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# MISSION









The mission of Prevent Blindness Texas is to prevent blindness, preserve sight and enhance and extend the quality of vision life for all Texans.

Established as a non-profit, voluntary health agency in 1956 and incorporated in 1965, Prevent Blindness Texas has been directly responsible for saving the sight and enhancing the visual quality of life for thousands of Texans.

### CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN PREVENTING BLINDNESS & SAVING SIGHT

#### Dear Prevent Blindness Texas Friends and Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the 2011-2012 fiscal year annual report highlighting Prevent Blindness Texas's progress in preventing blindness and saving sight for all Texans.

Every 11 minutes someone loses their sight, making education about healthy vision and access to vision care our top priority at Prevent Blindness Texas. We remain dedicated to providing Texans with the knowledge and services they need to protect their eyes from eye diseases and eye injuries.

At the beginning of the year, our Board of Directors and staff united during a weekend retreat and developed a strategic plan that truly focuses on achieving our mission. Through the guidance of our strategic plan and our programs and services such as the Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program, Sights for Students Program, Healthy Eyes Educational Series, and Star Pupils Curriculum, we are pleased to announce we assisted thousands of people across the state of Texas. Our PBA-certified vision screeners screened 11,385 adults and 20,894 children. We also provided cost-free eye exams and/or eyeglasses to 6,723 adults and 563 children, and provided educational information regarding early detection and prevention of eye diseases to more than 82,640 adults and children. In addition, by consolidating to three regional offices, we were able to provide more services, increasing our presence throughout the state of Texas.

We would not have been able to touch as many lives without the help from our partners, donors and supporters. They have joined us in our battle, speaking out on behalf of all Texans, to fight preventable blindness, for which we will be forever grateful. Our eyes are our windows to the world and with your continued support we will strive to provide all Texans with a beautiful view.





### A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & PRESIDENT

### **ENVISIONING STAR PUPILS**

One out of three children in the U.S. does not receive critical eye care services before the age of six, putting many children at risk of vision loss. Prevent Blindness Texas launched its **Star Pupils campaign** designed to educate parents, teachers, school nurses and the general public on children's vision issues and to arm them with the information they need in order to **protect their children's eyes at play and at school**. The campaign also seeks donations to provide disadvantaged children with access to vision care.

Parents may visit <u>starpupils.org</u> to receive free sight-saving information about their child's eyes including information on:

- Common Eye Problems in Children
- Eye Safety
- A Family At-Home Vision Test



Without a certified vision screening or eye exam, a child may have serious undetected vision problems. In fact, some potentially blinding eye diseases and conditions can be successfully treated if detected early in life. Possible vision conditions in children include **amblyopia**, or "lazy eye," and **strabismus**, or "crossed eyes."

Amblyopia is the most common cause of visual impairment in children and is responsible for more loss of vision in people age 45 and younger than all other eye diseases and trauma combined. According to vision industry statistics, 80 percent of children diagnosed with a learning disability and 70 percent of juvenile delinquents have an undiagnosed vision problem.

Only an eye doctor can diagnose and treat a vision problem, but vision screenings help find children and adults who need a full eye exam. Prevent Blindness Texas's **vision screenings** are an accurate, cost-effective way to detect vision problems and if necessary, to refer people to eye doctors for professional care.



"I never would have gotten my kids' eyes checked at such a young age if it weren't for this program" Victoria Lawson, Mother of Tirzah, Danielle & Joshua

"I hadn't realized that we had trees in our yard. It all looked like a green blob...not trees."

Tirzah Lawson, Age 13, Southwest Texas Region

Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program, September 2011

### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EYES IN TEXAS

Prevent Blindness Texas was pleased to announce that Jacob Allen Showers from Allen, TX was voted "Most Beautiful Eyes" for the state of Texas in 2011. Through Prevent Blindness America's national contest Showers received the highest number of online votes during the month of September.

