The eye is a truly remarkable structure—some see a window to the soul; we see a window to the future.

For 60 years, Research to Prevent Blindness has been committed to seeing that future clearly.
The Start

In 1960, Jules Stein, a trained ophthalmologist turned successful businessman, started a nonprofit organization to strategically and effectively **stimulate more intensive and extensive eye research** across the country.

Eight years into its existence, RPB successfully completed its campaign to bring about the creation of the **National Eye Institute**.

In the following years, RPB helped to create and elevate many **departments of ophthalmology** around the country—departments that lead the vision research field today.

That was just the warm-up!
At any given time, hundreds of RPB-supported researchers around the country are working on research projects related to every area of vision science.

RPB has provided more than $377 million in funding to talented scientists and departments of ophthalmology, supporting research in ways that no one else can.

From investing in early-career researchers, to supporting high-risk, high-reward research projects from seasoned investigators, including three Nobel Laureates, RPB has become synonymous with scientific excellence.

RPB’s influence is apparent in nearly every major breakthrough in eye care.

And the discoveries keep coming!

Each year, more than 1,000 newly published scientific studies cite RPB support.

RPB also supports strategic educational and advocacy activities that positively impact the field at large—enabling a robust vision research pipeline that seeds future innovation.
Research to Prevent Blindness funds the best researchers in the most effective labs asking the most important questions.

Sixty years since our founding, we’re laser-focused on our mission, and we’re so glad you’re with us.

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