The 2018-2019 fiscal year was another successful period for Prevent Blindness North Carolina. Maintaining our strong commitment to preserving sight in our state, we provided screenings for 33,203 preschoolers, 480,921 school-aged children, and 5,605 adults. None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts by our dedicated staff, effective volunteers, and generous contributions from our community.

Prevent Blindness North Carolina remains one of the most efficient and effective healthcare outreach programs in our state. Our low-cost screenings support the prevention of visual impairment, improve citizens’ quality of life, and saves thousands of dollars that would otherwise be necessary to care for these residents of North Carolina.

This past year was also a time of leadership transition. The board is excited to announce the selection of Edwin Jeffords, Jr. as the new President and CEO, replacing Jennifer Talbot who retired after 28 years at Prevent Blindness North Carolina. Edwin has significant nonprofit experience, with his most recent position at United Way. Driven through his passion of helping others, we look forward to Edwin’s leadership as we continue our goal of identifying potentially blinding conditions through vision screenings.

On a personal note, I continue to feel honored to work with this outstanding organization. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I’d like to personally thank everyone whose hard work and generous giving makes it possible for Prevent Blindness North Carolina to carry out its important mission.

Jeff Sampere
BOARD CHAIR
Whether you’ve been involved with Prevent Blindness for many years, or you’re just now learning of us through this report, I would welcome a conversation with you directly. I can’t wait to tell you about all the life-changing impact that you can be a part of through Prevent Blindness North Carolina!

As I walked in the Prevent Blindness office on my first official day, back in February of 2019, I knew, almost instantly, that I was in the right place at the right time. This role would be a tremendous opportunity to join a team that has significant positive impact on hundreds of thousands of people and families across the state of North Carolina each year. Life-changing impact to those we all serve is what has excited and driven me as a member of the nonprofit community for so many years.

Our mission is clear. Our staff, volunteers, and partners are devoted. Our reputation is exemplary, and the ability to improve lives in our state are abundant. I couldn’t be any more excited to be a part of this team and this critical work.

Through the dedicated leadership of our previous President and CEO, Jennifer Talbot, over the last 28 years, Prevent Blindness North Carolina is well positioned to serve the people of North Carolina both today and also into the future. With a rock-solid foundation of historical successes, we’ve been able to continually adapt our work to best support the ever-changing eye-health needs of North Carolinians.

In addition to the strong successes of the past, there are still a multitude of possibilities to grow our presence and to impact many more lives. This year, we’ve already begun to seize some of those opportunities and are building strong momentum into the future. It is truly an exciting time at Prevent Blindness, and I hope you’ll join us in this important work.

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A. Edwin Jeffords, Jr.

PRESIDENT & CEO
Most children with uncorrected vision problems believe the way they see is the way everyone sees – even if it’s blurry. Consequently, they miss out on opportunities all around them to learn and develop because of poor sight. Research shows that after diagnosis and treatment, children experience improved academic progress, confidence and behavior as well as increased classroom focus, participation, and interaction.

Prevent Blindness North Carolina’s Preschool Vision Screening Program serves young children throughout NC in an attempt to find these problems early so those affected by impaired vision can get the treatment they need. During the 2018-2019 school year, PBNC screened 33,203 preschoolers in 38 counties. Over 3,700 of those children failed the screenings and were referred to local eye care professionals for comprehensive exams and treatment. To ensure all children had access to the vision care they needed, free eye exams and glasses were available to all qualifying children through the VSP Sight for Students, PBNCDonor Docs, and Healthy Eyes programs.

Meet Charlotte

“I wanted to reach out and thank you for doing a vision screening for my daughter, Charlotte, at her daycare... Her eye problem, [Amblyopia,] had gone undetected until your screening.

I am incredibly grateful that your organization helped my daughter in such an amazing way! Thank you very much for everything you are doing for children in our community! You are providing an amazing service, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it!!”

