



**Prevent
Blindness**
North Carolina

2024-2025 **IMPACT REPORT**



📍 4011 Westchase Blvd, Ste 180
Raleigh, NC 27607
📞 919-755-5044
🌐 www.pbnc.org

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on the 2024–2025 fiscal year, my heart is truly full - because of you. Your partnership and unwavering belief in our mission to prevent blindness and preserve sight have made our work possible. Thanks to you, our caring eye-health champions, we delivered another year of life-changing impact to students, individuals, and families in countless daycares, schools, and health clinics within all 100 counties.

This year, your generosity created moments of clarity and hope thousands of times over. Your support allowed us to:

- Provide free vision screenings for more than 40,000 preschool children, catching issues early when it matters most and conditions are often reversible.
- Equip over 3,000 school nurses, staff, administrators, and volunteers with comprehensive training and certification, turning them into frontline vision screeners for over 350,000 school-aged children.
- Deliver more than 4,500 free retinal screenings to our adult clients, proactively managing serious health disparities.
- Donate over \$100,000 worth of eye exams and glasses to referred clients.

Within these pages, you will find a transparent picture of our financial and program results. We believe in being good stewards of your investments, and these results demonstrate how effectively *and* efficiently your contributions are put to work, creating maximum impact on people's lives.

However, the most inspiring part of our journey together, to me, is witnessing how these sight-saving services transform lives. Often, the outcomes occur in a child's early years, when a simple vision screening changes the entire trajectory of their learning for years to come. Other times, our services provide a renewed quality of life for clients in their later years, helping to manage other health issues that have detrimental implications to vision. Included here are stories of individuals like Drea, Kimberly, Gavin, and Ashley whose lives have been truly reimagined through the gift of sight. These are not just stories and numbers; they are real moments of hope and opportunity – made possible by you.

Building on this year's powerful progress, we are energized about what lies ahead. We are more committed than ever to our vision of bringing essential eye care to *all* North Carolinians, and your continued partnership is vital to achieving that bold goal.

Thank you for everything you do. Your dedication, generosity, and trust fuel our mission every day. With your support, we look forward to advancing our mission and bringing the world into focus for thousands more next year and beyond.

With heartfelt thanks and gratitude,



A. Edwin Jeffords, Jr.
President & CEO
Prevent Blindness North Carolina

Board of Directors (2024-2025)

Tom Clinard - Chair

Robin Shannon - Vice Chair

Steve Corman - Treasurer

Bob Wright - Secretary

Jana Askeland	David Dunbar	Randy Mounce
Alice Bashinsky, MD	Kathy Erickson	Samantha Myers, OD
Adam Bennett, MD	Melanie Fraites	R. Sterling Perkinson
Dan Bennett, MD	Randy Fraser	Kevin Perry
Frances Blevins	Sara Grace, MD	Nan Robinson
R. Jeffrey Board, MD	Angela Hatton	Jeff Sampere
Bonnie Bradley	Linda Herrman	Melissa Shipley, MD
Sam Crisp	Deborah Holland	Lakshmi Swamy, MD
J. Nelson Dollar	Greg Johnson, MD	Joseph L. Vukin, MD
Linda Douglas	Timothy Jordan, MD	Walt Winiewicz

