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 304 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.







Sight-saving Program Services

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

Our Vision Outreach adult programs provide eye exams and glasses to 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. Once his prescription glasses arrived, he was ecstatic! It was as if he was a little kid receiving a prize. He smiled so hard while trying them on and checking himself out. He was so proud that he made sure he showed everyone his new pair of glasses all day.

Vision Outreach (VO) Adult Programs

- 6.103 adults served
- 92% of adults referred for eye exams
- 1,540 adults received glasses
- 201 adults referred for ongoing care or surgical assistance with an eye care or medical specialist
- 25 vouchers provided to adults
- 675 adults provided consultation and printed materials at screening events





Swing Fore Sight | April 16, 2018 Piedmont Driving Club

Foursomes arrived for a shotgun start on a beautiful Tuesday morning to raise funds to prevent blindness and preserve sight, while honoring Dr. Eugene B. Gabianelli, MD for his visionary work within the eye care community. Together, we raised \$83,986 to provide proper vision care to children and economically challenged adults.



Tea to See | February 10, 2019 **Piedmont Driving Club**

New and old friends gathered at Tea to See for gourmet tea service, mimosas, a fabulous silent auction, and to hear guest speaker Laura Dawson, one of Canada's top foreign policy influencers. We collectively raised \$65,250 for our sight-giving work.

Annual Report 2018–2019 Healthy Eyes for Healthy Futures

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 agingeye 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 eyecare 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,

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