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# THE MISSION

OF PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS
IS TO PREVENT BLINDNESS AND PRESERVE SIGHT

#### DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

As we focus our attention on the precious gift of sight, Prevent Blindness Texas, with its network of volunteers and partners across the state, reached thousands of Texans with sight-saving services, and tens of thousands of Texans with vital information on eye health and safety.

Vision impairment is the single most prevalent disabling condition among children. Prevent Blindness Texas expanded its partnerships with school districts, community organizations, and child care facilities to train volunteers and provide vision screenings and direct access to free eye exams and glasses so that all children can get the most from their education.

Educating Texans about protecting their eyes is a growing priority at Prevent Blindness Texas. Our educational programs such as our Healthy Eyes Educational Series, Glaucoma Educator Program and Diabetic Eye Disease Educator Program put powerful information about vision and eye health in the hands of those who can best reach their at-risk clients and patients. Our network of trained volunteer educators is growing as we expand our reach into more communities throughout Texas. We know that education is the key to prevention.

Providing access to care is also key in our mission to save sight. We screened the eyes of 25,000 adults and children, and through our partnerships with VSP and Luxottica, provided over 6,000 vouchers for free eye exams and/or eyeglasses to those in need.

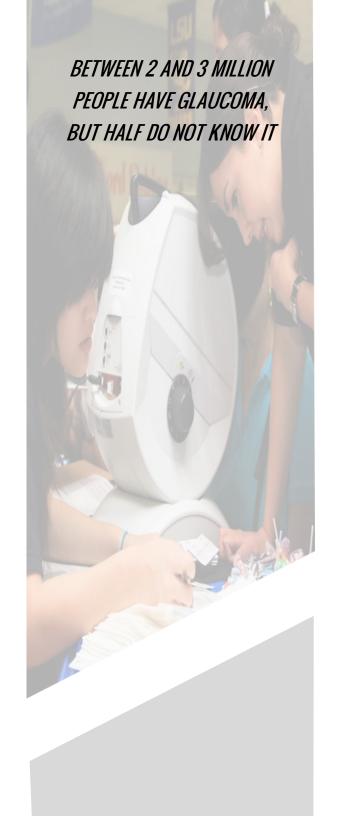
These efforts are possible because of the generosity of the corporate partners, foundations and individuals you will find listed later in our report. Equally important are the volunteers who donate their time and resources as board and advisory council members, vision screeners, educators and advocates. We thank you!



Debbie Goss President & CEO



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NEARLY 2,000 POTENTIALLY
BLINDING WORKPLACE EYE
INJURIES HAPPEN EACH DAY

Education about healthy
vision and providing access to
vision care are Prevent Blindness
Texas' top priorities. Through vision
screenings and referral services,
Prevent Blindness Texas works with
their partners to help thousands of
Texans take charge of their vision.

MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION AMERICANS

ARE LEGALLY BLIND, YET HALF OF

ALL BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Prevent Blindness Texas:

- Screened the eyes of 25,000 adults and children
- Referred 5,000 adults and children for an eye exam and/or eyeglasses.
- Provided 6,000 Texans with a voucher for a free eye exam and/or eyeglasses.
- Trained and educated over 22,000
   Texans about vision and eye health

"Prevent Blindness Texas is a wonderful organization that has been coming to Covenant House Texas for well over a year. They come to our clinic monthly and screen our youth, ages 18 to 21, for possible vision problems and then send vouchers for eye exams and glasses. On average 20 youth are screened each month and 6 to 8 youth end up needing glasses. The impact on our youth that receive glasses is so hard to put into words. The smiles on their faces, the improvement of their grades at school, and their job performances have so greatly improved. Some of our youth have been without glasses for years. We here at Covenant House can't thank you enough."

Sincerely,

Donna Subia Covenant House Texas

ONLY 1 IN 3 CHILDREN
IN THE U.S. HAVE RECEIVED
EYE CARE SERVICES
BEFORE THE AGE OF 6

80% OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
OR POOR LEARNING
PERFORMANCE ACTUALLY
HAVE A VISION PROBLEM

12. 1 MILLION OR 1 IN 4
SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN
HAVE SOME FORM
OF VISION PROBLEM

"All I can say is thank you, but words are just not enough. This organization helped my daughter to be able to see clearly again and for the first time, not be picked on for how thick her lenses are.

She is able to see small and large words as well as objects clearly because this organization made it possible.

We just thank your organization a million times. You have truly changed one little girl's life for the better. When we had no other options or help you were there.

Again, thank you."

Raquel Fry Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program June 2014 "I have been without glasses for several years. I couldn't afford them. Your program provided me with glasses at no cost to me.

I am able to see clearly— up close and far away. I wasn't aware of how much I wasn't seeing until I put on my glasses.

I am very grateful for your program. Thanks so much for providing me with glasses. I encourage anyone able to make contributions, to do so.

Your program changes lives. Thanks."