The Most Beautiful Eyes contest was open to all children under the age of 17, offering a \$25,000 college scholarship as the grand prize. Showers, and all state winners received a free pair of Eagle Eyes Optics Astro and Rocketeer Sunglasses for kids plus a Kids' Fisher® Space Pen.



### **KEEPING AN EYE ON EDUCATION**

revent Blindness America developed the Healthy Eyes Educational Series to build public awareness of eye and vision basics, to share information on common adult vision issues related to health and safety, and to encourage proactive behaviors that give the best chance for a lifetime of healthy vision.

Prevent Blindness Texas delivers presentations around the state of Texas promoting healthy vision and healthy living.

The cost of adult vision problems in the U.S. is \$51.4 billion every year. While this number may be staggering, predictors indicate that this number could more than double over the next 30 years as the population ages and life expectancy rises, indicating a need for education on healthy vision.

Half of all blindness is preventable if the eye disease or disorder is detected and treated early. Regular eye exams from an eye care professional are necessary to stop the progression of vision loss. Many eye diseases evolve without symptoms or the changes are so subtle that the individual adapts to the loss. Unfortunately, even while virtually undetected, an eye disease can reach a point of no return, where vision cannot be regained.

Vision loss is not just about disease or disorders, but also about eye injuries. However, 90 percent of eye injuries are also preventable. Every year doctors in emergency rooms across the county treat more than 250,000 product-related eye injuries, half of these happening at home.

The presentation is designed to inform adults about the above issues. It can be customized for the audience and is divided into the following modules:

- Eye Anatomy
- Refractive Errors
- Contact Lens Safety
- Adult Eye Disorders
- Low Vision
- Home Safety
- Workplace Safety
- Sport Safety
- Healthy Vision, Healthy Living



Contact a representative from your nearest Prevent Blindness Texas Regional Office for more information about the Healthy Eyes Educational Series or to speak at your next event.





















"I am so grateful to participate in the Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program. If not for this program, I would be wearing eyeglasses with the wrong prescription. Due to my income, I really can't afford to purchase eyeglasses as my vision changes. I am a diabetic and my vision is rapidly changing. This program is designed to help

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those in need and cannot be used just because it exists. Thank you so much. I'm seeing clearly now."

Veronica Okwuchi, Southeast Texas Region Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program, February 2012

"I'M SEEING CLEARLY NOW"

### EYE OPENING EVENTS

E very year, each Prevent Blindness Texas region hosts a gala or dinner, with the purpose of raising funds that will help those across the state of Texas who cannot afford eye care, while also increasing awareness about healthy vision.

#### Eye Ball 2012 (Southeast Texas Region)

The Houston Eye Associates Foundation and Prevent Blindness Texas Southeast Region came together as two nonprofit organizations who both share a commitment to vision care. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Eye Ball which took place



on February 10, 2012 at the Hilton Post Oak Hotel was chaired by Janet Balke and honored Rosanette and Harry Cullen who were recognized for their lifetime commitment and contributions to the community. This year, the sold-out event not only raised a total of \$322,317, which was split evenly between the Houston Eye Associates Foundation and Prevent Blindness Southeast Texas Region, but also gained maximum exposure as it was advertised on NASDAQ's Global Newswire billboard in New York City's Times Square.

#### Eye Ball 2012 (North Texas Region)

The Department of Ophthalmology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Prevent Blindness North Texas Region joined forces and hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising gala, Eye Ball 2012—A Night For Sight. The funds raised at the Eye Ball in previous years has been used to fund critical research at UT Southwestern as well as to fund free public education and vision screening programs hosted by Prevent Blindness North Texas Region. The event was held on February 25, 2012 and featured a cocktail party, seated dinner and live music from the Brent Van Sickle orchestra. This year the event was chaired by Lucy and Henry Billingsley and honored Mrs. Trammell Crow for her contributions and commitment to those in need of vision care.



