This report represents VISION OF CHILDREN's responses to Charting Impact, a joint project of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, GuideStar USA Inc, and Independent Sector. Charting Impact uses five simple yet powerful questions to encourage strategic thinking and help organizations share concise information about their plans and progress toward impact.

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**Mission:**
Vision of Children's mission is to cure hereditary childhood blindness and other vision disorders, and to improve the lives of visually impaired individuals and their families.

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

The Vision of Children Foundation aims to cure hereditary childhood blindness and vision disorders and to improve the qualify of life of visially impaired individuals and their families.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

Our primary strategy is to identify and fund cutting-edge research focused on developing treatments and finding cures for hereditary blindness. Additionally, we provide education and support for a worldwide network of families affected by vision disorders and state-of-the-art handheld video magnifiers to assist children with low-vision.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

Vision of Children’s panel of experts carefully reviews grant requests from vision scientists and funds only those that have the most promise. We have a strict policy ensuring that our funds to researchers go directly to the research project and are not used for institutional overhead. And, we require grant recipients to update the Scientific Advisory Board quarterly on their progress in order to receive approval for continued funding. VOC’s small staff runs the day-to-day operations, including program development in sponsored research, outreach and education.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

Progress indicators include successful clinical trials of treatments or cures for genetic vision disorders.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

The Vision of Children Foundation has funded grants to vision researchers worldwide and has been acknowledged for support in high-impact scientific publications. Among many breakthroughs, researchers funded by the Foundation have isolated the genetic mutations for eye diseases, developed DNA diagnostic tests, and created genetic pathways to success. With a clear picture of the culprit, they are now focusing on remedies using stem cell therapy, genetic reprogramming and medication trials. Preclinical trials are around the corner.