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2018 – 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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**ALL EYES** ON THE **FUTURE** 

With the Year 2020 upon us, the Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness has a unique opportunity to emphasize our efforts to keep "All Eyes on the Future".

Our mission - to prevent blindness and preserve sight - has enormous impact when we all work together to address the 50% of vision loss that is PREVENTABLE!

This annual report is an opportunity for us to reflect upon many of the accomplishments we achieved together, the lives we changed, and the education we provided. We were able to reach 1.4 million Ohioans last year, only because of our dedicated donors, volunteers and staff.

Our programs focus on those who are at the highest risk for vision problems children in preschool through first grade, people with diabetes, ethnic groups prone to glaucoma, seniors, and those without the financial resources to obtain the eye care they need.

As we enter this next decade, we will work together to keep All Eyes on the Future

Advocating by providing leadership as the statewide consumer advocate for eve health and safety.

Educating as the leading voluntary public health organization that promotes regular eye exams and teaches eye safety for all ages, to preserve quality sight for a lifetime.

Helping those in need of eye exams, eyeglasses, medications and surgeries, to utilize our system of donated eye care when they are financially unable to obtain these services on their own.

We thank you for joining us in our fight to protect the gift of sight for all. Through your continued support, we hope that we may someday see a time when preventable vision loss is eradicated.

Sincerely,

Sherry Lewis Chair, Board of Directors

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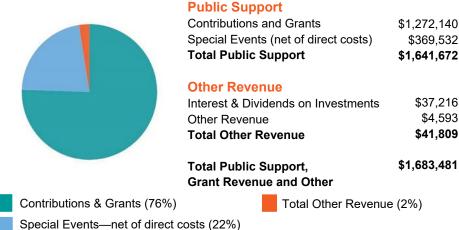
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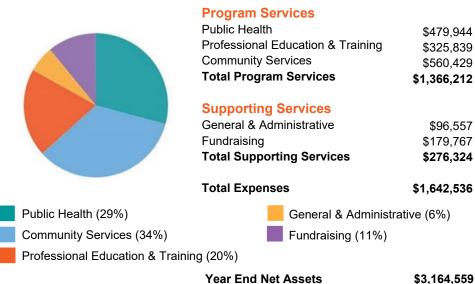
# Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate **Condensed Financial Statement**

Year ending March 31, 2019

# 2018-2019 Revenue



# **2018-2019 Expenses**



A complete set of audited financial statements is available upon request.

"My grandson fell on the playground and destroyed his glasses...Both parents are disabled & have limited income. Daniel would have been without glasses until 2019 had this program not been available. Truly a godsend. Very appreciated.

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# **PBO Taps the Wisdom of Youth**

Kylie Glass, a student at University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, was elected to the PBO Board of Directors. Glass has a long history with PBO, having devoted more than half her life to advocating for its programs and services.

Born with congenital cataract, Glass could have been blind by elementary school had she not had vision care in her early years and received timely treatment. Glass had her first lens replacement surgery at age 2, eye muscle surgery at age 4 and another lens replacement at age 13. Her dedication to Prevent Blindness goes back to age 8, when she served as a child ambassador and visited the United States Congress for Eyes on Capitol Hill, to advocate for eye care programs and policies.

Her election to the Board of Directors was a natural progression of her leadership in the organization, and she continues to be a role model in advocating to make eye care more accessible for all.



Kylie Glass and her mother, Laura



Eyes on Capitol Hill in 2008

# **McGregor Foundation Provides Support**

Thank you to the McGregor Foundation in Cleveland for supporting our EveWatch and Adult **Vision Screening** Training, held at the Parma-Snow branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.



# **Huntington supports PBO's Linden efforts**

Board Chair-Elect Carolyn King, VP, Treasury Management Advisor, Huntington National Bank, presents PBO with a grant to support PBO's work in Central Ohio's Linden Community. PBO's programs and services depend on the generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations to save sight.

