



**Prevent  
Blindness**  
Georgia

# **2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CHAIR

We are extremely proud to have overcome the challenges of COVID and come out a stronger organization with an expanded program. We were able to serve over **45,000** Georgians and provide eye health education and referrals for eye diseases.


We know moving forward as we emerge from the pandemic our Vision Outreach Services are in greater need. We made it our mission to continue to provide screenings, retinal photos, eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses to as many economically disadvantaged adults as possible.

During the pandemic, many children had an increase in screen time for virtual schooling and recreational activities and many may have been unable to receive preventative eye health and vision care. As students returned to their campuses in the fall of 2021, our Children's Vision Services have been more in demand.

Because of our donors, we are able to continue our critical sight saving work for Georgia's children and economically disadvantaged adults.

We invite your enduring partnership in the mission of preserving sight and preventing blindness.

With Appreciation,



**Jill Thornton**

CEO & President



**Scott Bullock**

President,  
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THE AWESOME PEOPLE BEHIND PBGA



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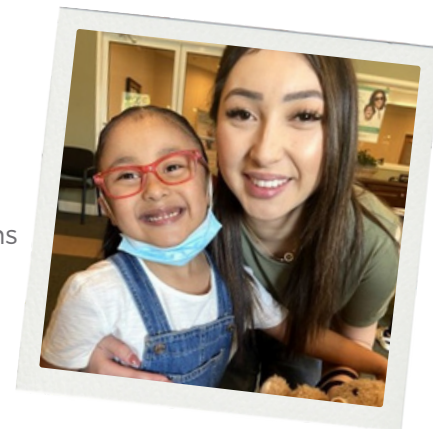
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## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

In addition to our certified vision screeners, we have amazing doctors and nurses from vision practices, schools, and universities to help us provide services to our clients:

Delta Gamma  
East Jackson Robotics  
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Gainesville Eye Associates  
Georgia Eye Associates  
Georgia Eye Physicians & Surgeons  
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North Georgia Eye Clinic  
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## MISSION

**The mission of Prevent Blindness Georgia is to preserve sight and prevent blindness for all Georgians.**

## VISION

**That no Georgian is needlessly losing their eyesight from preventable vision loss.**





# ADULT SERVICES: VISION OUTREACH

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program provides vision screening, comprehensive eye exams, free and low-cost prescription eyeglasses to adults living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. We offer our services through a network of community partners across the state, including homeless shelters, Federally Qualified Health Centers, domestic violence shelters, HIV+ shelters, and organizations working with migrant workers

## GEORGIA RETINAL IMAGING PROGRAM

VO is the home of the Georgia Retinal Imaging Program (GRIP) which takes digital images of the back of the retinas and send those images to specialists for evaluation, allowing for early detection of retinal disease especially diabetic retinopathy.

## HEALTHY AGING PROGRAMS

Working with local community agencies on aging, VO offers education about aging eyes and provides screening for seniors at risk.

## WE PERSEVERED

During the pandemic, many vision practices and community centers that provide eye health and vision care for adults had to reduce their patients and clients or had to close their doors. Unfortunately, this left many adults without access to vision care and information on eye disease like diabetic retinopathy.

We knew we would have to adapt to the pandemic. We saw as many people as we could during this time and provided information and resources for folks experiencing an eye disorder or disease.

We are looking forward to returning to more community sites and providing our services to more people in the upcoming year.

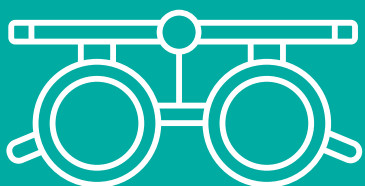


# PROGRAM IMPACT

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO ADULTS FROM  
APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022



**1,532**  
adults served



**1,104 Vision Outreach**  
eye exams given



**312 GRIP Images**



**717 eyeglasses given out**



# CHILDREN SERVICES: STAR PUPILS

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our Star Pupils vision screening program sends certified screeners to Head Starts, lottery-funded pre-kindergartens, daycare centers, Title 1 schools, and elementary schools throughout the state and provides vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and free prescription eyeglasses to identify those who might need vision correction or have a vision disorder.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

### Fulton County

PBGA provided certified vision screenings to over 9,000 students in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades during the 2021 - 2022 school year in North and South Fulton County public schools. Of these children, 1,294 did not pass the screening.



