



Vision To Learn Brings Free Glasses to Kids

WILLIAM H. HANNON FOUNDATION PROVIDES ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR GRANT
TO VISION TO LEARN TO HELP FUND FREE VISION CARE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Vision To Learn provides free eye exams and free glasses to kids in low-income communities

Los Angeles, CA (March 2014) - Vision To Learn has received an additional two-year grant commitment from the William H. Hannon Foundation to provide free eye exams and free glasses to students in selected Los Angeles Schools. The William H. Hannon Foundation was an original partner with Vision To Learn and first provided funding to the organization in 2012.

Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, said, "Vision To Learn's mission is compelling. Our Board was very impressed with the significant number of volunteers as well as the incredibly low cost structure Vision To Learn has established in bringing glasses to those children who need them the most."

Vision To Learn's doctors and opticians will take the two Los Angeles based Vision To Learn Mobile Eye Clinics directly to selected schools within Los Angeles. Vision To Learn provides on-site eye exams and a choice of glasses (including LA Dodger branded glasses) and then returns to the school three weeks after the eye exams and dispenses the selected to the children.

A recent Impact Analysis on Vision To Learn conducted by UCLA researchers concluded that low-income and minority students are disproportionately affected by lack of access to vision care. Additionally, 80% of all learning during a child's first 12 years is through vision and 95% of 1st graders in California who need glasses do not have them. 250,000 public school children in California need glasses to see the board, read a book, study math and participate in class.

Vision To Learn was created by the Beutner Family Foundation in 2012 to provide free eye exams and free glasses to kids in low-income communities and has helped over 15,000 kids since inception. The William H. Hannon Foundation was the first foundation to provide funding for the Los Angeles Roman Catholic Archdiocesan schools. In acknowledging the foundation's generosity, Austin Beutner, Vision To Learn Founder and Chairman, also noted, "Our plans are to keep working until we can provide help to each of the 250,000 kids in California who need glasses - glasses which will help the kids succeed in school and provide the foundation for a better life."

David Herbst, Board Member of the William H. Hannon Foundation, who facilitated the initial grant, commented, "Sadly, I did not realize how many children in LA can't see the board or the leaves on trees until Vision To Learn educated me on this real need. I am blessed that I am able to afford glasses for my daughters. Vision To Learn gives people the chance to help families and kids who don't have the financial resources to literally see the future that is ahead of them."

For further information and questions on the Vision To Learn Mobile Eye Clinics' scheduled visits please consult the calendar on the Vision To Learn website, visiontolearn.org, or contact us at info@visiontolearn.org. For media and other queries please contact Jamie Staugler at jstaugler@visiontolearn.org.