Office Staff

A. Edwin Jeffords, Jr. - President and CEO

Wendy Aves - Community Vision Program Director

Marcia Brantley - Preschool Program Director

Caroline Carbone - Certification Program Coordinator

Eileen Dustin - Preschool Program Coordinator

Anya Helfrich - Certification Program Director

Mary Kalica - Program Data Assistant

Becca Leenstra - Program Assistant and Voucher Coordinator

Angie Morris - Operations Director and Executive Assistant

Jennifer Parrish - Preschool Program Coordinator

Lynn Patterson - Certification Program Coordinator

Field Staff

Cecille Alexander

April Bunns

Cyndi Catella

Ada Churchwell

Sharon Davis

Kathy Dunkley

Gabi Dwyer

Laura Flores

Arlene Garrison

Julie Glotzbach

Patrick Gowdy

David Jenkins

Karen Kerley

Elli Kraus

Suzanne Lamorey

Vicki Leary

Susan Lee

Patricia Lewis

Elaine Lite

Erika McKee

Jessica Moore

Lisa Nowell

Reagan Parrish

Rhonda Shearon

Kim Snoddy

Carol Stimits

Crista Treece

Karen Williams

Peggy Wilson

Carol Worrell

MEET OUR TEAM

IMPACT SNAPSHOT



PBNC provided **4,561** adults with free vision screenings, risk assessments, and education at health fairs, senior centers, health clinics, the NC State Fair, and other community events. **848** (19 %) of those adults were referred for follow-up care.

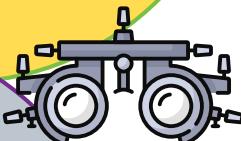
After a vision screening at her daycare center indicated a possible problem, Drea was diagnosed with myopia, hyperopia, and astigmatism at age 3 - all without any visible indications of problems with her vision. Today, Drea is 12 years old and LOVES choosing new glasses each year. PBNC hears these success stories daily and is humbled to play a part in the eye health of North Carolinians in all 100 counties of our state.

PBNC trained and certified **3,192** school nurses, staff, and volunteers to perform evidence-based, age-appropriate vision screenings in the NC Public School Systems during the 2024-2025 school year. Certified screeners delivered over **350,000** screenings to school-aged children.

PBNC delivered free, on-site vision screenings to **40,290** children, ages 2-5, in **1,006** childcare centers, schools, and preschools during the 2024-2025 school year. **4,506** (11%) of those screened were referred for follow-up care.

PBNC reached **45,070** people through direct services and impacted hundreds of thousands more through our certified vision screening volunteers.

PBNC also linked low-income North Carolinians to an estimated **\$101,350** in free eye care.



Revenue, Gains, & Other Support

Contributions	\$375,586
Government Grants	\$1,161,061
Special Events	\$176,588
Program Services	\$1,860
Miscellaneous	\$2,199
Net Investment Return (Loss)	\$226,233

Total Revenue, Gains, & Other Support **\$1,943,527**

Operating Expenses

Research	\$188,199
Public Health Education	\$550,544
Professional Education & Training	\$284,821
Community Services	\$496,074
General & Administrative	\$138,855
Fundraising	\$109,326
<i>Total Support Expenses</i>	<i>\$248,181</i>

Total Operating Expenses **\$1,767,819**

Change in Net Assets **\$175,708**



"Thank you so much for providing me with a voucher to get new glasses and an eye exam. I had retinal detachment 2 years ago and just had cataract surgery on the same eye. I now have sight and my glasses are a blessing. I really appreciate all you have done for me." - Kimberly

Thank you to our corporate and individual contributors for their valuable participation in this life-changing work.

Prevent Blindness NC would like to extend gratitude to the following contributors who generously supported our mission financially and in-kind during 2024-2025.

Corporate Partners

Amazon	META	Regeneron
Dreher Martin, CPA	Microsoft	Vision Service Plan (VSP)
Duke Energy	NVI Cares	Walmart
EssilorLuxottica	Prevent Blindness	Wilmington Eye
EyePACS, Inc.	The Raleigh Eye Center	Zenni Optical
The Hamlin Companies	Raleigh Ophthalmology	

