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Prevent Blindness Announces Call for Applications For the 2015 Joanne Angle Investigator Award

Annual Grant Provides Funding for Sight-Saving Research

CHICAGO (Jan. 15, 2015) – Prevent Blindness, the nation’s oldest volunteer eye health and safety organization, is announcing the call for applications for its 2015 Joanne Angle Investigator Award. The Award is a research grant provided annually to a public health project that seeks to help save sight.

To date, the Investigator Award program has awarded more than \$1 million to eye and vision research projects since its inception in 2003. The program is part of the non-profit group’s more than 100-year-old mission to prevent unnecessary vision loss. The award is named for Ms. Joanne Angle who served on the National Board of Directors for Prevent Blindness, and both its Government Affairs and Audit committees, in addition to her work with the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO).

The deadline for the twelfth annual Joanne Angle Investigator Award is March 6, 2015. Grants are for a one-year period, up to \$30,000, reviewed by a panel of scientists, and commence on July 1, 2015.

The 2015 Joanne Angle Investigator Award provides funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. All research grants must promote the core mission of Prevent Blindness: preventing blindness and preserving sight. Basic laboratory science research will not be supported under this program.

Applications will be accepted in the following priority areas in adult vision, children’s vision, or eye injury:

- Burden/economic aspects of eye disease/vision loss on society
- Best practices to integrate vision screening/follow up care to system care access
- Vision program effectiveness/evaluation

“Supporting research has been part of the core mission of Prevent Blindness since its inception in 1908,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. “More than

100 years later, we continue to support projects that help to protect the vision health of adults and children.”

The 2014 Investigator Award was provided to Agnes Wong, MD, PhD, FRCSC, John and Melinda Thompson Chair in Vision Neurosciences and Ophthalmologist-in-Chief at The Hospital for Sick Children, and Professor and Vice Chair of Research and Academic Affairs, Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences at the University of Toronto, for her study, “Screening for Eye Problems in Preschool Children.”

For more information or to submit an application for the 2015 Joanne Angle Investigator Award, please visit www.preventblindness.org/investigator-awards, or call Prevent Blindness at (800) 331-2020.

About Prevent Blindness

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness 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 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 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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