

Vision To Learn Receives Continued Support for Eye Glasses in Catholic Schools

Santa Monica, CA (November 4, 2019): The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$10,000 donation to Vision To Learn, a non-profit dedicated to bringing quality vision care for the nearly 2 million children nationwide who cannot afford eye exams or glasses. In Los Angeles County alone, there are 126,000 students who lack the glasses they need to see the board, read a book or study math or participate in class. The William H. Hannon Foundation was the first private foundation to support Vision To Learn when it launched in 2012 and has been an annual financial supporter every year since.

In 2018, the Foundation's funding provided eye exams and glasses at four schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles: Assumption, Holy Name of Jesus, St. Columbkille and St. Odilia. 132 students were given on-site eye exams at the schools and 113 were provided glasses at no cost.

"As a former schoolteacher, and as a parent and grandparent, I know how important it is for children to be able to not only see in the classroom but experience the beauty of the outdoors. 80% of learning during a child's first 12 years is visual. Vision To Learn is providing a hugely important service and is doing so with an innovative approach to bringing eye exams and glasses directly to schools in underserved communities. We especially appreciate their focus on utilizing our donation to help students in our local Catholic schools," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

Since its inception, Vision To Learn has provided over 226,000 eye exams and over 180,000 pairs of glasses to students across the U.S. Vision To Learn now serves children in low-income communities in more than 325 cities from Honolulu to Baltimore, becoming the largest school-based program of its kind in the nation.

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