BY THE NUMBERS

The Seeing Eye, Inc., serves an average of 260 people who are blind and visually impaired each year. Individuals in training with a Seeing Eye® dog are referred to as students. Once the students complete training and return home with their dogs, they are referred to as graduates.

THE PEOPLE WE EMPOWER

- Over 17,000 partnerships between individuals and dogs have been created since 1929
- 1,770: approximate number of current Seeing Eye dog users in the United States and Canada
- Approximately one-third of graduates are first time students at The Seeing Eye each year
- 25 days: length of training for first time students; 18 days: for returning students
- 12-13 classes with a maximum of 24 students are held annually
- Approximately 300 educational presentations are made by The Seeing Eye to public groups each year

OUR CANINE POPULATION

- Approximately 500 puppies are born each year
- 60% of pups born successfully become guides or enter breeding program; 75% of the dogs that enter formal training successfully complete the training program. Dogs that don’t make the guide or breeding programs are placed with law enforcement, search & rescue or are adopted.
- Approximately 250 dogs reside at the Washington Valley campus at any given time
- Approximately 60 adult dogs reside at the Breeding Station at Chester
- 4 primary breeds are trained: German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers and Labrador/golden crosses.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Approximately 150 staff members
- 35 Instructors/Trainers on staff
- In addition to approximately 500 puppy raisers, there are 165 on-campus volunteers
- 60 acres: size of Washington Valley campus; 330 acres: size of Breeding Station campus at Chester. The Seeing Eye Jane H. Booker Student Center is a leased student training facility in downtown Morristown.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

- June 11, 1928: Seeing Eye dog Buddy arrives in the U.S. with Morris Frank who impresses crowds with his trained dog's ability to guide him across New York City's busy streets. Frank, along with co-founder Dorothy Harrison Eustis, founded The Seeing Eye soon after.
- Jan. 29, 1929: The Seeing Eye was incorporated in Nashville, Tenn. and moved to Whippany, N.J. in 1931
- 1965: The Seeing Eye moved to its current headquarters in Morristown, N.J.
- October 2013: Completed a major campus renovation

FINANCIAL FACTS

- $25 million: annual operating expenses for fiscal year 2018
- $65,000: approximate cost to create each partnership, or, since a dog works an average of eight years before retiring, $8,125 per year of the working life of each team
- $150: tuition for first time students; $50: tuition for returning students; $1: tuition for veterans of military service (includes providing the dog, instruction, transportation, room, board, equipment and follow-up)
- The Seeing Eye is supported by contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, and bequests and other planned gifts. The Seeing Eye does not qualify for government funding.