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**Prevent Blindness Honors Former First Lady Laura Bush
With the 2015 Person of Vision Award**

CHICAGO (Nov. 10, 2015) – Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest volunteer eye health and safety organization, honored Former First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Laura Bush, as the recipient of the 2015 Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award. The award was presented at the Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Dinner on Nov. 5 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

The annual Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award recognizes an individual for outstanding leadership and dedication in the field of vision and eye health. The award was presented to Mrs. Bush in recognition for her dedication to children's literacy efforts and advocating the importance of healthy eyesight in helping children succeed today and in the future.

Event sponsors included Allergan, Genentech, Atlantic Trust, Drinker, Biddle & Reath, Glaukos, Notal Vision, Richard & Linda Elias Foundation, Zyloware, Alabama Vision Coalition, Associated Bank, Epsilon, the Illinois College of Optometry, Jobson Medical, Lions Clubs International, Local Eye Site, Magnetrol International Inc., Pascale Communications, Phillip Warth, Regeneron, Spectrios Center, UAB Callahan Eye Hospital, The Vision Council and VSP. All proceeds from the event went to support Prevent Blindness programs.

"It was our esteemed privilege to present Mrs. Bush with our highest honor and express our tremendous appreciation for her lifelong dedication to improving the lives of our future generations," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. "And, on behalf of the Prevent Blindness family, I want to thank our event sponsors and attendees for helping to make this event a success."

For more information about the Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award, Prevent Blindness or general eye health, please call (800) 331-2020 or visit preventblindness.org.

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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