

THE MISSION OF
PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS IS
TO PREVENT BLINDNESS
AND PRESERVE SIGHT.

DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

We have heard many clients say their “new eyes” have allowed them to not only see more clearly, but to envision their future more clearly, as well. A vision screening, eye exam and/or a pair of eyeglasses helped many of our clients excel in school, get a driver’s license or get a job, putting them on the road to success.

The past year at Prevent Blindness Texas proved to be a year of change and growth for the organization. We persevered towards a brighter future, and we envision even more positive changes on the horizon. A few changes include hosting a congressional briefing for the first time in Austin, Texas focused on the impact of diabetes and diabetic eye disease on a person’s livelihood, the inaugural Mardi Gras Ball in San Antonio, and the impact the work of the National Center on Children’s Vision & Eye Health has and will continue to have on our screening procedures.

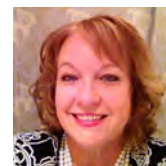
Education about healthy vision and access to vision care are our top priorities at Prevent Blindness Texas and we remain dedicated to providing Texans with the knowledge and services they need to protect their eyes from eye disease and eye injury.

The support and generosity of our friends, sponsors, partners and donors have truly impacted the lives of adults and children across Texas. Because of Prevent Blindness Texas’ focus on education and direct access to vision care, children are excelling in school, adults are becoming employed, and seniors are living independently, and with your continued support, Prevent Blindness Texas can continue to provide brighter futures to adults and children across Texas.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Tracy Dieterich
Board Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Goss".

Debbie Goss
President & CEO

IN ONE YEAR YEAR, WE...

Screened

35,512

3,498 PRESCHOOLERS AGE 0 TO 5 YEARS

24,992 SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AGE 6 TO 17 YEARS

7,022 ADULTS AGE 18+ YEARS

Referred

8,412

427 PRESCHOOLERS AGE 0 TO 5 YEARS

3,878 SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AGE 6 TO 17 YEARS

4,107 ADULTS AGE 18+ YEARS

Educated & Trained

9,372

Served

6,230

EYE EXAMS, EYEGASSES,
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(CLIENTS MAY HAVE RECEIVED
MORE THAN ONE SERVICE)

Spread Awareness

10,813,803

PLACEMENTS,
INTERVIEWS,
IMPRESSIONS
& VIEWERS



80%
OF LEARNING
IN A CHILD'S FIRST 12 YEARS
COMES THROUGH THE EYES

01 BEST Program Funds Thousands of Vision Screenings

Prevent Blindness Texas's adult vision screenings are funded by the Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program at the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services' (DARS) Division for Blind Services' (DBS), allowing us to screen the eyes of thousands of adults each year across the state of Texas.

The BEST program assists uninsured adult Texas residents with payment for urgently needed eye-medical treatment and is funded with voluntary donations when Texans renew

their driver's licenses or DPS-issued identification cards.

In 1 year, PBT screened the eyes of over **4,263** adults across Texas!

Those who fail the vision screening are referred to an eye doctor for a full comprehensive eye exam, encouraging adults to take charge of their eye health.



02 Carol Freeman Sees the Little Things

Many times in life we come across obstacles and do our very best to either get around them or get through them. Sometime it seems near impossible to get back up when unfortunate circumstances arise and everything around you is no longer the same. Whereas, many people are able to take health care, dental and vision programs and insurance for granted, many are not. Thank you for assisting those of us that are not fortunate to hold our own at this time. It is because of your kindness that I can now better see even the little things in life.

03 From Homeless to Working



"Thank you so much for making it possible for me to get glasses. I have been homeless for a year. I quit high school and was living on the streets. My aunt helped me get back on my feet. To do anything with my life, [I had] to start with being able to see. My aunt paid for an eye exam. You covered my glasses. Now I'm working on my GED, getting my license, and I got a job this week! Thank you! God bless you!"

—Colby Eisenberg, age 19
Healthy Eyes Eyeglass Program
June 2013

04 National Center on Children's Vision & Eye Health

Prevent Blindness' National Center on Children's Vision & Eye Health, chaired by Prevent Blindness Texas board member, Kathleen Murphy, collaborated with national and state partners, including Prevent Blindness Texas, to provide the technical assistance, education, training, resources, and leadership necessary to advance a universal approach to children's vision screening in the U.S. The Center strives to develop national standardized screening protocols and a surveillance system that will improve the way vision screening is conducted, especially amongst children age 3 to 5 years old. Kathleen Murphy spoke on behalf of the Center at the 2nd annual Focus on Eye Health National Summit in Washington, D.C. on June 17, 2013.



05 Walmart Envisions Star Pupils

Walmart Foundation generously awarded Prevent Blindness Texas \$50,000 through the State Giving Program funding the Star Pupils Program, which provides vision screenings, eye care referrals and eye health educational materials for children across the state of Texas.

Through this funding Prevent Blindness Texas screened the eyes of 28,490 children, referred 276 children for an eye exam and/or eyeglasses, certified 142 children's vision screeners, and distributed more than 9,100 brochures on children's eye health and safety. Prevent Blindness Texas also introduced the Star Pupils Eye Health and Safety Curriculum component to 12 school districts, developed and expanded existing partnerships, and distributed the Vision Resource Guide to more than 55 schools in Texas, assuring children have the resources they need for eye care services.

Thank you Walmart Foundation for supporting Prevent Blindness Texas' sight-saving mission!

06 Houston Endowment

Houston Endowment awarded Prevent Blindness Texas with a considerable grant, totaling \$100,000 for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years. This grant will fund the Healthy Eyes Program, which provides eye care services to adults.

