



Eye care and glasses for Georgia's underprivileged seniors

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided funding to allow Prevent Blindness Georgia to collaborate with senior citizen service agencies, in the state, to provide on-site vision clinics for adults over 55, who qualify. To qualify the person may not have any other way to have an eye exam or receive glasses and their income must be at or below 200% of poverty.

Clients receive:

- **FREE** complete vision screenings
- **FREE** eye examinations for glasses and eye pressure checks
- **FREE** exam for glaucoma and cataracts
- **FREE** EYEGLASSES, IF NEEDED

Prevent Blindness provides:

- Vision Screening for 16 to 18 adults
- Eye Examinations for people who fail the vision screening
- Consultation and referral options for people who are suspected of having eye disease
- Access to low cost eye glasses

Collaborating agency provides:

- One staff member to help on the day of the clinic
- 18 qualified adults, scheduled to participate in the clinic, with a waiting list of 3 people
- A large space for clinic set up and a room, that can be darkened, for the doctor
- Qualification of each participant by age and need

Prevent Blindness Georgia has been an invaluable partner to St. Joseph's by providing our homeless clients with eye care services that are desperately needed. Because of this program, we are able to offer glasses to every participant who needs them. Receiving a reliable pair of glasses means many of our clients are able to go back to work and perform simple tasks such as reading again. Without our existing partnership, the homeless of this community would not have access to eye care at all.

—Rod Stuldivant, Multi-Site Clinic Manager *St. Joseph's Mercy Care Services*

Our partners across the state currently include:

- Walton Options for Independent Living (Augusta, Waynesboro, Warrenton)
- Primary Healthcare of Dade, Inc. (Trenton)
- Atlanta Regional Commission, Area Aging Agency (10 counties surrounding Atlanta)

**If you would like to learn more about these services,
contact Peggy Mackenzie at 404-266-2895.**

