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2025-2026

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2025 Virtual Vision Forum Features Research Fellows' Findings

PBO awarded vision research fellowship grants to Electra Coffman from the Developmental Biology program at The Ohio State University and Pooja Nambiar from Case Western Medical School.



Pooja Nambiar



Electra Coleman

Coffman's research had critical implications for understanding age-dependent cataract formation, a common and potentially blinding disorder with poorly understood etiology. Nambiar's research is related to visuomotor dysfunction in Parkinson's (PD) patients, as up to 70% of individuals with PD experience visual symptoms.

Both presented their findings during a Virtual Scientific Forum attended by professionals and educators in vision research and care.

This PBO fellowship program provides training support for future generations of outstanding female scientists committed to pursuing biomedical, behavioral or clinical research careers relevant to the mission of Prevent Blindness Ohio.

PBO Strengthens Partnerships to Expand Sight-Saving Programming for Older Adults

PBO is excited to announce renewed partnerships with the Ohio Department of Aging and the Franklin County Office on Aging.



Franklin County
Board of Commissioners
OFFICE ON AGING

Both departments are supporting PBO's HealthyEyes program focusing on vision screenings and aging eye health information for older adults. This critical grant funding provides HealthyEyes Advocate and Adult Vision Screening training and equipment to staff and volunteers at organizations that serve the low-income adult population, which in turn leads to better vision care access for uninsured/underinsured older adults and disease

management for individuals with diabetes. Poor vision is responsible for 20% of falls resulting in injury among older adults. These injuries lead to a

rise in health care costs, increased admission to long-term care, and mortality. 11% of nursing home admissions in Ohio are due primarily to loss of vision.



**Department of
Aging**

A Message from our Leadership

Looking Back with Gratitude—and Ahead with Purpose

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who helped Prevent Blindness Ohio advance our mission of preserving sight and improving the quality of life for people across our state. Together, our supporters, volunteers, community partners, and dedicated staff strengthened access to vision education, early detection, and connections to care—helping more Ohioans take important steps toward healthier vision.

This year's progress was made possible through collaboration. In schools, workplaces, community settings, and health care networks, we worked alongside trusted partners to reach individuals and families with practical information and vital resources. Each screening, educational conversation, referral, and act of generosity contributed to a broader promise: that preventable vision loss should never stand in the way of learning, working, independence, or well-being.

While we are proud of what we accomplished together, we know the need remains significant. In the year ahead, Prevent Blindness Ohio will continue to build partnerships, expand awareness, and connect people with the services and support they need to protect their sight. We will also listen closely to the communities we serve so that our programs remain responsive, accessible, and focused on meaningful outcomes.

Thank you for partnering with us. Your commitment makes this work possible, and your belief in our mission inspires us to look ahead with confidence. Together, we can create a future in which all Ohioans have the opportunity to see clearly and live fully.



Jim Griveas
Jim Griveas
Chair, Board of Directors



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Amy Pulles
President & CEO

"I just wanted to let you know that I have just picked up my new glasses from Dr. Meents's office. My eye exam was amazing (need cataract surgery) but for now, with my new glasses, I CAN SEE AGAIN!! I am so grateful and wanted to thank Prevent Blindness Ohio for all of your help and support! God Bless!"
-Rebecka D., Findlay OH

Protecting Vision in Your Community

2025 - 2026 Program Year Results

NORTHWEST OHIO

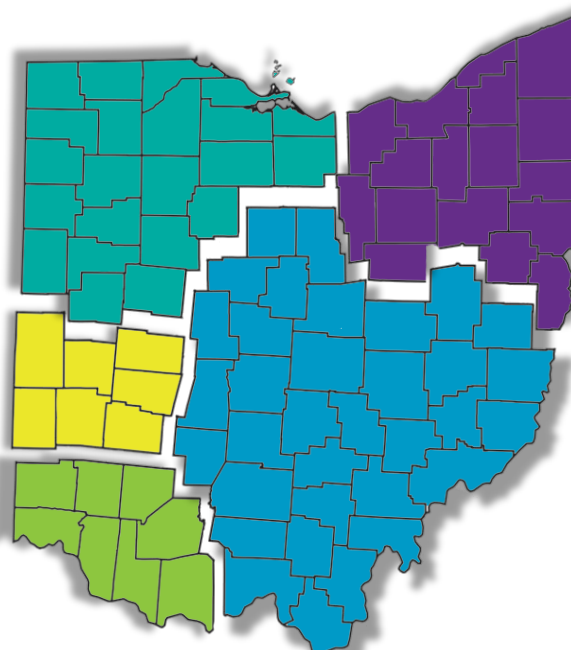
Children Screened	96,364
Adults Screened	15,250
Donated Vision Care	562
Community Education	1,362
New Vision Screeners	199
Total Vision Screeners	560

MIAMI VALLEY OHIO

Children Screened	84,659
Adults Screened	12,659
Donated Vision Care	448
Community Education	2,115
New Vision Screeners	185
Total Vision Screeners	480