### Hall County

Thanks to the generosity of United Healthcare, we vision screened more than 9,700 elementary students of which 1,664 (19%) did not pass the screening. We saw 413 children in clinics and provided 313 pairs of glasses. Another 120 children were referred for further treatment or surgery for conditions such as glaucoma, amblyopia ("lazy eye"), and strabismus ("wandering eye").



### Whitfield & Dalton

We are so grateful to have received a grant from the Georgia Baptist Health Foundation for hosting vision screenings and eye exams in Whitfield County schools and Dalton Public schools. We are currently creating a strategy for beginning this project in the 2022 school year.

# PROGRAM IMPACT

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN  
FROM APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022



**98**  
counties  
served

**507**  
sites  
visited



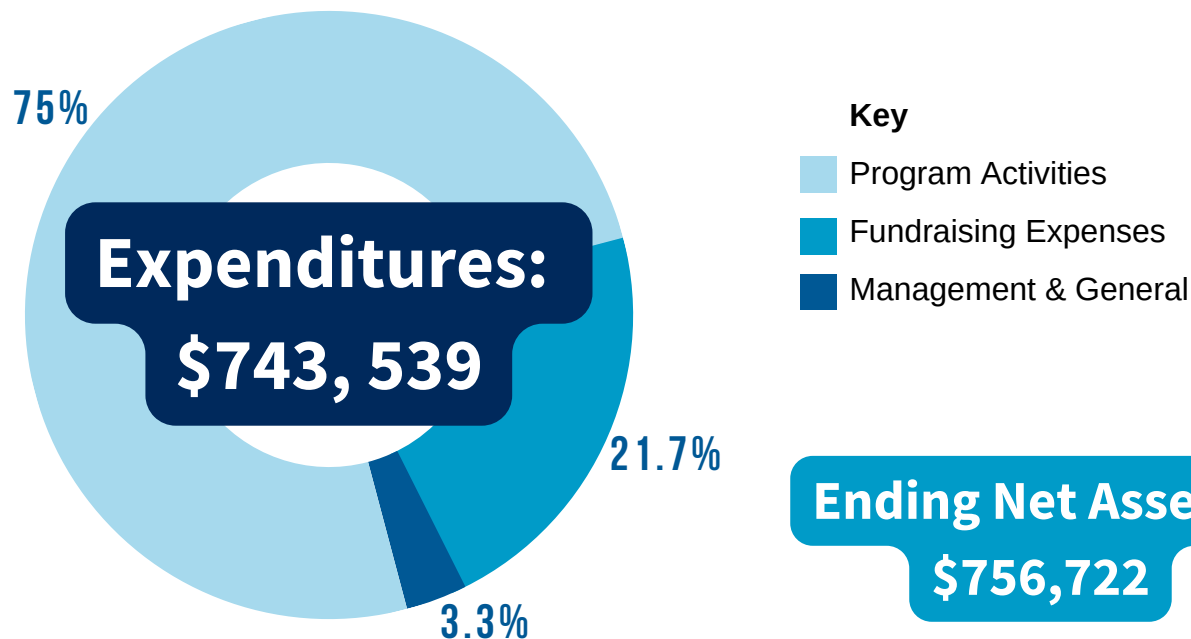
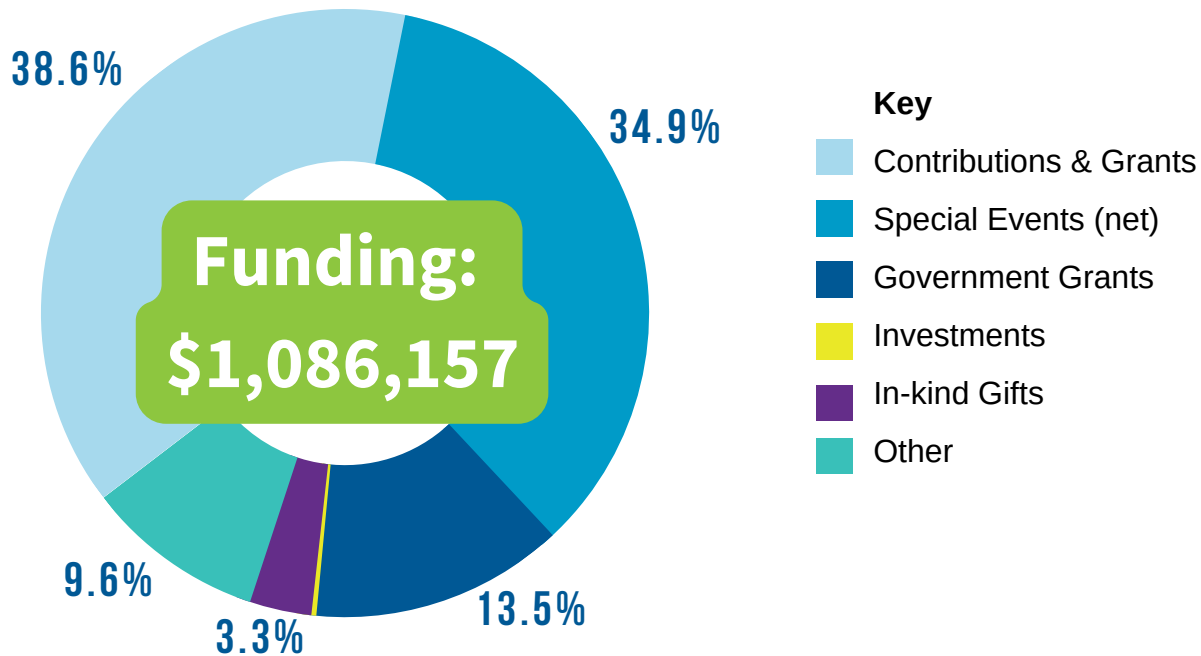
**29, 541** preschoolers and  
elementary children served