# PBO Educates Ohioans about Vision Care for All Ages

PBO co-sponsored the 13th Aging Eye Summit with The Ohio State University Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science in April 2018, Nearly 100 participants from interdisciplinary fields including vision research, clinical practice, occupational therapy, social work, public health, rehabilitation and government, as well as patients, attended to learn how education and research helps curb the growth of vision loss due to aging eye diseases.



Aging Eye Summit Planning Committee



In Ohio, one in four school-aged children and one in twenty preschoolers have a vision problem, and early identification and testing is important for healthy vision for life. Undiagnosed vision impairment in children can have substantial effects on social development and health, with the potential to negatively impact social, physical, and educational activities.

PBO conducts regular sessions providing vision screening training, equipment and national certification to health care and social service professionals, school nurses and community groups throughout Ohio.

Left: Toledo Public Schools hosted a training in September 2018.

# PBO Helps Provide Services to High Risk Groups



The Northwest Ohio Chapter of Prevent Blindness participated in the Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Authority's Senior Health & Wellness Fair at Flory Gardens in Toledo. Prevent Blindness provided both acuity and glaucoma vision screenings to participants of the fair.

# Partner Agency Spotlight

East End Community Services in Dayton has referred their needy clients to Prevent Blindness for eye exams and glasses since 2005.



Najah Melham, East End's Neighborhood Job Connections Assistant, has found great satisfaction seeing her clients smile upon receiving their new glasses from Prevent Blindness.

Since 2005, East End Community Services has referred over 1,400 adults and children to the Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program as part of its mission to provide youth, family and neighborhood development programs to families in inner East Dayton to help break the cycle of multi-generational poverty.

# PBO Advocates to Protect Vision Throughout a Lifetime

Angela Seger, and her son Aiden, testified before members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, in support of the Save Our Sight Fund, which provides eye health and safety services to hundreds of thousands of Ohio children each year. Save Our Sight (SOS) is funded through voluntary \$1.00 contributions from citizens at the time of applying for, and renewing, their motor vehicle registrations.

Aiden is a prime example of the effectiveness of the program. At age 4, after being screened at his school, it was determined that he had amblyopia (lazy eye) and had very limited vision in his right eye. Early detection and treatment saved his vision.



Liz Bonis, Local 12 TV in Cincinnati, interviewed David Monder, PBO Director of Community Services, about the hazards of consumer fireworks to the eye. Thousands of people end up in emergency rooms each year due to consumer fireworks injuries. Prevent Blindness continues its efforts to oppose legalization of backyard fireworks.



Ohio delegates Laura Schwartz, Amy Pulles, Carolyn King, Sherry Lewis, Sherry Williams, Drew Hatter, Heithem El-Hodiri and David Monder, joined delegates from across the country for the 13th Annual Prevent Blindness, "Eyes on Capitol Hill" advocacy day in July in Washington, D.C. Representative Steve Stivers (R-OH), co-chair of the Congressional Vision Caucus, is pictured center.



# **PBO Awards 2018 Research Fellowships to Scholars**



PBO selected four outstanding recipients for its 2018 Young Investigator Student Fellowship Awards for Female Scholars in Vision Research. The fellows conducted research on topics relevant to the mission of Prevent Blindness – to prevent blindness and preserve sight. Their projects addressed glaucoma, ocular toxoplasmosis and retinal diseases.

(L to r): Yalitza Z. Lopez Corcino, Case Western; Katelyn Sondereker, University of Akron; Jessica Hsueh, Case Western; Isabella Palazzo, The Ohio State University.

# **Lawmakers Support PBO**

Thanks to Ohio lawmakers for their participation in PBO children's vision screening training workshops that serve preschool and schoolaged children across Ohio. PBO trains and certifies over 1,000 vision screening volunteers annually with support from the Ohio Department of Health's Save Our Sight Fund which is supported by \$1+ voluntary contributions made at the time of Ohio motor vehicle registration.



State Representative, Rick Carfagna greets volunteers training at the Knox County Educations Service Center in Mt. Vernon.



John Martin, legislative aide to State Representative, David Leland, at a preschool vision screening training at Franklin County Child Development Council.





