Since its inception in 1972, the SLBWA has grown from an organization that focused solely on running a sheltered school and workshop for the blind, to a dynamic organization offering diversified services directed towards persons living with blindness, low vision or other forms of visual impairments in St. Lucia.

The impact of blindness affects everyone... the individual, the family, and the community and nation.

Our goal at the SLBWA is the preventing of blindness and visual impairment while restoring sight and creating opportunities for those persons whose sight cannot be restored.

Area of Focus
- Education
- Multi-handicapped with blindness
- Rehabilitation
- Eye Health
- School Eye-Screening
- Low vision clinic
- Low cost spectacle lab
- Project Development

SERVICES

Eye Care St. Lucia (Clinic)
Eye Care St. Lucia was built in partnership with SLBWA and CCB Eye Care Caribbean and offers full, comprehensive, high quality eye care services with a well-trained team including an in-house Optometrist and Ophthalmologist. The Eye Clinic ensures sustainable services for SLBWA.

Services offered range from
- Comprehensive eye examination
- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening
- Visual Field test for Glaucoma
- Best range of low cost and high quality glasses
- Counselling for all eye conditions

Service Hours
Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 2:30 PM
Friday (Only by appointment) 9 AM to 12 PM

Education Services
Education services provide integrated education for the blind and visually impaired in regular schools alongside their sighted peers. Itinerant teachers offer braille, large print and other low vision aids and work with classroom teachers to provide the least restrictive environment for the students.

We also provide a centre based early intervention and therapy programme for students with multiple disabilities including vision impairment (MDVI) which includes home-based services for MDVI children.

Eye Health
The eye health programme addresses the entire spectrum of vision, from normal vision to total blindness. It focuses on awareness, and prevention and provides training, screening, assessments, and low vision services.

Rehabilitation & Counselling
The aim of this programme is to provide technical adjustment to blindness and self-management skills while improving coping and strengthening personal support system for the blind. This programme focuses on orientation and mobility skills, vocational training and income-generating opportunities.

BLINDNESS DOES NOT ONLY AFFECT OLDER PERSONS
Children born with blinding eye conditions must be addressed urgently. In fact, some surgeries must be performed as early as the first year of life to save vision! SLBWA is the essential resource for addressing pediatric eye care in St. Lucia and in saving the vision of many children.

Nathaniel was born with ptosis (droopy) of the right eye. He had ocular-plastic surgery when he was 3 years old with the Kids Insight team.

SLBWA supports all its clients with surgeries, medical treatment, and low vision services to ensure that everyone uses the best vision possible.