**3,614** children were referred for  
further treatment or surgery



# FINANCIAL REPORT



**Ending Net Assets:**  
**\$756,722**

Prevent Blindness Georgia is committed to financial transparency. More detailed financial information, including our external audit and tax form 990, is available on our website at <https://georgia.preventblindness.org/financial-reports/>. Prevent Blindness is a nonprofit organization, tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. The organization's EIN number is 58-6050305. Visit [pbga.org](http://pbga.org) to learn more.

# EVENTS

## NIGHT FOR SIGHT GALA

Our annual Night for Sight Gala was held on October 23, 2021 at the Loews Atlanta Hotel. We successfully raised \$275,000 for PBGA. The highlight of the evening was our honoring of the **2021 Person of Vision** recipient, **Dr. Michael Jacobson**, the renowned ophthalmologist and retinal surgeon. **Anne Vines** was the recipient of **PBGA's Volunteer of the Year** Award. We are grateful for our event's sponsors and all who made the event a success.



Anne Vines & Dr. Michael Jacobson at Night For Sight Gala 2021

## 2021 SPONSORS

### PRESENTING



### VISIONARY



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### BEVERAGE

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Amanda & Ben Seals



# CAST & SWING FOR SIGHT



**Mike Collinge, Marc Gilpin, Gavin Meyers, and Zach Wiedman**

Our annual golf and fishing tournament was held on April 27, 2021 at the Piedmont Driving Club. We successfully raised \$110,000 for Prevent Blindness Georgia's programs. We are grateful for our event's sponsors and all who made it a success.

## PRESENTING



## SILVER SPONSORS



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Danielle Middleton, Rebekah Scott, Tracy Scott, & Tiffany Smith

## PRESENTING



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Surgeons  
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Women's Ophthalmic  
Association of Atlanta

Our annual Summer Social was held on June 12, 2021 at Piedmont Park. It was a fun night filled with games and music! We raised \$61,610 to support PBGA's programs. We are grateful for our event sponsors and all those who made the event successful.



Top Row: Jordan Wade, Robert Berry, & Rachel Unterman

Bottom Row: Danielle Lesslie, Amy Ramos, & Toni Denison



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# OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

Looking for more ways to be involved with PBGA? Join our Sight Club and support one child per month or sign up to be a volunteer by scanning the QR Code below!

Through careful stewardship, the cost to vision screen a child is only \$10. By committing to sponsor at least one child per month—that is, by donating \$10/month or more—you can join the Sight Club, our monthly giving program and help Knock Out Blindness!



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