(Left) State Representative, Hearcel F. Craig with participants training at Nationwide Children's Hospital. (Right) State Representative, Emilia Sykes poses at Nationwide Children's Hospital with a pair of children's occluder glasses used in vision screenings.

# **Protecting Vision in Your Community**

### **NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER**

Children Screened 12,359
Adults Screened 3,444
Donated Vision Care 184
Community Education 430
New Vision Screeners 157
Media Impressions 2,779,856

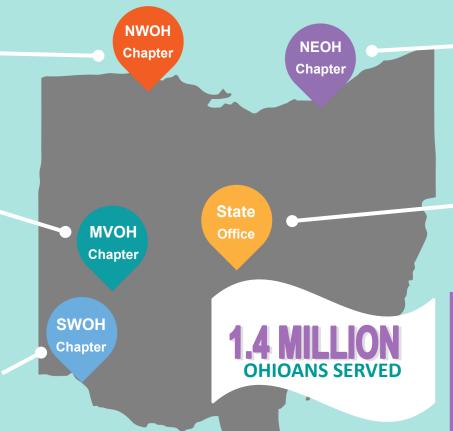
### **MIAMI VALLEY OHIO CHAPTER**

Children Screened 23,537
Adults Screened 7,140
Donated Vision Care 368
Community Education 126,055
New Vision Screeners 205
Media Impressions 856,626

### **SOUTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER**

Children Screened 20,388
Adults Screened 3,318
Donated Vision Care 509
Community Education 40
New Vision Screeners 119
Media Impressions 1,526,342

# 2018-2019 Program Results



### **NORTHEAST OHIO CHAPTER**

Children Screened	47,311
Adults Screened	3,822
Donated Vision Care	851
<b>Community Education</b>	1,571
<b>New Vision Screeners</b>	281
Media Impressions	17,375,240

### **STATEWIDE\***

Children Screened	276,401
Adults Screened	29,610
Donated Vision Care	4,456
<b>Community Education</b>	1,138,114
New Vision Screeners	1,305
Media Impressions	85,237,370

<sup>\*</sup>Includes counties served outside Chapter jurisdictions

"I am on disability benefits and have Medicare but no vision coverage. I've tried everywhere looking for help to get glasses. I could not even read my prescription numbers on my medicine bottle with my old glasses on to call for my refill. My friend told me about Prevent Blindness and thanks to you, I can see again to read. Thank you ever so much. I greatly appreciate your kindness."

- Debra Smith

# **EVENTS**

Prevent Blindness raises awareness and support through special events across the state including the People of Vision Award Events and the Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournaments. All events generate revenue to support Prevent Blindness sightsaving programs.

The People of Vision Award was established in 1985 by Prevent Blindness to recognize Ohio's top corporate and civic leaders for outstanding philanthropic works in their community. The 2019 events were held in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo.

### Dayton—February 14, 2019

Honoree: Dayton Children's and Deborah Feldman Event Host/Chair: DMS ink and Christine Soward



Honoree: Citizens Bank and Dwayne Finney **Event Host/Chair:** Smart Business Network

and Fred Koury

### Cincinnati-March 5, 2019

Honoree: Frost Brown Todd, and Adam Hall Event Host/Chair: AK Steel and Roger Newport

### Toledo-March 20, 2019

Honoree: Kingston HealthCare Company

and George Rumman

Event Host/Chair: Kuhlman Corp. and Tim Goligoski

### Columbus—March 26, 2019

HR

Honoree: White Castle, Inc. and Lisa Ingram Event Host/Chair: State Auto and Mike LaRocco

# Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournaments

The Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournament events are held in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. Thanks to Mike D'Ippolito (Columbus), Bob Jung and Michael Martens (Cincinnati) and Doug Piper and Alan Gunner (Cleveland) for their outstanding leadership on the golf events!



"Our club does Prevent Blindness certified vision screenings at schools and our local fair. One little girl was a referral for a problem we detected during a screening. Her parents were diligent enough to take her to an eye doctor. Results showed a malignant brain tumor that was surgically removed. The parents were so grateful we discovered -Mary Ridenour, Brimfield Lions





















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