



CHARITIES Committee

Tom Meade, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION



Insight

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We envision a world in which people are valued for who they are, not for what they see.

These are the first words you would see if you visit the **INSIGHT** web site, and it explains the reason for which this organization exists.

I first became aware of INSIGHT several years ago when some visually-impaired children came to our **Take-A-Kid Fishing Day**. The children and they had a blast catching fish. Arranged through Rhode Island Services for the Blind, they came back again the following year with more children. We pre-arranged to place them on a couple of larger boats that could handle the children with chaperones, and one service dog.

Unfortunately the program did not continue because funding left them with a lack of transportation and chaperones.

As a member of the Charities Committee, I was able to select a charity of my choice and remembered how those kids so I selected INSIGHT.

Their mission statement identifies their goals which is to inspire confidence, build skills and empower people who are blind and visually impaired to become fully integrated, equally



Christopher Butler , Executive Director of INSIGHT, with RISAA check

valued members of society by providing diverse services that product opportunities and choices.

INSIGHT provides many services such as low vision clinics, vision rehabilitation, early intervention services, youth programs, and diabetes education.

They also have a network of community groups that bring together people who are living with vision loss. These groups are located in Cranston, East Bay, Lincoln, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, Warwick, and Westerly.

Then there's INSIGHT RADIO, that provides daily reading of local and national newspapers, magazines, books and other printed materials of interest to their listeners. They broadcast 24 hours, seven days a week.

They also have a Talking Books discussion group that meets monthly at INSIGHT in Warwick.

In addition to all of this they also offer yoga classes.

If you know anyone who is visually impaired and might appreciate the INSIGHT services, pass the information along.

INSIGHT is located at 43 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI and their phone is

401-941-3322.

Visit their web site at www.in-sight.org

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