



# Fiscal Year 2025 IMPACT REPORT



**Prevent  
Blindness**  
Texas



# CEO's Message



## Heather Patrick

CEO, Prevent Blindness Texas

As I reflect on the past year at Prevent Blindness Texas, I'm reminded of the remarkable impact a small, dedicated team can have. They say the only constant is change, a reality that feels more evident than ever, especially in the evolving landscape of healthcare within the social impact sector. Each day brings new challenges, but with them come opportunities for innovation and meaningful impact.

Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it's done", and those words couldn't be more true. This past year, our team at PBT, along with our incredible partners and volunteers, served over 61,000 individuals across Texas which is nearly five times the number of people we reached just five years ago. We are actively building sustainable systems of care in communities across the state to ensure access to vital eye health education and services. PBT deeply believes that we can significantly change the outcomes for so many individuals with the interventions and services we provide. We can't do it alone though, so as you think about the legacy you want to be a part of, we hope you join our movement to make healthy vision a reality for thousands of children and adults in our state. We are changing lives one screening, one conversation, one pair of glasses, one exam, one voice at a time.



# Who We Are

For almost 70 years, Prevent Blindness Texas has provided critical vision care to Texas's most vulnerable citizens by providing early detection screening services, eye health education, navigation services, and financial resources for exams, glasses, and other treatment needs. We focus on populations most at risk for possible vision problems. Last year, Prevent Blindness Texas served over 61,000 individuals, and educated more than 129,000 people.

## Mission

The mission of Prevent Blindness Texas is to prevent blindness and preserve sight.

## Vision

Our vision is vision — making healthy eyes a priority in Texas.



## Core values

### Personal and organizational accountability

The willingness to continually learn in the pursuit of relentless improvement, and the openness to hold each other responsible to perform at the highest level we can.

### Stewardship

Consistent and thoughtful engagement with all organizational stakeholders focused on building deep and meaningful relationships that center on trust.

### Empowerment

Fostering an environment of courage, leadership, and respect.



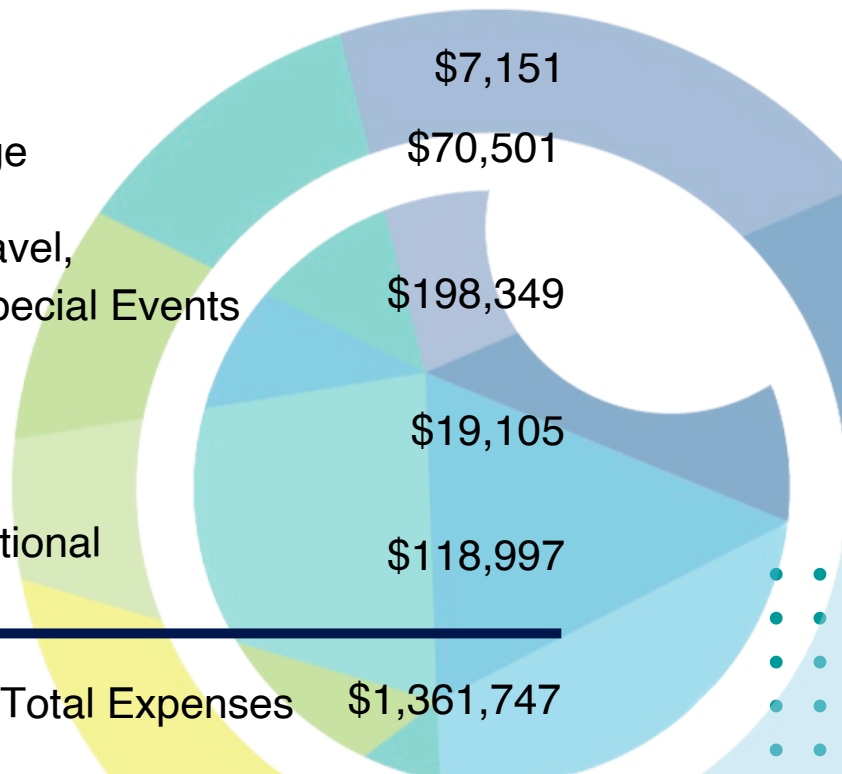
# Financial Performance

## Revenue

Contributions (Individual & Corporate Giving, Grants, Foundations, Contracts)	\$1,496,608
Special Events	\$147,056
Other: Investment and Interest Income	\$71,619
Total Income	\$1,715,283

## Expenses

Salaries, Taxes, Benefits, Contractual Services, Printing	\$947,644
Insurance	\$7,151
Occupancy, Maintenance, Postage	\$70,501
Supplies, Utilities, Telephone, Travel, Meetings, Dues/Subscriptions, Special Events	\$198,349
Depreciation	\$19,105
Other: Eye Clinic, Visual Aids, National Programs	\$118,997
Total Expenses	\$1,361,747





# Eclipsing Impact

We kicked off our fiscal year with a memorable experience, witnessing the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. After some searching, we found the perfect spot, and just as totality approached, the clouds cleared, offering us a clear and inspiring view. This moment set the tone for the beginning of a successful fiscal year marked by progress, growth, and renewed focus on our mission.



