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**Prevent Blindness America Names
Jim Mazzo, Abbott Medical Optics Inc., as
2013 Person of Vision Award Recipient**

CHICAGO (Dec. 5, 2012) – Prevent Blindness America (PBA), the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight, has chosen Jim Mazzo, senior vice president, Abbott, and president, Abbott Medical Optics, as the recipient of its 2013 Person of Vision Award. The award will be presented to Mazzo at the PBA Person of Vision Dinner on Feb. 2, 2013 at the Balboa Bay Club & Resort in Newport Beach, Calif.

The PBA Person of Vision Award recognizes an individual or corporation for outstanding leadership and dedication in the field of vision and eye health. Mazzo is being recognized by PBA for his career accomplishments and leadership in the eye health and eye care industry which includes senior executive-level positions at both AMO and Allergan. He has committed personal time to education, serving on several university boards as well as supporting other non-profits including Prevent Blindness America, the University of California, Irvine and the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute.

The chairperson of the 2013 Person of Vision Committee is Julian Gangolli, president of Allergan North America. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$300 or \$3,000 for a table of 10. Ticket prices include cocktails, a full-course dinner and awards ceremony.

Abbott Medical Optics Inc. and Allergan Inc. will serve as the gold sponsors. Additional sponsorships are still available. All proceeds from the event will go to support the sight-saving programs from Prevent Blindness America.

“We are excited to recognize Mr. Jim Mazzo for his commitment to eye health through his many years of leadership in the vision industry as well as his philanthropic efforts,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. “We invite everyone to join us in Southern California for this special evening to show their support and honor Mr. Mazzo for his work in ending preventable vision loss.”

For more information including committee membership, sponsorship opportunities, and reservations, please contact Danielle Disch at (312) 363-6022, ddisch@preventblindness.org, or visit preventblindness.org/pov2013.

About Prevent Blindness America

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness America touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates and regional offices, Prevent Blindness America is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at preventblindness.org or facebook.com/preventblindness.

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