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**Prevent Blindness Announces Call for Nominations for
2018 Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence
in Vision and Public Health**

***Recipient to be Honored at 2018 Focus on Eye Health National Summit in
Washington, DC***

CHICAGO (Sept. 20, 2017) – [Prevent Blindness](#), the nation's oldest volunteer eye health and safety organization, is issuing a call for nominations for the [2018 Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health](#). The Award recognizes an individual, team, or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of public health, and vision and eye health at a community, state, national, and/or international level.

The award is named for Mrs. Jenny Pomeroy, who served as CEO of [Prevent Blindness Georgia](#) from 1996 until 2013, and was a tireless advocate for the role of public health in vision and eye care services and programs. A subcommittee of the all-volunteer Prevent Blindness Public Health and Policy Committee will review all nominations and select the award recipient.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 27, 2017, at noon, Eastern Time. The award consists of formal acknowledgement and a commemorative plaque to be presented at the 7th Annual Prevent Blindness [Focus on Eye Health National Summit](#) in Washington, D.C., on July 18, 2018.

To receive the award, the recipient must be available to present at the 2018 Focus on Eye Health National Summit. Domestic travel expenses will be covered from anywhere in the United States by Prevent Blindness. If travel is international, Prevent Blindness will reimburse airfare up to \$600.

Nominations for the Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health should include:

- Completion of the [nomination form](#).

- A 500-word (or less) description of why the nominee is deserving of this award. Descriptions should be concise and specific and clearly demonstrate the nominee's commitment to vision and eye health and public health along with the number of years the nominee has been working in the area of vision and public health.
- A one-page biographical sketch (or vita) of the nominee or one-page background of the team/organization
- In addition to the above information, you may also provide any additional materials you feel are relevant to the nomination (please limit this to less than 10 pages).
- *Please note: Submissions not adhering to the above submission guidelines (page limits, word count, etc.) will not be reviewed.*

“Advocacy and public health plays an integral role in our mission in bringing Americans to eye care,” said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. “Through the Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health, we are able to recognize these important efforts that seek to protect the gift of sight.”

The 2017 Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health was awarded to John E. Crews, DPA, recently retired from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The 2016 Award was given to Bruce Moore, OD, Marcus Professor of Pediatric Studies, New England College of Optometry.

For more information or to submit a nomination for the Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health, please contact Nita Patel Sinha, director of Public Health, at (800) 331-2020 or npatelsinha@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 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at preventblindness.org or facebook.com/preventblindness.

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