-Charlotte’s Mother
Prevent Blindness North Carolina partners with school nurses, staff, and volunteers across the state to provide essential vision screenings and sight-saving services in schools. During last school year, 3,405 individuals were certified in 226 Prevent Blindness North Carolina vision screening workshops, contributing to a statewide network of 6,650 school-based Prevent Blindness North Carolina children’s vision screeners.

Screeners conducted approximately 481,000 individual student screenings during the school year. More than 40,200 children were referred to an eye care professional for a full eye exam, diagnosis, and treatment. School nurse partners also receive access to three Prevent Blindness North Carolina voucher programs offering eye exams and/or glasses to any eligible child referred from screening and in financial need. Thank you to all of the school nurses and volunteers that partner with Prevent Blindness North Carolina to ensure children enter school each day ready to see and learn.

Nurse Notes

"We had a 2nd grade student who just failed his vision screening at school. He was referred to the doctor and the nurse even had to walk with him to the doctor's office because mom didn't have a vehicle. The student was ordered glasses. The student loves his glasses and is reading all the time. I always see him with a book in his hand. We wouldn't have known he needed [glasses] without the screening!"

Cherokee County – Lead Nurse

"After a screening and glasses, a [particular] student’s phonics levels went up dramatically, along with his reading level. He was more enthusiastic about learning and was able to show a lot of improvement from the time he got his glasses to the end of the year. He ended the year one reading level above where we predicted he would be. His writing was much clearer and so were his drawings that went with his writing."

Wilkes County – Lead Nurse
Prevent Blindness North Carolina also provides no cost retinal and acuity screenings to adults in community health centers, free clinics, senior centers, health fairs, and the NC State Fair. Many screening participants are diabetic and would not otherwise be able to see an eye doctor, even though it is recommended they receive an annual eye exam.

Through the adult program, Prevent Blindness North Carolina provided 5,605 adults across our state with an opportunity to evaluate their eye health during the year. Of those who participated in the vision screening program, 1,240 were referred for a comprehensive eye exam due to possible visual impairment.

Prevent Blindness North Carolina also offers an array of follow-up resources for anyone who is referred for care after a vision screening. Last year, 2,033 uninsured or under-insured adults were provided with vouchers through one of Prevent Blindness North Carolina’s three voucher programs, ensuring everyone screened had access to vision care.

Meet Mr. Hargrove

"Mr. Hargrove participated in a Prevent Blindness North Carolina retinal screening, and was approved for a VSP (Mobile Eyes) voucher for an eye exam and glasses. He returned to the clinic today to ask me to take his picture to send with a note of thanks. These are the first glasses he’s ever had, and he really likes them."

- A. Eldridge, RN
## Statement of Activities

**Fiscal Year Ending: March 31, 2019**

### Revenue, Gains, and Other Support

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### Operating Expenses

**Program Services:**

- Research: 31,751
- Public health education: 566,967
- Professional education & training: 329,976
- Community services: 207,179
- **Total Program Expenses**: 1,135,873

**Supporting services:**

- General & administrative: 156,829
- Fundraising: 121,748
- **Total Supporting Expenses**: 278,577

**Total Operating Expenses**: **$1,414,450**

### Non-Operating Expenses

- Loss on sale of assets: 349

**Change in Net Assets**: **$5,627**
MEET THE TEAM

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The 2018-2019 school year marked an impressive milestone for Carol Stimits, one of our Preschool Vision Screeners. Carol has been a dedicated and devoted member of the Prevent Blindness North Carolina team for 20 years! She is passionate in her service to young children in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties, and we are truly grateful for her invaluable contribution to our sight saving mission!
THANK YOU

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

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In Memory of Lewis "Bragg" Cox
NOVEMBER 7, 1954 - JULY 3, 2018

Prevent Blindness North Carolina lost a dear friend and devoted adult retinal screener during the summer of 2018.

Bragg will be remembered for his kind heart, gentle way, and wonderful sense of humor. He was the quintessential "southern gentleman."