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BLOCK COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND ALLAN BLOCK HONORED AT THE 2009 PEOPLE OF VISION AWARDS DINNER

TOLEDO, OH – Block Communications, Inc. and Allan Block, Chairman, were recognized for their outstanding visionary leadership and philanthropic work in Northwest Ohio at Prevent Blindness Ohio's 6th annual People of Vision Awards Dinner. Brooks Insurance Agency and President Dennis Johnson hosted the event at The Toledo Club on Thursday, March 5, 2009. Chrys Peterson, WTOL- TV Channel 11 news anchor, emceed the event.

The People of Vision Award was established in 1985 by Prevent Blindness Ohio to honor and recognize visionary organizations and their top leadership for the outstanding work they have undertaken to enhance the quality of life within their communities. The premise of the *People of Vision Awards* is that our community is enriched by such leadership which reflects a "vision of community" to be celebrated and emulated. It's been recognized as one of Northwest Ohio's premier charitable events. More than 150 community leaders attended the event and raised more than \$64,000 to support the sight-saving programs of Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Half of all blindness is preventable and the number of blind and visually impaired is expected to double by the year 2030 if nothing is done to address the problem. Furthermore, it is estimated that the economic impact of visual disorders and disabilities costs approximately \$51.4 billion annually.

Prevent Blindness Ohio, founded in 1957, is Ohio's leading volunteer nonprofit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. We serve all 88 Ohio counties, providing direct services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually and educating millions of consumers about what they can do to protect and preserve their precious gift of sight. Prevent Blindness Ohio is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, the country's second-oldest national voluntary health organization. For more information or to make a contribution, visit our website at www.pbOhio.org or call 800-301-2020.



Host Dennis Johnson, President of Brooks Insurance Agency, and Honoree Allan Block, Chairman of Block Communications, Inc.

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