Through this funding Prevent Blindness Texas will provide uninsured and underinsured at-risk adults in the Greater Houston area with eye health and safety information, vision screenings, and direct access to vision care, including vouchers for free eye exams and/or eyeglasses. In addition, Prevent Blindness Texas will also train volunteers to be certified adult vision screeners.

Thank you Houston Endowment for becoming a voice for vision!

“YOU MUST BE
THE CHANGE
YOU WISH TO SEE
IN THE WORLD.”

—MAHATMA GANDHI



12.1 MILLION

OR

1 IN 4

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

HAVE SOME FORM

OF VISION PROBLEM

01 Eyes on the Road

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013 Prevent Blindness Texas hosted a congressional briefing, “Eyes on the Road: Diabetes Impact on Vision and Work” in an effort to educate lawmakers and the public about the impact that diabetes and diabetic eye disease can have on a person’s livelihood.

The briefing featured Dr. David Brown, Retina Consultants of Houston, and Dr. Sunil Patel, Texas Tech University of Medicine and West Texas Retina Consultants, who presented the findings of a study exploring the impact of eye disease on the life and livelihood of Texas truck drivers. Representative Susan King from District 71 in Abilene also spoke at the briefing.



The study, funded by Genentech brought to light the impact a truck driver’s lifestyle has on their health and vision. One of the study’s primary findings is that those in the commercial truck driving industry were at heightened risk for developing diabetes and diabetic macular edema (DME) due to limited healthy food choices on the road, limited opportunities to exercise, and an unwillingness to start insulin therapy due to perceptions surrounding regulations on commercial vehicle operation and insulin use.

02 Eye Ball 2014

The Houston Eye Associates Foundation and Prevent Blindness Texas came together as two nonprofit organizations who share a commitment to vision care. The 5th annual Eye Ball which took place on February 7, 2014 at the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel honored Karen and Bob Aspromonte, recognized for their philanthropic endeavors and business success, including Mr. Aspromonte’s successful professional baseball career. The event, which hosted over 330 guests, was a hit!



03 Inaugural Mardi Gras Ball

The Inaugural Mardi Gras Ball, held at the Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio on February 22, 2014 crowned Mr. and Mrs. R. Tom Roddy as King and Queen of the ball! This gala kicked off a new tradition at Prevent Blindness Texas, including delicious creole cuisine, a silent auction, raffle, dancing and live entertainment. With over 250 guests this was one party that will not be forgotten.



04 Eye Ball 2014

On March 29, 2014, the Department of Ophthalmology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Prevent Blindness Texas joined forces and hosted Eye Ball 2014 honoring Drs. Donald and Ellen Seldin. The event, chaired by Peggy Dear with Alcon as corporate chair, hosted over 200 guests at the Dallas Country Club. In addition to the dinner and dance, guests also enjoyed a number of new entertaining activities, including a caricaturist and ballroom dance lessons by professional ballroom dancers.



05 “My Old Eyes Feel Brand New!”

“My name is Liliana. I am 9. I really needed glasses. I couldn’t see the letters on the chalkboard. I got headaches when I read books. I love to read! I have all A’s in school now and I can see with my new awesome blue glasses! So cool! My old eyes feel brand new!



Thank you so much!”

Love,
Liliana

“Our insurance would not cover another pair of glasses within the same year as the old ones were received. I know Emily’s eyes have gotten worse since she squinted more, grades decreased, her mood worsened. I took her into a new eye doctor for an exam. Sure enough, she was not seeing well. Her eye sight was really bad. I could not afford glasses again! You made it possible to get the right prescription glasses she needed!”



-Michelle (mother of Emily and Liliana)

“IT’S NOT
HOW MUCH WE GIVE
BUT HOW MUCH LOVE
WE PUT INTO GIVING.”

—MOTHER TERESA

**MORE THAN
1.1 MILLION
AMERICANS ARE
LEGALLY BLIND
YET HALF OF ALL BLINDNESS
IS PREVENTABLE**



\$100,000-249,999

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Texas Department of Assistive and
Rehabilitative Services

\$50,000-99,999

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“WE MAKE A LIVING
BY WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE
BY WHAT WE GIVE.”

—WINSTON CHURCHILL

**2.5 MILLION TEXANS
AGE 40 AND OVER
ARE DIAGNOSED WITH
1 OF THE 4
MOST COMMON
EYE DISEASES**



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FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Revenues	
Public Support:	
Received Directly:	
Contributions	\$33,191
Grants	410,220
Legacies	0
Special Events	320,307
Received Indirectly Combined service campaigns	4,620
Total Public Support	768,338
Operating revenue:	
Government grants	215,724
Net Investment Income	25,389
Miscellaneous	4,100
Total Operating Revenue	245,213
Total Public Support And Operating Revenue	1,013,551
Expenses	
Program Services:	
Research	9,855
Public Health and Education	473,050
Professional Education/Training	147,828
Community Services	206,959
Total Program Services	837,692
Supporting Services	
General and Administrative	49,276
Fundraising	98,552
Total Supporting Services	147,828
Total Program and Supporting Services	985,520
Affiliate Support of National Programs	105,431
Total Expenses	1,090,951
Change in net assets before non-operating revenue, gains and losses	(77,400)
Non-Operating Revenue, Gains and Losses:	
Gain on sale of property and equipment	0
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	52,666
Total Non-Operating Revenue, Gains and Losses	52,666
Change in Net Assets	(24,734)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	3,022,257
Net Assets at End of Year	\$2,997,523

The figures on this page depict the financial activities of Prevent Blindness Texas for the 2013-2014 fiscal year ending March 31, 2014.
A complete set of audited financial statements are available upon request.