Message from the President and Chairman of the Board

Many times we answer the phone and hear from a client, “I need glasses. I cannot see to go to work and support my family.” Or “My child cannot see to do his school work.” Those messages combined with the beautiful and heartfelt thank you notes from children and adults motivate and inspire the Board and Staff of Prevent Blindness Texas to continue the sight saving work we have been doing here in the State for 49 years.

2004-2005 came to a close with Prevent Blindness having made great progress in programs, fund raising and volunteer recruitment. In retrospect, there are so many thanks to offer. We owe mounds of gratitude to the wonderful medical professionals who provide examinations, glasses and other treatments to our many clients. These same individuals have for years served on the boards and committees of PBT and have brought their expertise to our table.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our loyal and faithful donors. Many of these foundations, corporations and individuals have supported our mailings, events and grant proposals for decades.

Our board is made of up experienced, diverse and caring community leaders who share insight in better financial management, fund raising and community program activities. Without their support we would not have achieved the successes that have been ours over the past 49 years, or possibly, still be in existence still today.

Thanks to our great staff in the headquarters office, Austin, Dallas, East Texas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Lubbock, Midland and San Antonio. You are the BEST! Keep on keeping on!
Prevent Blindness Texas, state headquarters, has a new home

Prevent Blindness Texas is excited to announce that on February 15, 2006 we relocated to 2202 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77006. Our phones and faxes have remained the same. In 2006, we changed not only our home, but we changed our logo to reflect our 50 years of service to the State of Texas. We are proud to be a part of your family. Please stop by to see our new facility.

PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS SAVES VISION FROM LUFKIN TO EL PASO AND DALLAS TO GALVESTON

Prevent Blindness Texas was founded in 1956 when National Prevent Blindness America trainers came to Houston to train members of the Delta Gamma Alumni Association to be children’s vision screeners. These wonderful volunteers traveled far and wide in the Houston area to screen the vision of children. As time passed and interest in the vision work developed in other cities across this great State, branches of Prevent Blindness Texas were founded in much the same way to spread the work across the full State. Today, Prevent Blindness Texas is made up of ten branches with hundreds of volunteers and 26 staff who carry on the work and vision of the founding screeners. We are thankful for the strong network of optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians and other professionals who began with us almost 50 years ago and who still walk the path with us saving the vision of Texans in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, Lufkin and San Antonio. These volunteers and Staff impact the lives of over 115,000 individuals annually by performing screenings, arranging eye exams, distributing glasses and helping to provide other medical services and treatments. All of this is done on a budget of $1,800,000. Each branch works hard to raise its budget through foundation grants, annual campaigns, Community Health Charities and special events.
Believe In Seeing

Prevent Blindness Texas-Galveston Spotlight
By Joanie Wentz, Regional Executive Director

Believe in Seeing is the philosophy embraced by Prevent Blindness Texas and our commitment to preserving sight and preventing blindness. Your dedication as a board member, volunteer, friend and generous supporter enhances the quality of vision life for children, adults and seniors in the Galveston community. As 2005 has ended we want to share with you the remarkable impact you have made in your community.

PBT Galveston Program Director, Rosemary Moore, checked the vision of 2,080 children in the Galveston community since joining our team in September. More than 290 children were provided access to donated comprehensive eye care including professional eye exams and glasses. What an accomplishment! In 2005, several adults were screened and many more were provided access to donated comprehensive eye care. The 2006 program goal is to serve 1,200 individuals through adult vision screenings.

These successes are only possible because of your generosity as a volunteer and a financial supporter. Through the Person of Vision dinner we are able to raise the funds necessary to provide sight saving programs to those in need. The 2005 POV honoring Jim Yarbrough and Ron Plackemeier was indeed a “Great Texas Shootout” and raised $58,594 net! It was an evening of Aggies vs. Longhorns gamesmanship with the two friends in a shootout of wits. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Diana Bertini, Dinner Chair, and the dinner committee this was an event that will be hard to top! Thank you for believing in seeing! We look forward to another great year ahead!

National Screening Day! A Huge Success for the Houston Community
By Samuel Molina, Houston Program and Volunteer Coordinator

On February 1, 2006, Prevent Blindness Texas partnered with La Nueva Casa De Amigos in Houston to hold the first National Screening Day in Texas. Sponsored by Novartis Ophthalmics and supported by Issue Dynamics Inc. and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. The event was a success. Due to the demand of screening, PBT has set a few more screening days throughout the month of February and March.
A Big Thank you to all of our supporters for 2004-2005!

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“Your organization paid for my daughter, Ginny, and my eye exams and new glasses. We want to thank you all for this service. We both really do love our beautiful glasses, and being able to see so clearly now. It makes a world of difference to be able to see without straining our eyes. May God bless each of you and the organization in the new year.”

