# BE MY EYES

TEAM 2

### The Challenge

Be My Eyes today is a story of great intentions, but missed opportunities.

We have more volunteers than visually impaired users.

How do we get the number of VI users to increase to keep our volunteer base engaged and active?











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### Objective

Get 67,330 VI people to try Be My Eyes in the next 6 months.

### Target: The Transitioning VI

99% of blind people are not born that way.

Vision impairment is a spectrum.

Newly blind people have trouble adjusting to their new lives; want to hold on to their independence and avoid relying on loved ones while retaining as much of their former life as possible. "I wish people could understand how frustrating it is when you are losing your sight, but what we have to do is find ways to adapt, and this makes it easier." — Evelyn Jeanette Morton Bishop

### How do they adapt to their reality?

By establishing a routine -

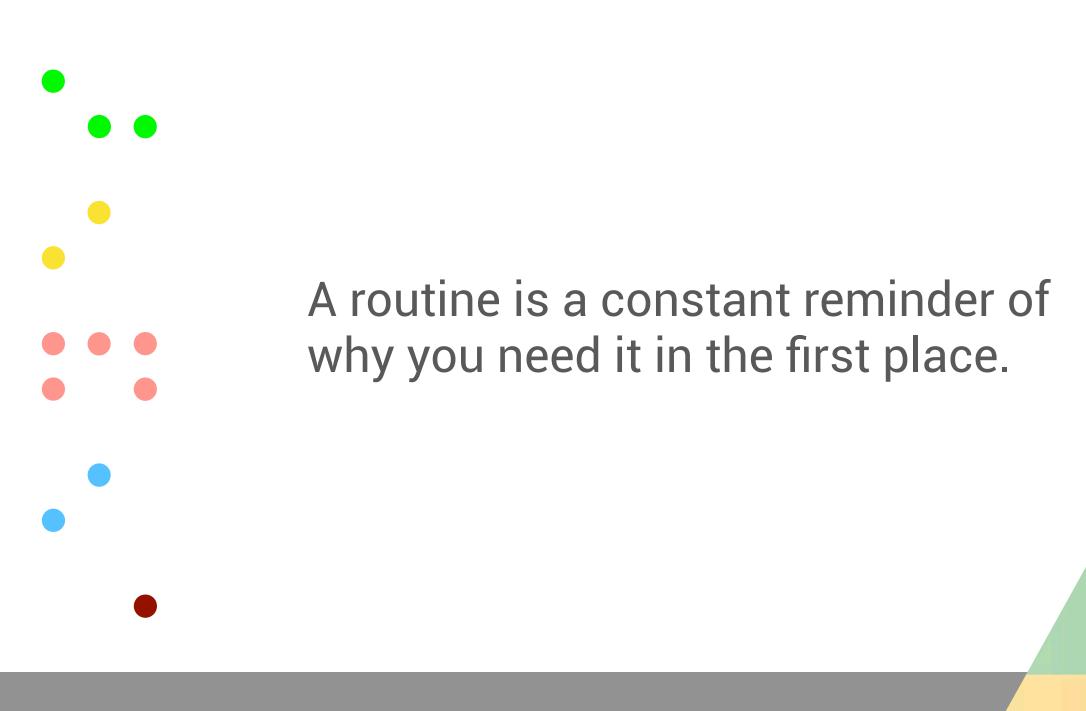
A routine to wake up and get dressed

Walk the precise 8 steps to the toaster

Count the buttons on an elevator to hit the right one.

Know exactly how far the nearest bus stop is from their apartment - yes its 300 steps.

And so on.





Selfactualization



Esteem needs

### THRIVING

Doing things because you want to.
Freedom to pursue your passions.
The ability to live spontaneously.

- Doing things because you *need* to. Seeking normalcy through routine. Mitigating unexpected obstacles.
  - COPING



Love & elonging



Safety & security



Physiological needs

### Insight

The routines that help blind people cope with daily life are what keep them from thriving.

### Big Idea:

Win The Moment

## How do you win the moment with Be My Eyes?

#### **Convenient**

On demand, we're 24/7 Easy to use, three step sign up

#### Accessible

Language settings 95 languages

#### Community

Largest blind support community 512,515 willing volunteers

### Communication Opportunity

- To get 67, 330 people to try Be My Eyes, we need to break down the segment.
  - There are 10 million VI people in the United States.
  - Only 1% are born blind, which leaves 9.8 million who qualify as transitioning.
  - To make the most of our resources, we'll focus on the top 5 states with the highest VI populations: (CA, Texas, Florida, PA, NY), accounting for **2.5 million people.**
  - Our focus is on these 2.5 million to achieve 5x growth (67,330 trials) in the next 6 months.
  - We need roughly 2.7% of our 2.5 million target to try Be My Eyes



### Communications Plan

Challenge

Awareness

"I don't know it exists"

Demonstration
"I don't know how it works"

"I don't know if I'm being a burden"

Hesitation

Objective

Help them realize the app can make more moments winnable Help them have more control over winnable moments in their day

Reassure them that a win for you is also a win for them

Media

Podcasts for the blind like Blind Side, Podcaster Audio-only pre-rolls Social Media promoted posts & blind influencers Announcements with MTA, public transit Opthalmologists
Government Case workers (5 states)
NGO for the visually impaired (like the Carrol Center)
Guide Dog School/Promotion
Onsite

Social Media campaign with Testimonial Tie ups with Google Home / Alexa

### Awareness

"I don't know it exists."

#### Blind Awareness Month (OCTOBER)

**Outdoor Execution** 

Answers all questions

Live demo

#### EYE CARE



#### THE FACTS

285 million people are visually impaired

• 90% live in low-income settings

• 82% are >50 years old

90% of visual impairment results from chronic eye diseases

#### **CONSEQUENCES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**









**ACTION** 

Provide

services to all





www.who.int/blindness

and following

### Demonstration

"I don't know how it works"

Navigating small stores and new places is difficult and can be nerve wracking for people with a visual impairment. We want to show them that going to the local shoe retailer or corner flower shop is easy.

Using already existing beacon networks like InMarket, we can push messages and links to Be My Eyes in places like grocery stores and other local retailers helping people pick out the perfect fruit or the perfect pair of pumps.





### Hesitation

"I don't know if I'm being a burden"

Partnership with Apple Home Pod / Alexa to read out volunteer tweets on how they want to help in homes.