#### Person of Vision Award Dinner 2012 (Southwest Texas Region)

Prevent Blindness Southwest Texas Region honored David Holmberg, chief executive officer of HVHC, Inc. as its 2012 Person of Vision for his leadership in the optical industry, his support of the San Antonio community, and his deep commitment to vision care charities. Through David's leadership, HVHC has become one of the nation's leading vision care companies by integrating three major businesses: Texas-based Eye Care Centers of America, Inc. (ECCA), the largest U.S. owned optical retail chain in the country, operating under brand names such as VisionWorks and EyeMasters; Davis Vision, Inc. one of the nation's leading managed vision companies; and Viva Optique, Inc. a top global eyewear company.

In addition to dinner and a reception, the Person of Vision dinner also included a silent auction and live entertainment, raising \$135,000 for the Southwest Texas Region.









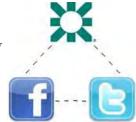


# CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

In 2011 Prevent Blindness Texas began to place a greater emphasis on consistent branding and creating quality content in an effort to raise awareness about healthy vision and to engage more people in the fight to end preventable blindness.

#### Social Media

Prevent Blindness Texas worked to keep pace with today's ever-changing world by joining the **conversation** online. We revolutionized our social media use, increasing awareness about Prevent



Blindness Texas, and creating a place for our friends, partners, clients, volunteers, donors and supporters to discuss different issues concerning healthy vision.

#### Website Redesign

In July 2011, Prevent Blindness Texas launched its new website, following Prevent Blindness America's layout and design. The new website design is more user-friendly, increases brand consistency and allows for more educational content which is made available to the general public.



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## **VOICES FOR VISION**

Prevent Blindness Texas is fortunate to have many sight-saving supporters who have made generous contributions throughout the past year. Our voices for vision include corporations, foundations and individuals who recognize the value and importance of touching lives throughout the sate of Texas. Their financial support has made it possible for Prevent Blindness Texas to fulfill its mission to prevent blindness, save sight and enhance and extend the quality of vision life, for which we will be forever grateful.

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### FINANCE & OPERATIONS

The figures on this page depict the **financial activities** of Prevent Blindness Texas for the 2011-2012 fiscal year ending March 31, 2012. A complete set of audited financial statements are available upon request.

Revenues	
Public Support:	
Received Directly:	
Contributions	\$160,444
Grants	374,516
Legacies	6,064
Special Events	343,174
Received Indirectly Combined service campaigns	9,756
Total Public Support	893,954
Operating revenue:	
Government grants	169,260
Net Investment Income	29,436
Miscellaneous	24,075
Total Operating Revenue	222,770
Total Public Support And Operating Revenue	1,116,725
Expenses	
Program Services:	
Research	12,844
Public Health and Education	616,494
Professional Education/Training	192,653
Community Services	269,716
Total Program Services	1,091,707
Supporting Services	
General and Administrative	64,217
Fundraising	128,437
Total Supporting Services	192,654
Total Program and Supporting Services	1,284,361
Affiliate Support of National Programs	92,744
Total Expenses	1,377,105
Change in net assets before non-operating revenue, gains and losses	(260,380)
Non-Operating Revenue, Gains and Losses:	
Gain on sale of property and equipment	198,400
Realized loss (gain) on Sale of investments	14,703
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(6,774)
Total Non-Operating Revenue, Gains and Losses	206,329
Change in Net Assets	(54,051)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	3,102,798
Net Assets at End of Year	\$3,048,747

### FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Eye disease, eye injuries and blindness affect everybody without regard to age, race or social status. You can lose your sight instantaneously due to a sports injury, or over time due to glaucoma or cataracts. Imagine never being able to read your favorite book, never seeing the leaves change colors in the fall, or never seeing your child's face. Many of us often take our sight for granted, but not all of us are granted the privilege of sight.

Now is the time to fight for sight, and it takes all of us to make a change to ensure that our eyes and the eyes of Texas are protected. You can make a difference by advocating, educating, volunteering or giving. With so many ways to elicit change, it is easy to become a voice for vision so that one day we may all enjoy a beautiful view.























