Priscilla Wilson
Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program
December 2014

"Hello, I live with lupus. I take medication daily that causes blurry vision and may cause blindness. I get my eyes checked every 6 months to a year due to my illness.

I thank God for Prevent Blindness Texas. You have been a blessing to me.

I would not be able to pay the expense of eyeglasses because I am on a fixed income.

I thank you so much for caring that much to consider me and take care of that need.

I pray that you continue to be funded to help those in need.
Thank you."

Brenda Williams
Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program
September 2014







#### HALLIBURTON CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Prevent Blindness Texas was chosen as a select charity to attend the Halliburton Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at The Clubs of Kingwood. The golf tournament raised thousands of dollars for 32 charities. Prevent Blindness Texas was awarded a generous \$25,000 which will fund programs and help thousands of adults and children in the Houston community.

"Thank you so very much for my glasses. I was almost legally blind and had broken my old glasses about 3 years ago and could never get enough money together to get new ones.

Now I can see well enough to be able to read as much as I want to, and reading has always been a source of great pleasure to me, plus I can now see well enough to do things around the house that had become very difficult or impossible such as sewing buttons back on my shirt which had fallen off, balancing my check book, etc. And I no longer have to limit my reading to large print books using a magnifying glass!

As far as I've been able to find out, you folks are the only ones in Texas who are providing eyeglasses to the poor, and I thank you very much!"

Joe Ashlock Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program October 2014

#### **EYE-OPENING EVENTS**

Each year, Prevent Blindness Texas
hosts eye-opening events across Texas in an
effort to raise funds needed to serve thousands of
people in need of vision care, and in an effort to increase
awareness about eye health and safety.

On Friday, January 30, 2015 Prevent Blindness Texas and Houston Eye Associates Foundation (HEAF) joined forces once again for another successful gala! The 6th annual Eye Ball Celebrating Mardi Gras honored Christina Ibrahim of Halliburton and was attended by over 350 guests at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel.

The 2nd annual San Antonio Mardi Gras Ball was held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the St. Anthony Hotel. The New Orleans style gala honored Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, Sr. and was attended by over 280 guests.

## SIGHT-SAVING SUPPORTERS

\$100,000 to \$249,999

Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services

\$50,000 to \$99,999

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\$25,000 to \$49,999

**Baptist Health Foundation** 

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\$10,000 to \$24,999

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**Texas Capital Bank** 

**Valero Foundation** 

Walmart

Drs. Robert & Mary Ann R. Wilkins

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**Byrd Interior Construction** 

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Contributions	\$30,754	4.07%
Grants	\$328,991	43.50%
Special Events, Net	\$228,830	30.26%
<b>Combined Service Campaigns</b>	\$5,442	0.72%
<b>Government Grants</b>	\$125,180	16.55%
Net Investment Income	\$36,792	4.86%
Miscellaneous	\$324	0.04%
<b>Total Public Support &amp;</b>	\$756,313	100.00%
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		

#### **EXPENSES**

Research	\$9,559	0.90%
<b>Public Health and Education</b>	\$458,852	43.11%
Professional Education/Training	\$143,394	13.47%
<b>Community Services</b>	\$200,749	18.87%
General and Administrative	\$47,794	4.49%
Fundraising	\$95,599	8.98%
Affiliate Support of	\$108,358	10.18%
<b>National Programs</b>		
Total Expenses	\$1,064,305	100.00%
Change in net assets before	\$(307,992)	
non-operating revenue,		
gains and losses		

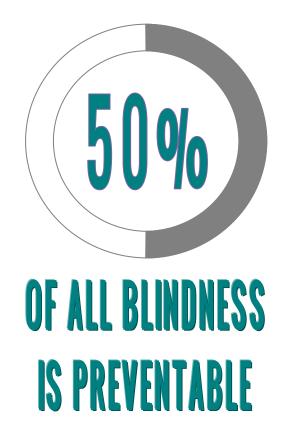
Total Non-Operating Revenue, Gains and Losses	\$68,866	
Change in Net Assets	\$(239,126)	
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$2,997,523	
Net Assets at End of Year	\$2,758,397	

### JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Public support is crucial to our clients and to the success of our mission. Prevent Blindness Texas served more than 53,000 Texans last year through direct services and education efforts. With only 10 full-time staff members, we would not have been able to touch as many lives without the support of our partners, donors and volunteers.

We are dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight, but we cannot tackle this issue alone. Each year, the demand for our services grows and we work to find the resources we need to meet those needs. Today, we invite you to get involved. Become a volunteer vision screener, attend or volunteer to help with a special event, join our team of volunteer leaders at the state and local level, or make a donation to save sight.

**Every 11 minutes someone goes blind. Let's work together to change that statistic.** 



"I am so thankful to have been a recipient of Prevent Blindness Texas. I am on a fixed income because I do not make a lot of money where I work and can't afford to add vision insurance to my plan. I have needed glasses for the past 2 years, and thanks to your kind generosity, I am able to get my glasses and see clearly."

Yolanda Zamorano Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program, May 2014