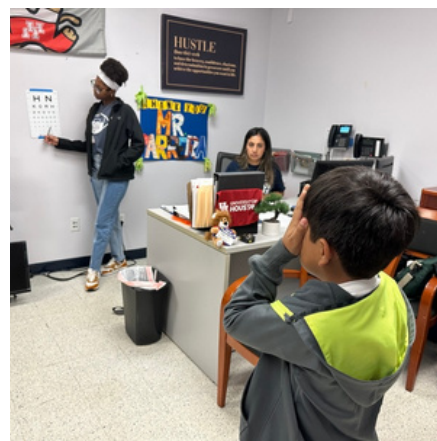


# Our Impact

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

 **61,021** individuals screened

Provided financial resources for 9,203 individuals for follow-up resources, including comprehensive eye exams and/or eyeglasses.



trained  
**931**  
people

educated more than  
**129,548**  
individuals

# Our Reach



**4,288**

followers in our social media outlets including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube



**487,355,278**

media impressions through our eye health and safety educational print and media outreach, with a large outreach of media on solar eclipse events.

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"I am grateful for a pair of glasses. The program is beneficial for those of us who are in need of assistance."  
Dralia, Southeast Region,  
Health Eyes Eyeglass Program

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"I am currently a nursing student, and the need for glasses is important. Because I am in school, I've had to work less hours, and I've found it difficult to be able to afford an eye exam and glasses. When I heard about this program, I figured it was worth a shot. Now, I was able to get an eye exam and the glasses that I need to be successful in class and in my career as a nurse." Cindy,  
Southeast Region,  
VSP Vision Eyes of Hope Program

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"I'm glad I got glasses to see the world clearer. My family has had problems with money but with this program we are able to not worry about that anymore. I'm grateful for this and for the clear vision I'm able to see while I look around my surroundings. Thank you Prevent Blindness Texas for all you've done to make us happy." Zoe,  
North Region,  
Health Eyes Eyeglass Program

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"I love that you have donated me some glasses to see better. It help me to see the words a lot better and to be able to read and understand my letters I get because I can see better. Thank you for my glasses I love them. Now I can see the little letters that I couldn't see. Thank you so much!" Alicia, North Region,  
Health Eyes Eyeglass Program

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# Partner Highlights



## Good Samaritan Center

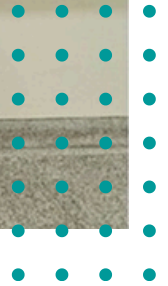
Since 2017, the Good Samaritan Center (GSC) has partnered with Prevent Blindness Texas (PBT) to provide preventive vision screenings, eye health education, navigation services, and financial assistance for comprehensive eye exams and prescription eyeglasses, serving primarily high-risk adults across Gillespie County and surrounding counties in the Texas Hill Country. This collaboration has strengthened our shared commitment to equitable access to vision care by addressing barriers related to cost, transportation, and awareness. Together, we have expanded access to timely care and encouraged lifelong eye health practices that help individuals preserve their vision and prevent avoidable vision loss. Through this partnership, GSC and PBT continue to highlight the vital connection between vision health, overall well-being, and fostering resilient, thriving communities.

## Houston Delta Gamma Foundation

The Houston Delta Gamma Foundation plays a vital role in bridging gaps in funding and services for the blind and visually impaired in the Greater Houston Area. The partnership between Prevent Blindness Texas (PBT) and the Houston Delta Gamma Foundation (HDGF) reflects a shared commitment to doing the most good by preserving sight and improving quality of life for individuals, particularly for children at risk of vision problems. Through HDGF's dedication to bridging gaps in funding and services for the blind and visually impaired, and PBT's expertise in vision screenings, eye health education, and navigation to care, this collaboration strengthens the continuum of vision health services in the community. Together, our partnership ensures that more individuals receive the care and opportunities they need to maintain healthy vision.



