



**RECORDED RECREATIONAL  
Reading for the Blind**

**50  
YEARS**

# ANNUAL REPORT



Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind, Inc.

Studios: Sun City, AZ



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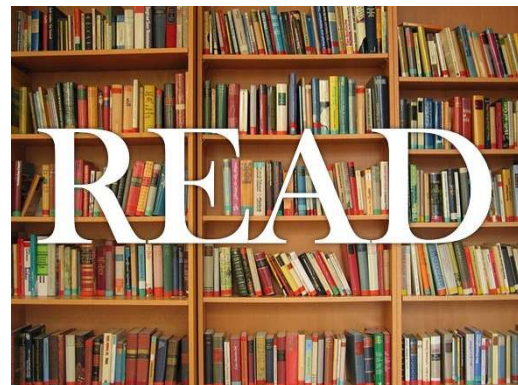
On behalf of all the members of the Board of Directors, let me take the opportunity to say how much we appreciate all our volunteers. Because of them, we can take advantage of their time and talent to do something good for low-vision people in the community. We are so grateful.

During 2023, we published 52 issues of the Valley Talking News, our weekly audio news magazine. No matter what other commitments they had, volunteers came to the studio to do their part. Many read, either from news articles selected for general interest or humor, or from books or articles. A few conducted interviews. Others used technology to record the readers and edit. Some volunteers focused their efforts on the tasks associated with the cartridges containing the content.

In addition, our volunteers were happy to narrate and record at least a half dozen “single reader” books as requested by patrons of the Arizona Talking Book Library. Several other volunteers narrated issues of the *Arizona History Journal*.

And last, but not least, we were delighted to have the opportunity to create two audio books, one for a local author and another for the great granddaughter of the author of *Land of Enchantment*, a memoir.

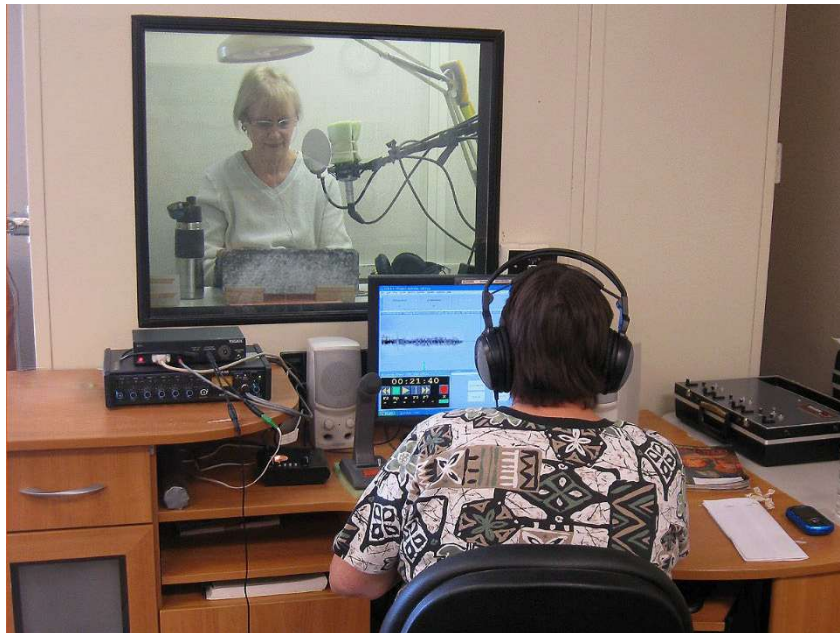
We so love what we do.



## **Our History:**

Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind, Inc. (RRRB), began in 1971 by Sun City resident Jane Hilverkus and continued by Margaret Cepuder. It provided recordings of local news to community members who, because of visual or physical problems, were unable to read printed material. With the assistance of the Arizona Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (now, The Arizona Talking Book Library), cassettes were mailed weekly to subscribers in the local area. Over the next couple of years, volunteers also began recording magazines and books for the Talking Book Library. In August of 1973, Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind, Inc. was chartered, as a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation.

