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Dr. George Primbs Appointed SEE International Trustee Emeritus

April 28, Santa Barbara – The SEE International Board of Directors announced at its most recent meeting, on April 27th, 2016, that it has appointed Dr. George Primbs, M.D., FACS, to the position of Trustee Emeritus of the nonprofit organization. A founding member of SEE, Dr. Primbs retired from the board in February.

As an ophthalmologist and eye surgeon, Dr. Primbs has specialized in the diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. He has provided free eye examinations for people with diabetes, and the medically underserved, through SEE's Santa Barbara Vision Care Program (SBVCP) since the early 1980's. The SBVCP has provided free eye care to more than 56,000 community members, including over 1,600 in 2015. The clinic provides a vital safety net for tens of thousands of low-income men, women, and children in Santa Barbara County who cannot afford quality vision care.

“Every single Santa Barbara resident who’s ever spoken to me about Dr. Primbs has spoken glowingly of him,” says Randal Avolio, President & CEO of SEE. “They are consistently in awe of his humanitarian efforts, as well as his commitment to serving Santa Barbara County.”

Dr. Primbs received his medical degree from UCLA School of Medicine, and completed his surgical internship at UCLA Hospital. After serving as an eye surgeon and Captain in the U.S. Air Force, he earned his ophthalmology degree from UCLA. Dr. Primbs worked as an ophthalmologist in private practice in Santa Barbara from



1962 to 1995. He remains extremely active in nonprofit organizations, as reflected by his continued involvement with SEE International. Today, Dr. Primbs is Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA Medical Center, and a researcher at the Neuroscience Institute at University of California.

Dr. Primbs has received many prestigious awards, including: the Lions Sight and Hearing Award, in 1994; the Jules Stein Eye Institute Teaching Award at UCLA, in 2003; and, the W.D. Sansum Award for distinguished service to the community, in 2013.

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About SEE International

SEE International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization that provides medical, surgical, and educational services by volunteer ophthalmic surgeons with the primary objective of restoring sight to disadvantaged blind individuals worldwide. Since 1974, SEE has examined over 3.6 million men, women, and children, and performed more than 440,000 sight-restoring surgeries.

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