# Partner Highlights



## Lamar University, JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing

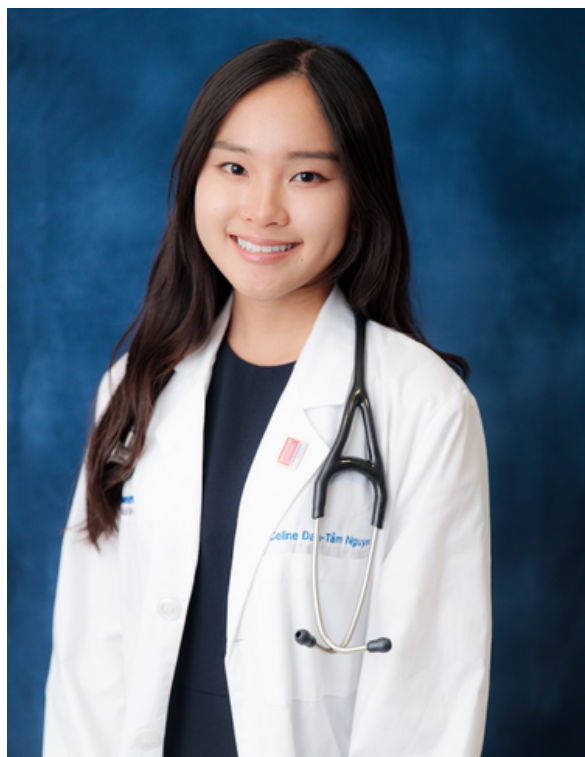
In 2024, Prevent Blindness Texas partnered for the first time with the Lamar University, JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing to provide children's vision screening training and certification to over 80 nursing students. This hands-on partnership allows students to support local schools by assisting school nurses with timely vision screenings, while preparing them to deliver high-quality healthcare to individuals, families, and communities. Together, we are working to protect and promote the eye health of children and families within their communities.

## The Najim Charitable Foundation

Through our partnership with The Najim Charitable Foundation, Prevent Blindness Texas (PBT) has expanded access to essential vision care for underserved children in the Greater San Antonio Area. This collaboration enables PBT to provide certified vision screenings, eye health education, navigation services for children identified with potential vision problems, and financial resources for those who might otherwise go without care. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to the early detection and prevention of vision issues, helping children thrive academically and socially. We are deeply grateful for the Najim Charitable Foundation's ongoing investment in the health and well-being of our youngest community members.



# Volunteer



## Celine Nguyen

University of Texas Southwestern  
Medical Center School of Medicine  
Class of 2027

“My experiences with PBT have been deeply formative, shaping both my career aspirations and my perspective as a future physician. They have shown me the power of community partnerships and the importance of truly listening to patients’ needs. I have learned that when we meet people where they are, whether in shelters, schools, or free clinics, PBT does more than improve vision; this organization expand opportunity and possibility to underserved individuals.”

### What have you gained from volunteering with PBT?

“Volunteering with PBT has been an immensely meaningful experience. One moment that continues to resonate with me occurred at a UGM clinic serving families experiencing homelessness. A young boy, struggling academically, was referred for suspected vision issues. Evaluation revealed an uncorrected refractive error, and we were able to provide him with glasses. At a subsequent clinic, his mother shared that his grades had improved significantly and that he was finally able to keep up in class. Experiences like this remind me that our work is not only about restoring sight, it is about restoring opportunities, confidence, and dignity. That impact continues to motivate me.”

### Why is it important to you to volunteer with PBT?

“Vision is foundational to education, employment, and daily independence. Without access to appropriate care, individuals encounter profound barriers in nearly every aspect of life. My work collaborating with PBT is guided by the belief that no one should be disadvantaged simply because they cannot afford an eye exam or corrective lenses. Promoting equity in vision care represents a broader commitment to fairness, access, and the opportunity for every individual to thrive.”

### Why should others volunteer with PBT?

“Volunteering with PBT offers the chance to make an immediate and tangible difference. Something as simple as enabling someone to read, succeed in school, or navigate their surroundings safely can change the trajectory of their life. Beyond the impact on patients, volunteers become part of a dedicated community united by the mission to ensure that vision care is accessible for all.”



# Events

DARK DINING  
*Houston*



Prevent  
Blindness  
Tee Off to Prevent Blindness  
**Golf**  
Tournament





# Thank You!

## PBT Leadership

Heather Patrick,  
President & CEO

Craig Windon,  
VP of Finance & Operations

Monica Guerrero,  
VP of Programs &  
Community Outreach

Angela Healy,  
Director of Strategic  
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Community Engagement  
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