



MEDIA ADVISORY

Prevent Blindness to Co-host Free “Healthy Sight for Life: A Diabetes and Eye Health Fair”

- WHAT:** Chicago-based [Prevent Blindness](https://preventblindness.org) will be co-hosting the “**Healthy Sight for Life: A Diabetes and Eye Health Fair**,” in collaboration with the [Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness](https://illinois.preventblindness.org), [The Chicago Lighthouse](https://chicagolighthouse.org), the [National Center for Children’s Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness](https://nationalcenterforchildrensvision.org), and Visionarizm. This event is sponsored in part by Genentech.
- WHEN, WHERE:** **Monday, June 23, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.**
Chicago Cultural Center
GAR Rotunda 2nd Floor North
78 E. Washington St.
Chicago, IL 60602
- WHY:** Because diabetes is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States, Prevent Blindness and its collaborating partners are offering a free event to educate the public on the crucial link between diabetes and eye health. The “Healthy Sight for Life: A Diabetes and Eye Health Fair” is open to the general public, including people living with diabetes and their families. Event activities include **expert presentations on diabetes and eye health, eye health/vision screenings**, a vision mural art project, **a fashion show** by a low vision artist, availability of mental health and vision resources, and more.

Speaker Agenda and On-site Interview Opportunities Include:

- **Jeff Todd, President and CEO of Prevent Blindness**
- **Julie Grutzmacher, MSW, MPH, Director of Patient Advocacy + Population Health Initiatives**
- **Patricia Grant, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer, The Lauren M. Ross Chair in Low Vision Research, The Chicago Lighthouse**
- **Elyse Fineman, MPH, MHA, Executive Director, Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness**
- **Patient advocate Stephanie Nunn, MPA, Founder of Visionarizm, LLC**

For more information, please go to:

<https://preventblindness.org/calendar/healthy-sight-for-life-diabetes-eye-health-fair/>

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