



## **Prevent Blindness Indiana announces speaker for 2009 Sight for Life Luncheon**

Joel N. Zaba, M.A., O.D., will be the featured speaker at the Oct. 16, 2009 Sight for Life Luncheon benefitting Prevent Blindness Indiana. Dr. Zaba is an optometrist who has studied the relationship between vision and learning, school and workplace performance and social-emotional problems.

Dr. Zaba lectures throughout the United States on the topic of vision and learning. He is the author of numerous articles on the relationship of children, vision and learning. He has worked as a practitioner and researcher in the field of optometry for more than 37 years.

He has maintained a private practice in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, VA, since 1972 where he specializes in learning-related vision problems in children and adults.

For more than a decade, Dr. Zaba served as the vision consultant to the Norfolk, VA, public school system. He also has been a part-time faculty member of Old Dominion University's School of Continuing Education. For 10 years Dr. Zaba was a consulting editor to the Journal of Learning Disabilities and for 12 years was a consulting editor for the Journal of Behavioral Optometry.

Dr. Zaba served as the chairman of the Communications Division of the American Optometric Association and as a spokesperson for the Vision Council of America. Dr. Zaba has appeared on numerous television and radio programs such as NBC's "Today" show, CNN, and USA Network's "Alive and Well".

Dr. Zaba received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of William and Mary in 1966, a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in 1969, and a Master of Arts degree from the Institute for Child Study of the University of Maryland in 1971.

*The mission of Prevent Blindness Indiana is to prevent blindness and preserve sight. We do this for Indiana residents through screening, follow-up treatment, education and public awareness.*

*Our vision for all Hoosiers is Sight for Life.*

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