

# Welcome To SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE FOR LOW VISION®

## WE CAN HELP YOU:

- Identify all possible tools and resources to help you maximize the vision you have, through our low vision eye exam.
- Understand how your eye condition affects how you see.
- Learn skills for successful adjustment and coping with future changes in your vision.
- Determine ability to drive and improve your independence.

## WHY CHOOSE SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE?

- We have an unsurpassed track record of changing the lives of thousands of people with vision loss for the better.
- Spectrios Institute has been cited by the National Eye Institute as a “Model for the Nation”. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. R. Tracy Williams, Spectrios Institute’s caring team of professionals is unparalleled in their knowledge and use of the latest breakthroughs in low vision research, rehabilitation and technology.
- We are accredited by the National Accreditation Council Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.

## WHAT IS LOW VISION?

Low vision is any permanent vision loss which cannot be corrected with medical treatment, surgery, or conventional lenses and interferes with a person’s ability to perform his/her activities of daily living. For example:

- Difficulty reading even with your current glasses or using your computer.
- Challenges with seeing faces, signs and driving.

## **OUR MISSION:**

Founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization, Spectrios Institute empowers children and adults with vision loss, regardless of income, to optimize their visual capabilities and independence through the use of prescriptive tools, technology, rehabilitative training and inspiration. We strive to educate the world to see the potential in every person with vision loss.

## **THE SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE'S PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Three appointments – an initial appointment of 2½ hours, a follow-up 2-4 weeks later and a 3-month follow-up.
- Discussion with a professional low vision counselor to assess your needs and help you set visual goals.
- An exam by a specially trained low vision doctor lasting over one hour, to carefully evaluate your usable sight and recommend appropriate devices. There are prescriptive magnifiers, high powered reading glasses, telescopic devices and many more options to improve both reading and distance vision.
- Meeting with a vision therapist who provides training on your prescribed devices and education on resources and strategies for reaching your vision goals to maximize your vision.
- Work with an adaptive technology specialist to learn about desktop and portable technologies to assist in your work, school and daily life. This can include CCTV video reading systems, capture to speech devices, and the accessibility available for all types of computers, e-book readers and cell phones.

## **OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:**

- We sponsor support and learning groups lead by a licensed therapist to assist our patients and their families, held in Wheaton and LaGrange Park.
- We publish quarterly newsletters that provide information on technology, resources and other helpful information.

## **AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE:**

- As a non-profit organization – no person who is visually impaired is denied services.
- We are an approved provider and will submit your claim to Medicare/Insurance.
- Depending on your Medicare supplement plan, a substantial portion of the cost is normally covered with exception of the vision refraction.
- If you are covered under a commercial medical plan, we will submit your claim to the carrier
- Financial assistance may be available through grants, foundations and private donations for individuals who qualify. Please call us for details: 630-690-7115.

## **SHOP OUR LOW VISION STORE:**

Our store features non-prescriptive items that will help make daily living activities easier, such as:

- Reading lamps designed specifically for people with low vision
- Talking calculators, clocks
- Large print calendars, address books
- Large button remote controls, phones
- And many other items too numerous to mention.

## **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:**

See our website ([www.spectrios.org](http://www.spectrios.org)) for more information and news about upcoming events.

**Spectrios Institute for Low Vision** working in partnership with your primary eye doctor/specialist to help you maximize your sight. We will be referring you back to him/her to monitor your medical eye condition.

Call **630-690-7115** to make an appointment!

**Spectrios Institute for Low Vision® Clinic locations:**

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219 East Cole Avenue  
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*“Over 25 years of serving People with Vision Loss!”*