Janice & Ginny H
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PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS
Condensed Financial Statement
Year ended March 31, 2005

Public Support and Operating Revenue:
Public Support:
Received directly:
  Contributions $ 543,042
  Grants 401,509
  Legacies 130,385
  Special events, 533,871
  Total Public Support 1,608,807

Operating revenue:
  Program service revenue 76,075
  Net Investment Income 89,515
  Miscellaneous 3,886
  Total Operating Revenue 169,476

  Total Public Support and Operating Revenue 1,778,283

Expenses
Program services:
  Research 42,453
  Public health and education 700,503
  Professional education/training 148,593
  Community services 297,183
  Total Program Services 1,188,732

Supporting Services
  General and administrative 99,058
  Fund-raising 127,366
  Total Supporting Services 226,424

  Total Program and supporting Services 1,415,156

Affiliate support of National Programs 201,604
Total Expenses $1,616,760

Deficiency of public support and operating revenue over expenses 161,523

Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Losses:
Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments 14,393
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments (80,802)
Total Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Loss (66,409)

Change in Net Assets 95,114

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 3,296,486
Net Assets at End of Year $3,391,600
Dr. Thomas Everett Duncan was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He attended college at Tulane University in New Orleans where he got his BS degree in zoology, and Tulane Medical School where he graduated MD with honors in 1968. He did his internship at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and his residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

He fulfilled his military duty with the U.S. Public Health Service in Galveston for two years and was also on the faculty at UTMB. After finishing his military service, he moved to Cambridge, England where he completed a fellowship with Mr. John Cairns, surgeon and inventor of the trabeculectomy procedure for glaucoma. He returned to the United States and practiced with Dr. Arnold Greenspan in Pasadena, Texas for a short time before moving to Lufkin in February 1976.

In 1986, Dr. Duncan added to his practice the first surgery center in East Texas outside the major metropolitan areas which is not only Medicare approved but also accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. In 2005, Dr. Duncan was appointed assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at Southwestern Medical School and was elected to the American Glaucoma Society.

Dr. Duncan and his wife, the former Mary Stripling of Nacogdoches, have been married for 37 years. They have enjoyed raising their four sons in Lufkin. Drew and Laurie Duncan and their daughter, Emily reside in Austin as does his son, Michael and wife, Marty. Michael is executive director of the Texas and Oklahoma Ophthalmological Associations. Everett Duncan also lives in Austin. John and Amy Duncan live in Tyler with their two children, Benjamin and Annabell.

Thank You Wal-Mart Vision Centers and SAM’S CLUB Opticals!

Once again, Wal-Mart Vision Centers and SAM’S CLUB Opticals joined with Prevent Blindness America and its affiliates around the country to save sight. Together, Wal-Mart Vision Centers and SAM’S CLUB Opticals raised $137,000 in 2005 for the State of Texas, a whopping increase over 2004. The Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB Campaign to Save Sight is held by WalMart Vision Centers and SAM’S CLUB Opticals each year in late summer. Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB associates organize activities outside the stores to raise money and increase awareness about healthy vision. Fundraising events have included hot dog and soft drink sales, dunking booths, music, car shows, auctions and lots more. Over the past 11 years, associates have raised an amazing $2.5 million to support the work of PBA, its affiliates and divisions, in local communities across the country. Congratulations to the top Texas stores for their amazing sight-saving effort:

Del Rio Store #447
Houston Store #3298
Schertz Store #3391

Thanks to these Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB associates for a job well done and to each and every associate who participated in the campaign. You make a difference!
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2004-2005 Program Activity Report

Information and Referral 9,302

Public Education
Children’s Eye Health and Safety 7,299
Adult Eye Health and Safety 7,412
General Public Safety 36,658
Category Total 51,369

Professional Education and Training 1,410

Patient Services
Patient Support Groups 57
Donated Eye Examinations 4,526
Donated Prescription Eyewear 5,697
Partners in Prevention Calls 16,022

VSP Vouchers Distributed 2,291

Early Detection Age Group/Screened and Referred
<3 years of age 8,046/800
3-5 years of age 18,489/1,700
6-9 years of age 16,849/1,994
10-17 years of age 16,450/1,054
18-39 years of age 23,423/2,832
40-64 years of age 22,441/6,076
65 years of age and older 10,682/2859
Category Total 116,380/17,315

Literature Distributed 31,402
Become A Volunteer and Make A Difference in Someone's Life

Volunteerism at Prevent Blindness Texas (PBT) means bestowing the gift of sight on our communities. For over 50 years, PBT has expanded the volunteer program state wide, but in the past few years, volunteers have been flocking to PBT to help support our mission. Our volunteer base is rich with diversity, we welcome all ages. In order to become an adult certified screener, you must attend a 4 hour training course and 3 supervised screenings. Help us make a difference.

Volunteers are a valuable source for any organization especially non-profits. If you would like more information about the volunteer program or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Sam Molina at 713-526-2559 ext. 102.

“Helping those in the community less fortunate than myself, has brought me a true sense of purpose.”

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