Individual Partners

Saurav Agrawal	Linda Douglas	R. Sterling Perkinson
Jana Askeland	Amy Dull	Kevin Perry
Alice Bashinsky, MD	David Dunbar	Mona J. Roberts
Adam Bennett, MD	Kathy Erickson	Nan Robinson
Dan Bennett, MD	Melanie Fraites	Vivian Roscoe
Frances Blevins	Randy Fraser	Jeff Sampere
R. Jeffrey Board, MD	Erwin Fuller, Jr.	Robin Shannon
Bonnie Bradley	Sara Grace, MD	Melissa Shipley, MD
Jane and Dan Brady	Angela Hatton	Janet M. Smith
Martin Braun	Linda Herrman	Robert B. Smith
Tiffany Brinson	Deborah Holland	Griffin Sumner
Ranju Chamber	Tom F. Howdle	Lakshmi Swamy, MD
Clinton E. Cheek	Terry Hutchinson	Gordon W. Tennett
Tom Clinard	David Jenkins	Nilesh Varudkar
Steve Corman	Greg Johnson, MD	Joseph Vukin, MD
Sam Crisp	Timothy Jordan, MD	Walt Winiewicz
Donald W. Curtis - The Curtis Foundation	Randy Mounce	Larry Womble
Sandra and Lawrence Davis	Samantha Myers, OD	Bob Wright
J. Nelson Dollar	Sheldon Newman	Robert M. Wright
	Shirley Nixon	Zafa Court No. 41

Visionary Partners

Andrew Antoszyk, MD	Kyle Eaton, OD	Kalie Leone, OD
James H. Antoszyk, MD	Family Eyecare Center	Nicole Lynch, OD
Michael Baughan, OD	Jennifer Flaherty, OD	Don McDuffie, OD
Stephanie G. Beasley	Jeff Handschumacher, OD	Nisha Mehta, OD
Steve Bolick, OD	David K. Harper, MD	Charles H. Munn, OD
Robert Brodney	Douglas C. Hauschild, OD	Mark Newman, OD
Brian Crichlow, MD	Brad E. Hauser, OD	Parkside Eye Care
Elizabeth Davis, OD	Karen Jones, OD	William L. Portfilio, MD
J. Rick Davis, OD	Masherrill Koonce, OD	Cynthia Rohm, OD
Cathy Doty, OD	Kurt K. Lark, MD	Amy Salter, OD

Thank you to our foundation partners for enabling us to serve local communities across the state.

These generous foundation and private funders help to support our work throughout many local communities where the need for quality eye care far outweighs the available resources.

Foundations

Babies Hospital Foundation
Broyhill Family Foundation
Camber Foundation
The Cemela Foundation
The City of Raleigh
Community Foundation of Burke Co.
The Duke Endowment

The Landfall Foundation
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
Prevent Blindness
Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation
Rostan Family Foundation
Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Legacy
Stroud Roses, Inc.

Component Funds of the North Carolina Community Foundation

Avery Legacy Fund
Cara Lee Powell Priest Endowment
Carlton Thorpe Daley Fund
Daniel Lee "Dan" Eldreth Memorial Endowment
Duplin Co. Unrestricted Endowment
Ed and Dorothy Carter Foundation
Greene Co. Fund

John W. Roffe & Marjorie A. Roffe Endowment
Johnston Co Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Margaret L. and Calvin G. Caviness Endowment
Martha Frances Pruitt Endowment Fund
Moore Women - A Giving Circle Gift Fund
Richard Chapman Cleve Fund
Warren Co Unrestricted Endowment

Prevent Blindness North Carolina is thrilled to introduce the 2025-2026 Ambassador Team Gavin and Ashley, a mother-son duo who bring energy and passion to our sight-saving mission. Ashley brings a unique and personal perspective to the world of vision care, both as a school nurse and as someone living with visual impairment. Her son, Gavin, also recently experienced a sudden loss of vision, giving their family firsthand insight into the challenges of vision issues. Their powerful journey and shared commitment to raising awareness make them outstanding ambassadors for 2025-2026.





4011 Westchase Blvd
Suite 180
Raleigh, NC 27607

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
RALEIGH NC
PERMIT 579

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Our mission is to prevent blindness and preserve sight
through direct services and programs, education, and advocacy.**

Please consider a financial gift to support our life-changing programs today:

Mail a Donation:

Prevent Blindness NC
4011 Westchase Blvd. Suite 180
Raleigh, NC 27607



Give Securely Online:

Visit: www.pbnc.org/support
or scan the QR Code for
one-time or recurring gifts.