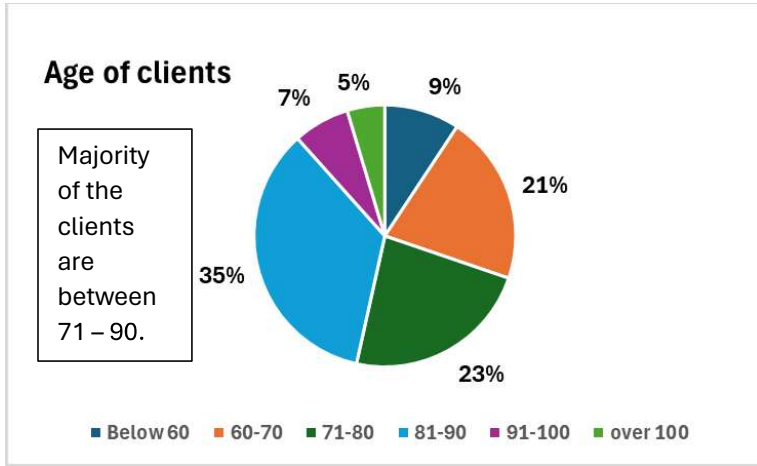
Today RRRB has expanded the Valley Talking News to include clients from all over Maricopa County. We have three recording studios and a team of experienced recording volunteers reading the news, magazine articles and sports news and even some special books weekly to mail to over 100 clients. That number decreased during the pandemic but is now growing weekly. Added to our base program 'Valley Talking News' is the internet radio channel KRUVradiosun that features our segment 'Are You Volunteering' which includes interview and discussion programs about the concept, practice and benefits of volunteering in the Valley and around the world and eclectic musical fare along with sections of the Valley Talking News. The newest of programs is our experienced recorded readers are now taking orders from your favorite authors to record their books for their distribution.



## **Recording Studio #1**

**Elisa - age 51 Completely changed my life! Used to be a voracious reader - now I cannot read and enjoy the Valley Talking News so much.**

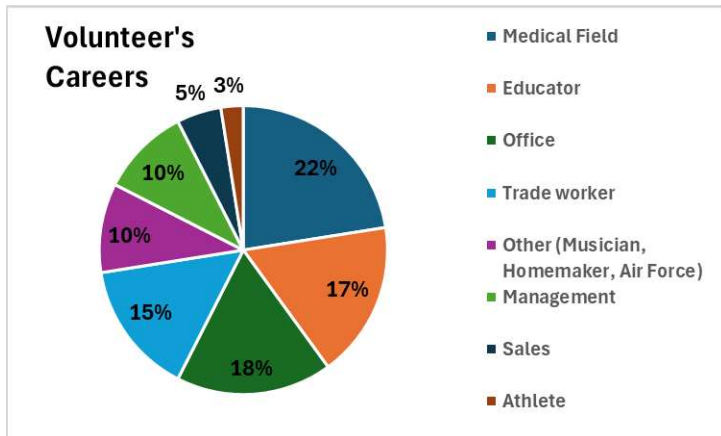
**Who we serve:**



Audrey – age 103 It helps me stay in contact.

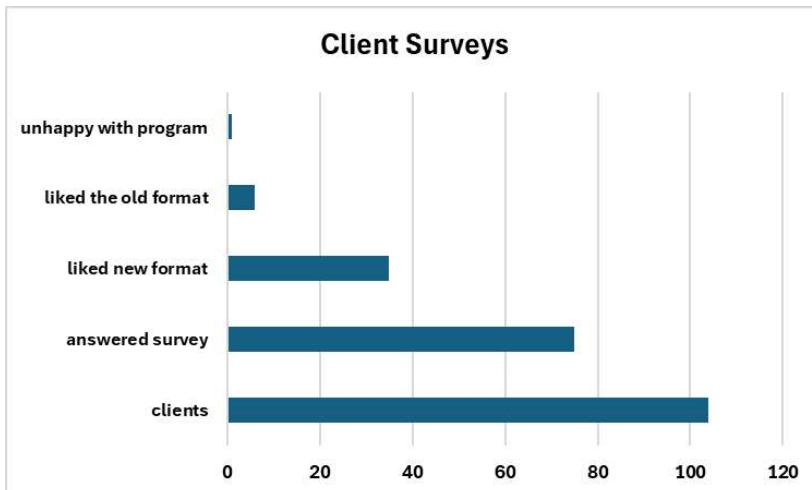
Robert – age 82 I like listening. I listen to nearly all of it. I like the articles and the humor. It brings something positive to my day.

Leslie - age 66 It makes me more aware of blind presence in the Valley. Sometimes you feel like you don't matter, and I am grateful that you try to help the blind.



