

Join the Chuck Noll Road to Independence Society

Membership in the Society is granted to those who support BVRs through a gift of \$1,000 or more a year for at least five years. Your membership will provide you with an opportunity to:

- ✦ Be honored with a special plaque in the Road to Independence Society display in BVRs' lobby
- ✦ Attend BVRs' major events and private occasions for Noll Society members only
- ✦ Be informed of new services and promising technology for helping people cope with vision loss
- ✦ Interact with and get to know the people who benefit from the services of BVRs
- ✦ Receive two complimentary tickets to the annual Person of Vision Dinner
- ✦ Receive recognition in the community through BVRs publications

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

BVRs was formed in 1997 through the consolidation of the Pittsburgh Blind Association (est. 1910) and the Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind (est. 1959). It provides a comprehensive rehabilitation program for blind and visually impaired individuals, as well as adult and preschool vision screening programs. Each person who comes to the agency is provided the services he or she needs to live as independently as possible. These services include:

- ✦ Information and referral
- ✦ Low vision assessment and training
- ✦ Residential and community-based personal adjustment to blindness training
- ✦ Access technology assessment and training
- ✦ Specialized employment through PBA Industries
- ✦ Work adjustment training
- ✦ Supported employment services and placement

Services are provided to blind and visually impaired clients from Pennsylvania and from throughout the United States.



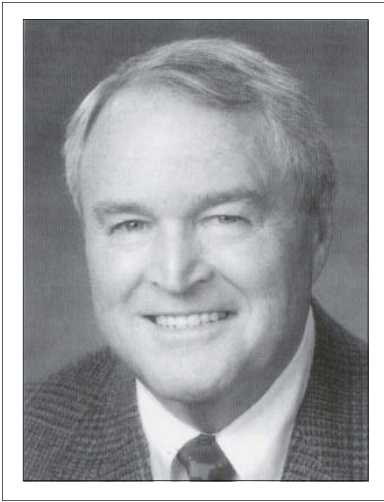
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Blind & Vision Rehabilitation
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**Extending Chuck Noll's
Formula for Success
to People Who Are
Learning to Live Without Vision**





Chuck Noll's Legacy: A Winning Formula

Chuck Noll's career as coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers had a powerful impact on his football team. The Steelers had never won a championship. Coach Noll turned them into a winning dynasty. While he acknowledged the importance of drafting talented players, the cornerstone of his success was his ability to teach them the proper techniques that allowed them to face any opponent with confidence. He knew that effectiveness in fundamental techniques leads to confidence that results in success.

Fundamental Skills + Confidence = Success

A Parallel

With Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services

Like the Steelers prior to Chuck Noll's leadership, most people who lose their vision feel lost. Their lives have changed, and without the proper techniques, they do not know how to get back on track. However, once they find their way to BVRS, the staff teaches them the fundamental skills of living without vision. Success in using these skills leads to confidence in dealing with blindness and to their ability to get back on track and resume their lives.



The Chuck Noll

Road to Independence Society

When Chuck Noll retired from the Steelers, he joined the Board of Directors of The Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind. He noticed the similarity between his approach to success in football and the agency's success in rehabilitation. When the Guild consolidated with the Pittsburgh Blind Association, Chuck Noll became the first Chairman of the Board of the agency, now called Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh.

Today Chuck Noll serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors. The current Board and staff have developed the Chuck Noll Road to Independence Society in order to:

- ✦ Encourage others to join Chuck Noll as a leader in supporting BVRS;
- ✦ Honor him for all that he did for our community and for the agency;
- ✦ Extend his formula for success into the future.