SOUTHWEST OHIO

Children Screened	113,276
Adults Screened	12,827
Donated Vision Care	691
Community Education	2,062
New Vision Screeners	269
Total Vision Screeners	577



NORTHEAST OHIO

Children Screened	398,815
Adults Screened	28,478
Donated Vision Care	1,094
Community Education	1,384
New Vision Screeners	832
Total Vision Screeners	1,763

CENTRAL/SOUTHEAST OHIO

Children Screened	252,770
Adults Screened	20,848
Donated Vision Care	1,609
Community Education	681,679
New Vision Screeners	558
Total Vision Screeners	1,164

STATEWIDE

Children Screened	945,886
Adults Screened	90,061
Donated Vision Care	4,404
Community Education	688,602
New Vision Screeners	2,043
Total Vision Screeners	4,544

Prevent Blindness Ohio

Condensed Financial Statement 4/1/2025—3/31/2026

2025-2026 Revenue

Public Support

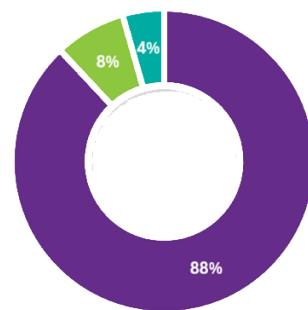
Contributions and Grants	\$1,885,119
Special Events (net of direct costs)	\$162,575
Total Public Support	\$2,047,694

Total Public Support, Grant Revenue & Other	\$2,141,753
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Other Revenue

Interest & Dividends on Investments	\$88,994
Other Revenue	\$5,065
Total Other Revenue	\$94,059

Contributions & Grants (88%)
Special Events—net of direct costs (8%)
Total Other Revenue (4%)



2025-2026 Expenses

Program Services

Public Health	\$455,484
Professional Education & Training	\$319,189
Community Services	\$564,885
Total Program Services	\$1,339,558

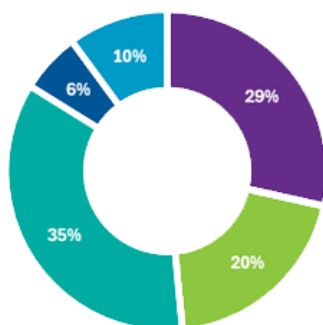
Affiliate Support of National Programs
\$138,843

Supporting Services

General & Administrative	\$97,105
Fundraising	\$160,998
Total Supporting Services	\$258,103

Total Expenses \$1,597,661

Year End Net Assets \$6,406,969

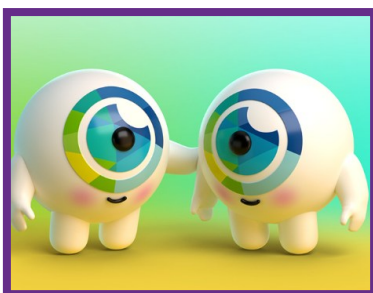


Public Health (29%)
Professional Education & Training (20%)
Community Services (35%)
General & Administrative (6%)
Fundraising (10%)

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

Prevent Blindness campaign introduces “Iris and Cornelius”

Prevent Blindness has rolled out the new “Best Eyes for Life” multi-media educational campaign featuring “Iris and Cornelius.” Together, these animated besties engage in everyday eye-related situations to raise awareness and prioritize eye health and safety.



A focal point of the “Best Eyes for Life” campaign is to help people feel connected to their eye health and understand how it relates to overall health and mental well-being, while also inviting individuals and families to explore the trusted resources and support Prevent Blindness offers to help them along the way.



“She wears her glasses every day. We were very happy with the doctor and the glasses. She even wore them for the school spring pictures.”

– Lizzette R. (mother), Lebanon OH

Partner Organization Spotlight

Stowe Mission is a community resource center for those in need providing hope, restoration and essential resources to families and individuals facing challenging hardships and meeting critical needs in three areas – hunger, healthcare, and education.



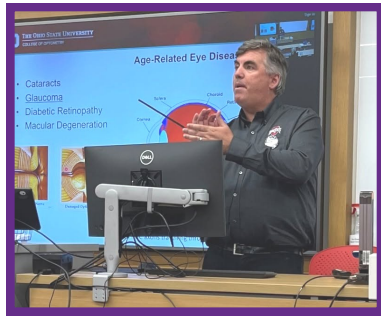
Stowe Mission of Central Ohio has been a Prevent Blindness Ohio partner organization referring its clients to PBO since 2012. Over the years, they have referred hundreds of adults and families to PBO and they have done amazing work incorporating PBO's Vision Care Outreach (VCO) program into their vision clinic.

Since 1967, Stowe Mission has strived to support medically underserved members of the local community. Originally known as the Darty F. Memorial Baptist Center up until 2011, they became a 501(c)3 non-profit known as Stowe Mission of Central Ohio. They offer a full spectrum of outreach programs that enrich the body and soul.

