

PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS

IMPACT REPORT

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Texas



This idea of shared humanity and the connections that we make with one another - that's what, in fact, makes life worth living.

-CLINT SMITH

As I think about last year the thing that stands out the most to me is all the different partners and individuals that are a part of PBT. We are an organization that believes deeply in collaboration and partnership to move our mission forward. When I am asked what we do, I used to list out all the services we offer, but then I started to think about what we really do when each day closes, and it is all about connection. We connect people to each other, to resources, to knowledge, to providers, and most importantly, to hope.

The need for services continues to climb and with that the desire for systems to be more cohesive, for more care coordination, and more voices coming together to talk about innovative ways to solve access issues. We often have conversations about the connection of vision to overall health, and the impact our vision has on our body and health. We take for granted the automatic connection our eyes, hearing and brain have, until it doesn't work, until your balance is off, or you get dizzy from activity, or you are seeing double. When we are connected to each other, when we are connected to what we need, and when our body is connected the right way, we often find ourselves thriving, but when those things are off, life can become challenging. Life truly is about connection, and at PBT, we value that, in all that we do. Our goal is to connect our clients to the solutions they need to thrive and connect our donors to an organization they want to invest in to make a difference in people's health, and ultimately their quality of life.

I hope you will join our movement and get CONNECTED to PBT.

All my best,
Heather Patrick
CEO, Prevent Blindness Texas



OUR IMPACT

Prevent Blindness Texas isn't just an organization
— it's people:

Numerous volunteers and 9 staff across the state are
working to educate, advocate, and empower communities.

This past year, across the state of Texas, we had a significant impact.

➤ **52,000** individuals screened

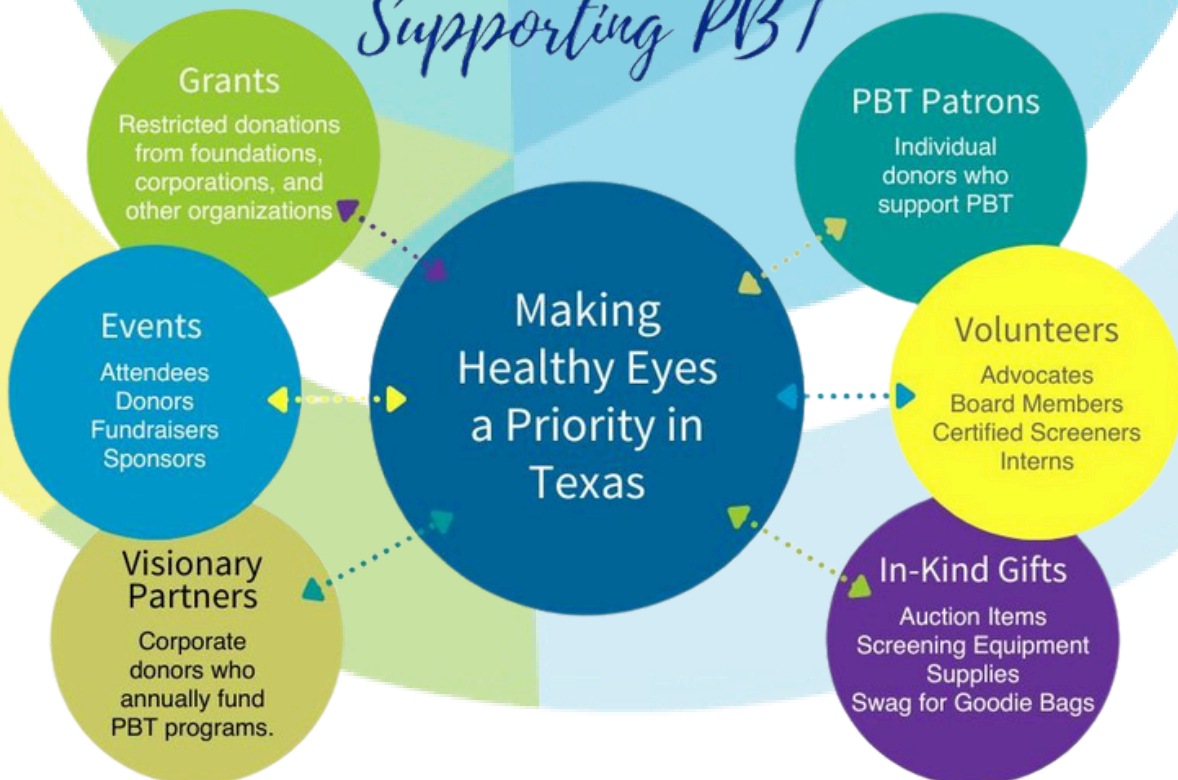
educated
more than
83,000
individuals

➤ **trained**
900
people

Provided financial
resources for more than
8,500 follow-up services

*Data used from fiscal year 2024 reporting.

