MISSION: POB is dedicated to the improvement and preservation of sight by providing services, education, advocacy and innovation.

REACH: POB serves the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's counties of Maryland, and Northern Virginia

HISTORY: Founded in 1936 by May B. Vories and Dr. William H. Wilmer, founding director of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins.

PROGRAMS:

- The Aging Eye, Macular Degeneration and Stargardt’s networks offer monthly lectures and support group meetings for the community to learn about vision health from a trusted source.

- The Low Vision Learning Center helps those with low vision retain their independence through personalized rehabilitation programs and counseling support.

- The Eyeglasses for the Needy program provides affordable eyeglasses to thousands of low-income and homeless individuals each year.

- POB screens thousands of adults each year for glaucoma, a dangerous eye disease that often presents no symptoms in early stages. Half of Americans with glaucoma don’t know they have it.

- POB also tests 8,000 children each year for distance acuity, amblyopia and strabismus, providing early detection of problems to help prevent vision loss and related learning disabilities.

SUPPORT:

- Make a donation at youreyes.org
- Attend the annual Night of Vision® gala in March
- Attend the annual Eye Run for POB 5K & fun run in August
- Shop at or donate gently used items to the Look Again resale and antique shops in Alexandria, Va. and Kensington, Md.
- Learn about named gift opportunities in POB’s new headquarters through the Campaign for the Future

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