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**Call for Applications Issued For the 2014 Joanne Angle
Investigator Award from Prevent Blindness**

Grants Provide Funding for Sight-Saving Research

CHICAGO (Jan. 29, 2014) . Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest volunteer eye health and safety organization, is announcing the call for applications for its 2014 Joanne Angle Investigator Award. The Award is a research grant provided annually to a public health project that seeks to help save sight.

The award was recently renamed the 2014 Joanne Angle Investigator Award to honor the work and dedication of Ms. Joanne Angle. She served with the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) from 1990-2012, while supporting vision researchers and their work. Angle also served on the National Board of Directors for Prevent Blindness, and both its Government Affairs and Audit committees.

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 deadline for the eleventh annual Joanne Angle Investigator Award is March 31, 2014. Grants are for a one-year period, up to \$30,000, reviewed by a panel of scientists, and commence on July 1, 2014.

The 2014 Joanne Angle Investigator Award provides funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. 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 eye and vision research today is crucial to finding the answers to blinding eye diseases and conditions. By starting the next decade of this sight-saving program,

we can help to make a real difference in the lives those who have, or potentially could have, significant vision loss,+said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. %And, by renaming this initiative as the Joanne Angle Investigator Award, we honor Ms. Angle's legacy as a pioneer and leader in this important field.+

The 2013 Investigator Award was provided to Lyne Racette, PhD, assistant professor at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute, Department of Ophthalmology at Indiana University in Indianapolis, Ind., for her study, %The effectiveness of motivational interviewing to improve adherence to glaucoma treatment in patients of African descent.+

For more information or to submit an application for the 2014 Joanne Angle Investigator Award, please visit www.preventblindness.org/investigator-awards, or call (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, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call (800) 331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at preventblindness.org or facebook.com/preventblindness.

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