

The Special Events Were Richly Rewarding

Night for Sight | November 3, 2017, Atlanta History Center

The Atlanta History Center was the perfect venue for friends and supporters to enjoy a beautiful evening benefiting a great cause and celebrating Dr. Thomas Harbin with the Person of Vision Award. Our message was well received by 330 guests, many of whom had not been previously exposed to our organization. With your help, we raised over \$149,000 to support our children's and adult programs.



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

"Prevent Blindness Georgia has immensely helped our organization by providing on-site vision screenings for the six counties that we serve," said Susan Wallace from Tallatoona Community Action Partnership." Without the help of Prevent Blindness Georgia's Star Pupils® program, many of our children would have been unable to receive adequate vision screening."

Star Pupils® Children's Program

- 33,417 three, four, and five-year-old children were vision screened
- 1,828 primary school children were vision screened
- Services offered in 97 counties



Our **Vision Outreach** adult programs provide eye exams and glasses to economically challenged adults who do not have access to proper vision care. Adults just like one of our clients, Rufus.

Rufus couldn't afford an eye exam or a new pair of eyeglasses. After his wife died, he taped her eyeglasses over his eyeglasses just so he could see a little bit better. A simple pair of eyeglasses can help people like Rufus read their prescription labels, assist their children or grandchildren with homework, drive or navigate public transportation to go to work, and be more independent and employable.

Vision Outreach (VO) Adult Programs

- 3,352 served at VO clinics
- 2,000 served at aging-eye seminars, health fairs, and healthy eye seminars
- 2,668 received eye exams
- 2,748 received prescription eyeglasses
- 400+ referred for treatment for eye diseases, such as cataracts, glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy

Tea to See | March 4, 2018 Piedmont Driving Club

New and old friends gathered at the Tea to See and collectively raised more than \$40,000 to support our sight-saving work.

Annual Report 2017-2018 Healthy Eyes for Healthy Futures

Letter from Board Chair



2018 was a record year for Prevent Blindness Georgia. We reached new milestones in program services to achieve our mission of preventing blindness and preserving sight. We expanded to new counties, created new partnerships, and helped 35,345 children and 5,352 economically challenged adults.

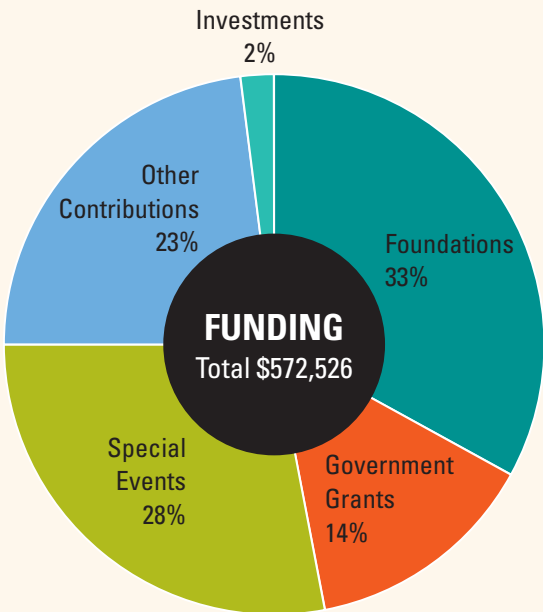
That's a fantastic testament to the compassion, commitment, and consistency of our partnerships, financial supporters, volunteers, and staff. During 2017-2018, we adjusted our processes, made hard decisions, and asked more from our supporters—more from you—than ever. But the result of all that effort is undeniable. We have helped more children, more adults in need, and given the gift of sight to more people.

For pennies per screening, the prevention of blindness and preserving of sight saves tens of thousands of dollars for Georgians that would otherwise be spent on direct and indirect costs of visual impairment and blindness. Our commitment to equity for all of Georgia's residents demands that we serve all communities according to their vision needs, no matter where they are. So, we will continue to expand, to adapt, to best bridge the gap to proper vision care for economically challenged adults, and to ensure Georgia's children are "vision ready" to learn for school.

We look forward to another year of serving our mission; and we thank you for your unrelenting support, dedication, and contributions. Your impact was real and permanent. Please continue to join us in giving the gift of sight to the children and adults whom we are so privileged to serve.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Gough
Board of Directors Chair



Our Mission

To prevent blindness and preserve sight.

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