



## **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<sup>®</sup> 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.