vision care to children and economically challenged adults who do not have access to proper vision care.

Abraha was working at one of our partner sites (Central Presbyterian Church, Central Outreach and Advocacy Center) as a custodian for quite some time. When we met Abraha, it had been several years since his last eye exam. Abraha was elated at the chance to have an eye exam and to receive a new pair of prescription glasses.

Our Vision Outreach adult programs provide eye exams and glasses to economically challenged adults who do not have access to proper vision care.

Our Star Pupils® program purpose is to ensure that no child is left behind due to identifiable and treatable vision disorders and conditions.

“I can’t tell you how deeply thankful and grateful we are for Prevent Blindness Georgia. We had no idea that Brooklyn needed glasses,” said Betsy, Brooklyn’s mother. “We are doing vision training for three months, and then we will take her back [to the eye doctor] to see how she’s doing. She picked out some pink glasses and couldn’t be more excited. It’s been tough not having insurance, and this was a huge blessing as our family has had so many major expenses lately—an adoption, major car issues, and many large medical bills. We just can’t thank you enough for your help.”

Star Pupils® Children’s Program

- 40,847 three, four, and five-year-old children were vision screened
- 3,362 children were referred for further care
- Services offered in 119 counties at 735 sights, a 23% expansion increase from the previous year

Sight-saving Program Services

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Abraha was elated at the chance to have an eye exam and to receive a new pair of prescription glasses. Once his prescription glasses arrived, he was ecstatic! It was as if he was a little kid over $154,183 to support our children’s and adult programs.

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Letter from Board Chair

It is hard to believe that another year has already ended. Yet, it was another milestone year for Prevent Blindness Georgia. In the 2018–19 program year, we continued to prevent blindness, preserve sight, and improve health equity and socioeconomic mobility for children and economically challenged adults. We reached over 119 counties across Georgia, vision screened 40,847 children, and provided sight-saving services to 6,103 adults.

In 2018–19, we expanded the Star Pupils® children’s program and added an additional vision screener. Our team welcomed 14 new volunteers from Delta Gamma. Prevent Blindness Georgia continued to lead important vision screening trainings and aging-eye disease educational sessions statewide. We advocated for access to proper vision care at Eyes on Capitol Hill.

We found a new home for our Vision Outreach clinic for our adult programs at the Whitefoord Family Medical Center (WFMC). In partnership with WFMC, we provide essential vision care for homeless, underinsured, uninsured, and low-income adults, who then have access to the WFMC primary care facilities.

These are just a few of the many highlights from last year. We are excited about identifying new priorities for Prevent Blindness Georgia as we look forward to another year of serving our mission. We thank you for your unrelenting support, dedication, and contributions. We saw your real impact every day while vision screening children in their preschools, talking with parents about their children needing eyeglasses, and providing free eye exams, eyeglasses, and referrals for further eye disease care with eye care professionals to adults in need.

Please continue to join us in giving the gift of sight to the children and adults whom we are so privileged to serve.

Warm regards,

LaTivia Ray-Alston
Board of Directors Chair

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The Special Events Were Richly Rewarding

Night for Sight | November 3, 2018, InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta

InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta was the perfect venue for friends and supporters to enjoy an inspiring evening benefiting Prevent Blindness Georgia’s sight-saving programs and celebrating G. Baker Hubbard III, MD with the Person of Vision Award.

Salesforce, our Presenting Sponsor, hosted a pre-event panel with board members, staff, and eye care professionals. We had a visionary evening with 384 guests, many of whom had not been previously exposed to our organization. With your help, we raised over $154,183 to support our children’s and adult programs.
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