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Jim McGrann, Advancing Eyecare, Named as the 2026 Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award Recipient

- Annual Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award Gala, held at Vision Expo in Orlando, Fla., to Honor Jim McGrann, President and CEO of Advancing Eyecare -

CHICAGO (Sept. 18, 2025) – [Prevent Blindness](#), the nation's leading non-profit patient advocacy organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight, announced today that the [2026 Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award](#) will be presented to Jim McGrann, president and CEO of [Advancing Eyecare](#). The Person of Vision Award gala will be held on March 11, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, Fla., in conjunction with [Vision Expo](#). All proceeds from the event support the sight-saving mission and efforts of Prevent Blindness.

The Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award recognizes an individual whose inspired outlook champions healthy vision and its importance for a healthy life. McGrann was selected by a volunteer committee for his decades-long leadership and dedication to the vision industry and the cause of improving vision and eye health for all.

"Jim McGrann exemplifies service and dedication," said Jeff Todd, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. "He is a passionate ambassador for Prevent Blindness and has helped guide our organization through years of growth as we increase our impact on the vision and eye health of those across the country."

McGrann has more than 40 years of experience in business and the vision industry. He began his career as a management consultant with Accenture, PwC, and IBM Global Services, and was a partner at Ernst & Young. He has also had leadership positions at Professional Eye Care Associates of America (PECAA), Percept Corp., Marchon, VSP Global and VSP Vision Care. He serves on the board of directors at National Vision and previously served on the board of directors at both Keplr Vision and Ocuco. McGrann holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University.

Currently, McGrann is serving as Vice Chair of [The Vision Council](#), and the Chair of the Prevent Blindness Board of Directors, with his board term concluding in November of this year. Additionally, he has been a tireless volunteer for the organization for many years, serving on the Prevent Blindness Finance Committee and various event committees, including the Swing Fore Sight golf outings and past Person of Vision galas.

Maureen Cavanagh, Advancing Eyecare, is once again serving as the 2026 Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Committee Chair. To date, additional committee members include Marge Axelrad, editorial director emeritus, *Vision Monday* (VM); Deb Bulken,

Luxottica Wholesale; Marc Ferrara, Jobson Medical Information; Bart Foster, BusinessOutside; Dr. Justin Manning, PECAA; Jamie Shyer, Zyloware Eyewear; Andy Skitmore, Marchon; and Kristen Tischler, Advancing Eyecare.

“The Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Gala offers Vision Expo attendees the opportunity to meet and network with leaders in the vision industry and beyond,” said Matthew MacDonald, president of EyeMed Vision, and chair-elect of the Prevent Blindness Board of Directors. “We invite everyone to join us for a wonderful evening celebrating Jim, his contributions to the vision industry and his leadership at Prevent Blindness.”

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, Person of Vision Award committee volunteer opportunities, and tickets, please contact Albert Muci at amuci@preventblindness.org, or visit PreventBlindness.org/personofvision.

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, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, visit us at PreventBlindness.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Threads](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#).

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