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**Prevent Blindness Oklahoma
Celebrating 19th Anniversary of Sip for Sight**

TULSA, OKLAHOMA – Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, a statewide non-profit organization, will be celebrating the 19th anniversary of Tulsa’s longest-running wine gala event. Sip for Sight events include a Patron Dinner and Grand Wine Tasting Gala.

The Patron Dinner will be held on Friday, April 16th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ron LaButti, in the historic Maple Ridge. The evening will kick off with a champagne toast, followed by an exquisite multi-course meal prepared by Tulsa celebrated chef, Tuck Curren of The Local Table and Biga. Each course will be paired with fine wines from the Frederick Wildman portfolio. The evening will conclude with a live auction hosted by Jay Litchfield. Reservations are required for this exclusive event.

The Grand Wine Tasting Gala will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 7:00pm at OSU-Tulsa’s main hall. Tulsa’s longest-running wine gala will provide guests with wine offerings from over 70 vintners, and some of the finest ales and noshes. Guests will also enjoy food sampling from some of the finest Tulsa area restaurants. In addition, the Gala boasts an extraordinary silent auction, and the opportunity to try their luck at the “wine pull”.

Tickets for this event are available to the public.

Participating restaurants for the Grand Wine Tasting Gala include: Bodean Seafood, El Caballo Mexican Grille, Celebrity Restaurant, Chalkboard, Charleston’s, Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, The French Hen, Garlic Rose Brookside, Green Onion, KEO Asian Cuisine, Leon’s, Ludger’s Cakes, The Melting Pot, and Polo Grill, plus more to come.

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Proud sponsors for these events include: The Gelvin Foundation, Tamra & David Sheehan, River Spirit Casino, American Airlines, Bryan Close, Odyssey Digital Printing, OSU-Tulsa, Glazer's Oklahoma, KRMG- News Talk 740, Tulsa People, The Eye and Vision Center – Jennifer Reynolds, O.D., Ralph and Francis McGill Foundation, Stephanie and Thomas Regan, Kim Smith, Couch Construction, Melanie and Jason Sherl, Kristen and Matt Crew, and Debbie and David Murawa.

The Sip for Sight honorary event chair is David Sheehan, Jr., and the chair of the event is Stephanie Regan.

Proceeds from Sip for Sight will benefit Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated exclusively to preserving sight and preventing blindness. Established in 1965, Prevent Blindness Oklahoma provides sight-saving programs in all 77 Oklahoma counties. During the 2009 - 2010 school year, Prevent Blindness Oklahoma will provide free vision screenings to over 250,000 Oklahoma children. Prevent Blindness Oklahoma relies solely on grants and private donations and does not receive any state, federal or United Way money.

All guests to Sip for Sight events must be 21 and older to attend. Tickets for the Sip for Sight Patron Dinner are \$250 per person. Tickets for the Grand Wine Tasting Gala are \$75 per person. For additional information, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, or to purchase tickets, contact Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, 918-496-3484, or visit www.sipforsight.com.

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