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**Prevent Blindness Announces Call for Applications
for the 2016 Joanne Angle Investigator Award**

Grant Provides Funding for Sight-Saving Research

CHICAGO (Jan. 6, 2016) – Prevent Blindness, the nation’s oldest volunteer eye health and safety organization, is announcing the call for applications for its 2016 Joanne Angle Investigator Award. The Award is a grant provided annually to a public health research project that seeks to put an end to unnecessary vision loss.

More than \$1 million has been awarded since its inception in 2003 to eye and vision research projects. The award has been 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 thirteenth annual Joanne Angle Investigator Award is March 7, 2016 at noon Eastern Time. Grants are for a one-year period, up to \$30,000, reviewed by a panel of scientists, and commence on July 1, 2016.

The 2016 Joanne Angle Investigator Award provides funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. 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

All research grants need to promote the core mission of Prevent Blindness – preventing blindness and preserving sight. Basic laboratory science research will not be supported under this program.

“The Joanne Angle Investigator Award is part of our ongoing efforts to provide much-needed funds to those in the research community in helping us advance to our ultimate

goal of saving sight for all,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness.

The 2015 Investigator Award was provided to Gayathri Srinivasan, OD, MS, FAAO, an Assistant Professor, at the New England College of Optometry, for her study, “Approaches for Identifying Children, Birth to Three Years of Age, at Risk of Having Vision Problems – Novel Visual Development Assessment Tool; Behavioral Screening; Photoscreening – A Pilot Study.”

For more information or to submit an application for the 2016 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, 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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