Supporting PBT



PROGRAM SERVICES

OUR FOCUS

- » Early detection vision screening
- » Navigation services and financial resources
- » Training and certification
- » Eye health education and community engagement

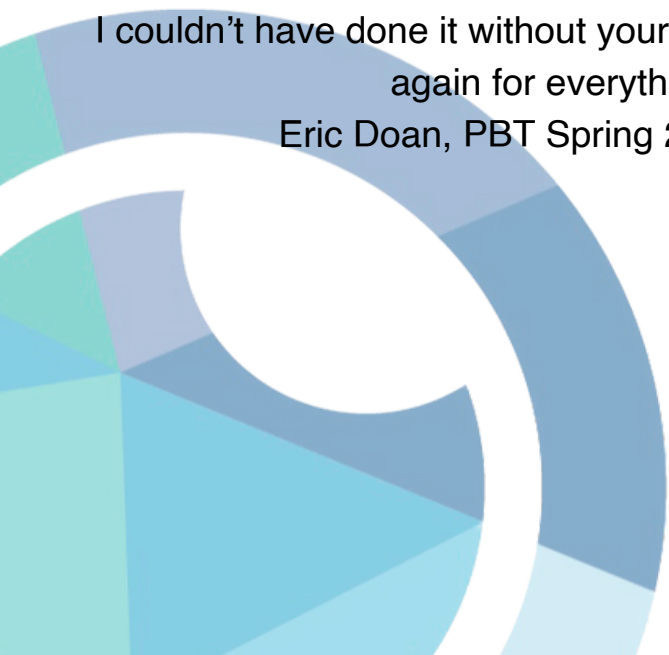


WHY EYE VOLUNTEER

Eric came to PBT through an internship opportunity in the spring of 2022. While working with us, he assisted with screenings, helped us educate the public on the importance of eye health, and learned about the significance of the services PBT provides. The PBT interns and volunteers are essential to our mission, because they help us reach thousands of clients each year.

“Starting optometry school has given me a chance to reflect on how grateful I am for the people who have helped me get here. Thank you so much for letting me intern with PBT and teaching me about volunteering and serving the community with vision care services. I’m one step closer to my goals, and I couldn’t have done it without your help. Thank you once again for everything.”

Eric Doan, PBT Spring 2022 Intern



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

Contributions (Individual & Corporate Giving, Grants, Foundations, Contracts)	\$709,165
Special Events	\$153,285
Other: Investment and Interest Income	\$262,738
Total Income	\$1,125,188

Expenses

Salaries, Taxes, Benefits, Contractual Services, Printing	\$690,993
Insurance	\$6,108
Occupancy, Maintenance, Postage	\$69,353
Supplies, Utilities, Telephone, Travel, Meetings, Dues/Subscriptions, Special Events	\$237,917
Depreciation	\$17,617
Other: Eye Clinic, Visual Aids, National Programs	\$78,807
Total Expenses	\$1,100,795

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

ALBERT AND ETHEL HERZSTEIN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

For over a decade, the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation has served as a cornerstone for the expansion for both our children and adult programs and services in the Greater Houston Area. The Herzstein Foundation's belief in our work strengthens our capacity to increase our reach by working with partners to provide certified vision screenings, eye health education, navigation services and financial eye care resources for individuals identified with a potential vision problem. PBT recognizes the Foundation as a true partner in our mission and shares a commitment to strengthen and educate individuals and communities, and to encourage individuals to realize their ability to achieve their highest quality of life.



UNITED WAY GREATER HOUSTON

Prevent Blindness Texas has been working with United Way Greater Houston for the past three years to create new opportunities for individuals and families in the Greater Houston community to thrive. Since the inception of our partnership, PBT has screened and educated more than 2,600 adults at risk of vision loss. This opportunity has challenged PBT to develop more diverse partners to better meet client needs in real-time and support our partners to create an experience that is client-driven and accessible. It is partners such as United Way Greater Houston that help cultivate growth for PBT to improve delivery of care to families across the Greater Houston area!

NORTH EAST ISD

School districts, teachers, students, and families in San Antonio prepared to have their eyes on the sky for two solar eclipses during the academic school year 23-24. To better prepare, the North East ISD (NEISD) Family Engagement team partnered with Prevent Blindness Texas (PBT) to turn the excitement around solar eclipses into teachable moments. Many families would also take advantage of the opportunity to experience the eclipses with their children and families outside of school; therefore, NEISD invited PBT to conduct several virtual presentations to help families understand the importance of vision health and safety and how to safely view the eclipse. With a goal to ensure continuous learning for their students and families, NEISD also invited PBT to provide education and resources on children's eye health and safety to be available for all NEISD Title 1 campuses. Together, we are supporting an environment of health and wellness through educational development.



SAN JOSE CLINIC

Our partnership with San Jose Clinic has enhanced access to vision care and resources in Fort Bend County. According to Areli Estrada, Clinic Operations Supervisor, many individuals served through our efforts are receiving eye care for the first time. Through this collaboration, we have conducted numerous vision screenings, identifying vision issues early and connecting individuals with the follow-up care. By providing these screenings and resources, we have helped improve health outcomes for the community. This partnership represents our shared mission to addressing healthcare disparities and supporting the well-being of the Fort Bend community.



PBT EVENTS

Prevent Blindness Texas' goal in hosting engagement events is to highlight leaders in the vision space and offer involvement and sponsorship opportunities for stakeholders.

DARK DINING
Houston





M I S S I O N
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Our Mission
Prevent blindness
& preserve sight.

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Heather Patrick,
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Community Outreach

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