Steven Shew - Client

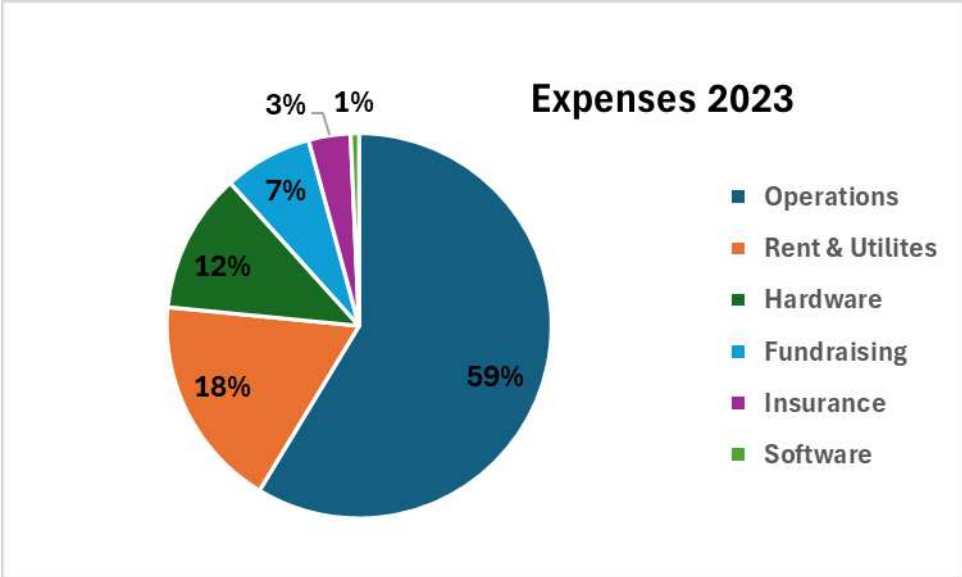
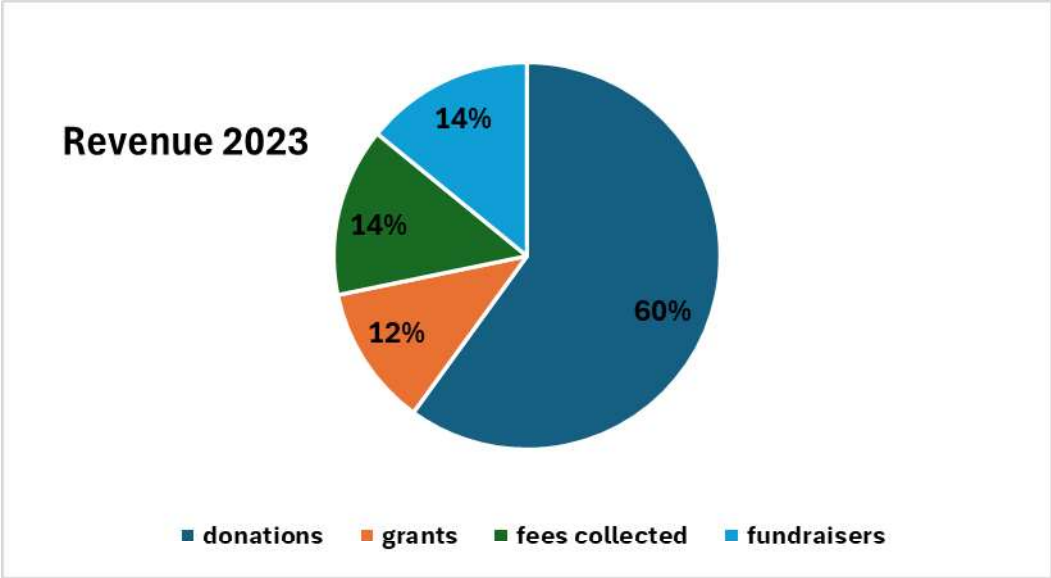
I get the cassettes of the Valley talking News for my 43 yr old daughter. She is vision impaired and developmentally disabled. She loves them and is listening at this moment. Her favorite is the man who talks about his wife. I think she loves the sound of his voice.”



--C.S., Phoenix



# RRRB Finances 2023



Links to programing on the website: [readingfortheblind.org](http://readingfortheblind.org)



### 24-03-20 - "Science & Engineering" with Herb Norton

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Herb Norton reads all about scientific and engineering progress around the world. Marvelous discoveries are being made continually and most will ultimately have a direct impact upon our lives.