Stowe Mission truly cares for its community, and PBO is honored to partner with them to bring essential vision services to their clients. The work they do for the community not only helps those in need get access to vital healthcare but also helps keep their independence and dignity.

2025 Aging Eye Summit Focuses on Vision Challenges for Older Adults

The 2025 Aging Eye Summit was held both virtually and in-person at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, with 120 individuals participating.



Many thanks to PBO board member and Associate Professor at OSU's College of Optometry, Dr. Andy Hartwick, for leading the event. The Summit featured speakers who discussed: age-related macular degeneration and social determinants of health; current practices and future prospects of telemedicine in diabetic retinopathy screening; ocular nutrition and exercise; patient perspective on diabetic eye disease; connecting visual acuity with daily viewing experience in individuals with low vision; visual outcomes in areas with high visual impairment; relationship between vision and falls; occupational therapy: creating a clear vision for evidence-based fall prevention in home and community; combating ageism and lessons learned from age-friendly innovation center; and aging.

Annual PBO Legislative Briefing Promotes Eye Health & Safety

PBO held its annual legislative briefing and continental breakfast at the Ohio Statehouse where Ohio Legislators and their staff, along with Executive Agency Staff, learned about what they can do to protect their constituents' vision utilizing PBO eye health and safety programs and services. Thanks to the nearly 50 Representatives and Senators, along with Legislative staff and PBO Board members, who attended.



"I received my wonderful glasses. I haven't had glasses for many years. I can see better now. I am so thankful this wonderful program is helping me. Thank you to Prevent Blindness Ohio and to Cyndy. I am very grateful."

- Dianna D., Mentor OH

Ohio Drivers Fund Children's Vision Screenings through SOS Fund

Prevent Blindness Ohio received a grant in the amount of \$475,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 from the Ohio



Department of Health

Save Our Sight

Department of Health Save Our Sight (SOS) Fund for PBO to train and certify 700 children's vision screeners at schools, primary healthcare practices and public/private child care organizations. The funding comes from Ohioans who donate \$1 or more to SOS when they renew their Ohio motor vehicle registrations.

This funding also allows PBO to provide vision screening equipment to children's vision screeners at no cost to them.



PBO Makes Great Progress Toward Community Health Centers Goal

PBO added three new Federally Qualified Health Centers (Five Rivers Health Center, Health Partners of Western Ohio and Cincinnati Primary Care) into its diabetic retinopathy quality improvement project.

These sites are conducting diabetic retinal screenings and Five Rivers is also referring clients to PBO's Vision Care Outreach program which connects people in need with eye exams and glasses to save their sight. PBO also launched its Integrating Vision Health Education into the Community Health Centers project and is in the process of on-boarding four Community Health Centers in central Ohio with plans to expand in the next fiscal year. Project partners Genentech and the National Kidney Foundation are integral to PBO's achievements in increasing vision care access for underserved populations statewide.

Genentech
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"I don't know how I would have got my new glasses without the help of Prevent Blindness. Just found out I have cancer so getting the free eye exam and glasses took one burden off my shoulders. Many, many thanks for all you have done for me!"

- Judy R., Montgomery County

2025-2026 EVENTS

Prevent Blindness Ohio raises awareness and support through special events across the state, including the **People of Vision** events and the **Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournaments**. All events generate revenue to support our mission to prevent blindness and preserve sight.

The Swing Fore Sight Golf Tournaments raised \$95,186! Tournaments were held in Northeast Ohio at Lake Forest Country Club and in Central Ohio at Heritage Golf Club. Thanks to Jim Griveas and Dave Rath (Central Ohio), and Alan Gunner (Northeast Ohio) for their outstanding leadership as chairs of the events!



"As a student, I worked 16 hours a week, which was not enough to cover my needs, so I could not afford vision insurance for 2 years. This program changed my story by providing glasses that reduced stress on my eyes."
- Fera C. Westerville, OH

The People of Vision Celebrations raised \$122,507! The People of Vision events were established in 1985 by Prevent Blindness Ohio to celebrate and invite community visionaries as keynote speakers to share their personal journey in establishing a vision for their community and seeing it through to fruition. In addition, the events award a Community Partner in Vision for their roles in reaching more Ohioans with vision care. Proceeds from the events benefit the sight-saving programs and services provided by PBO in our communities.



Columbus

Keynote: Ilaria Rawlins & Lisa Berger,
Fortuna Bank

Moderator: Angela Pace

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Stowe Mission

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Keynote: Amy Saylor & Dennis Degnan,
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Moderator: Jeff Smith, WTOL 11

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Cleveland

Keynote: Monica Robins,
WKYC Studios

Moderator: Christi Paul, WKYC Studios

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Cincinnati

Keynote: Matthew Randazzo,
Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Moderator: Michelle Hopkins, WCPO 9

Community Partner in Vision:
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Dayton

Keynote: Tony Hall,
Former Ambassador & Nobel Prize Nominee

Moderator: Adam Aaro, ABC/FOX

Community Partner in Vision:
Health Partners Free Clinic

