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## The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Miami Valley Region

### Goal

The goal of the Vision Care Outreach Program (VCO) is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss and impairment by providing access to a donated system of comprehensive vision care services for uninsured and underinsured Ohio families.

### Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Adult Clients

Referring partner agencies benefit from the vision care outreach program so they can offer valuable eye care service to their clients. Partner agencies are typically social service organizations and schools such as homeless shelters, detention centers, drug/alcohol rehabilitation services, free clinics and health departments – that serve clients with multiple challenges in their lives. Often, the receipt of eye care can be the key that unlocks potential to secure employment or accelerate learning in school:

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| Access Center for Independent Living         | Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority      |
| AHEPA 113 Senior Apartments                  | Health Partners Free Clinic                |
| Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley | Lions Club District 13E                    |
| Charles Drew Health Center                   | Living Well Clinic                         |
| City of Kettering (Kettering Connection)     | MonDay Community Correctional              |
| Clark County Combined Health District        | National Church Residence/John Sales Manor |
| Community Alternative Support Services       | New Carlisle Community Health Center       |
| Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton   | Pathstone Corporation                      |
| Deaf Community Resource Center               | Reach Out of Montgomery County             |
| East Dayton Health Center                    | Schrimpf Eye Center                        |
| East End Community Services                  | Sidney Shelby County Health Department     |
| Fairborn Senior Center                       | St. Mary's Lions Club                      |
| Five Rivers Health Center                    | St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelter        |
| Fresenius Medical Center                     | Volunteers of American, Dayton VRC         |
| Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley           | Wesley Community Center, Inc.              |
| Greene County Public Health                  | Yellow Springs Senior Center               |
| Greene County Council on Aging               |  |

### Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Children

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| Belmont High School                              | Deaf Community Resource Center     |
| Catholic Central Middle/High School              | East End Community Services        |
| Centerville City Schools                         | Edison PreK-8                      |
| Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School          | Forest Elementary School           |
| Clark County Combined Health District            | Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley |
| Cleveland PreK-6 School                          | Greene County Public Health        |
| Concord Elementary School                        | Heywood Elementary School          |
| Covington Exempted Village Schools               | Horace Mann PreK-8 School          |
| David H. Ponitz Career & Tech Center High School | Kiser Pre K-8 School               |

Kyle Elementary School  
Lions Club District 13E  
Meadowdale High School  
Miami County Public Health  
Miamisburg City Schools  
Monticello Elementary School  
New Lebanon Local Schools  
Normandy Elementary  
Northcutt RTC  
Northridge Local School District  
Our Lady of the Rosary School  
Rushmore Elementary School  
St. Helen School

Stivers School for the Arts  
Thurgood Marshall STEM High School  
Troy Junior High School  
Van Cleve 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Building  
West Carrollton School District  
Wogaman School  
World of Wonder  
Wright Brothers Elementary

### **Participating Eye Care Providers**

Eye care providers donate comprehensive, professional eye exams (and surgery) at their practice for Prevent Blindness vision care outreach clients:

Dr. James Bierly  
Dr. Steven Connett  
Dr. Douglas Egbert  
Dr. Iain Kelly  
Schrimpf Eye Center  
Dr. Timothy Shafer  
Dr. Richard Slamer

Dr. Patrick Spencer  
Dr. Paul Speros  
Visionmakers of Dayton Inc.

### **Participating Optical Companies**

The Vision Industry and Optical Companies donate dispensing, fabrication, frames, lenses and shipping for VCO clients that need glasses. The VCO program standards for eyewear include frames (no more than 5 years dated), uncoated, polycarbonate lenses (safety material), single and lined bifocal lenses:

National Vision Incorporated/America's Best  
OneSight<sup>SM</sup> – A Luxottica Group Foundation  
VSP-Lab

VSP – Mobile Eyes  
VSP – Sight for Students

### **Number of Miami Valley Area Residents Served**

Last year, Prevent Blindness Ohio coordinated access to donated eye exams, glasses and follow up surgical care needed to 315 Miami Valley area residents that would have not been able to access vision services otherwise.

### **Success Stories**

It is important to us to hear from our clients and how the VCO Program has changed their lives. We ask all of our participating partner agencies to encourage their clients to complete a success story and send it to Prevent Blindness. We have made a difference to these Miami Valley, Ohio clients' lives:

Debra from Dayton wrote...

*“This program was a wonderful help for me. I was in desperate need of glasses. My minimum wage job as a driver with no medical benefits made it impossible for me to purchase glasses for myself. This program was a blessing and truly appreciated. Thank you so much for your help and the help you give to others.”*

*Crystal from Huber Heights wrote...*

*“Thank you so much! My experience was so positive! A year ago I was in fear of every time I drove anywhere out my norm. Since my cataract surgery and new glasses, I feel confident, alive and a new woman. I have been laid off 7-8 months of the past year. I would not have been able to buy new glasses. Thanks!”*