employment and were placed in small business enterprises throughout the community. Over the years, the Association for the Blind has grown, and a new building was constructed and put in use in 1952. The result is that our workshop and allied programs for the blind have increased until today we serve approximately 35 people in our workshop, and approximately 250 blind people of our community with varying services.