President’s Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Innovations in modern medicine now allow us to treat almost any eye disease, yet it is only part of the solution. People must be made aware of their potential for developing eye diseases in order to become motivated to seek medical care. Early detection is essential and critical to prevent blindness.

It is the mission of Prevent Blindness Northern California to reach out into the communities of northern California and preserve the gift of sight. We screen, educate and support people who are at risk of developing blinding eye diseases.

Our success stories are numerous. We strive not only to save sight, but also to transform the lives of individuals and their families. Our small but dedicated staff and our many (500+) devoted volunteer members, we run an exceptionally efficient program. This report summarizes our activities in the year 2007-2008.

With the hiring of our new CEO and the development of strong partnerships, we are well poised to develop even stronger programs and more outreach into the communities of northern California. Our successes can only be accomplished with your support and assistance. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Stamper, MD
President of the Board

Aging Eye Symposium

PBNC’s first annual public symposium, Morning with the Sight Savers Eye Health for Adults, was held June 9, 2007 in San Francisco. More than 150 attendees were educated through lectures on diabetic retinopathy, cataract, glaucoma, and more. Many questions from the audience were answered by our speakers, six distinguished Bay Area ophthalmologists.

Redding Office

The Redding Branch Office celebrates eight years of sight saving services! Benny, now 8 years old, is featured on the front cover. He was attending preschool when PBNC referred him for a complete eye exam. As a result, Benny received treatment that improved his quality of life through better vision. Benny is one of many children whose vision problems have been detected by our screening program, allowing children to have the best sight possible.

Vision Screening and Professional Education

In 2007, with our staff of three full-time and three part-time employees, and more than 500 volunteers, we provided direct vision screening services to over 25,000 children, saving many from permanent sight loss.

Also in 2007, PBNC staff educators taught and certified PBNC Teams, child-care providers, and nurses from CHDP, Head Start, and Migrant Head Start, on the importance and proper techniques of children’s vision screening. Forty-five certification classes were given with 934 participants coming from approximately 25 northern California counties. An estimated 100,000 children received accurate vision screening as a result of PBNC’s Children’s Vision Screening and Professional Education Programs.

Student Health Professional Program

In 2008, we continued to expand our Student Health Professional Program which teaches Student Health Professionals (SHPs) the importance and correct techniques of preschool vision screening. After completing the PBNC certification class, the SHPs perform vision screenings at assigned community preschools as part of their clinical rotations. As a result, children at local preschools receive this valuable service free of charge, and the SHPs enter the medical job market with skills and motivation to perform valid children’s vision screening.

Adults’ Vision Screening Program

Our Adults’ Vision Screening Program reached 425 people this year, many of whom live in rural areas with limited access to healthcare. Thirteen of those screened are now receiving treatment for glaucoma, ‘the sneak thief of sight.’

Success Stories

Dear Prevent Blindness Northern California,

Good thing! We had no idea that Caralyne has 20/200 vision in one eye. She showed no sign that her sight was that poor.

Sincerely,

Michele

Coping With Sight Loss In Print and Online, 9th Edition

We have updated and re-published our 110-page resource guide, Coping With Sight Loss In Northern California. We have mailed out over 5,000 copies of this 9th Edition and continue to fulfill additional requests daily. Coping With Sight Loss is also online at www.eyefno.org. The website has been redesigned to be more accessible for people with low vision, including those using screen readers. To further improve accessibility, we have also added a button to provide high contrast / text size increase. This year the site had over 384,000 hits.

Good vision is irreplaceable. A gift to Prevent Blindness Northern California helps save sight. Remembering Prevent Blindness Northern California in your will is a way to protect future generations from needless sight loss.

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Statement of Activities

YEARS ENDING MARCH 31, 2008 AND 2007

PREVENT BLINDNESS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

2008  2007

REVENUE
Contributions $103,657 $167,217
Programs, Meetings, & Miscellaneous 90,857 107,302
Fund Raising & Leagues 469,456 462,775
Net Investment Income 32,594 38,435
Net Realized & Unrealized Gain (Loss) 58,296 43,836
877,273 757,866
Unrestricted Restricted Revenue 728,262 745,091
Permanently Restricted Revenue 149 45
TOTAL REVENUE $877,456 $760,146

EXPENSES
Program Services $148,970 $147,837
Education 694,310 586,115
Total Program Services 843,280 733,952

Research, Education, & Program Development 17,047 8,136
Total Supporting Services 87,106 81,086
TOTAL EXPENSES 510,386 451,138

NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS $324,069 $309,008

NET ASSETS BEGINNING YEAR
Unrestricted $2,077,133 $2,162,196
Temporarily Restricted 2,833 2,770
Permanently Restricted 11,490 11,490
TOTAL NET ASSETS BEGINNING YEAR $2,077,139 $2,162,196

NET ASSETS END YEAR
Unrestricted $2,380,291 $2,387,133
Temporarily Restricted 3,535 3,535
Permanently Restricted 11,880 11,880
TOTAL NET ASSETS END YEAR $2,387,306 $2,387,306

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