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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**

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:

Alex Central Health Center	Horace Mann Pre K-8 School (Dayton Public Schools)
Catholic Central Middle/High School	Miami County Public Health
Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley	Miamisburg City Schools
Centerville City Schools	MonDay Community Correctional
Clark County Combined Health District	Monticello Elementary School
Cleveland PreK-6 School (Dayton Public Schools)	New Lebanon Local Schools
Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton	Northridge Local School District
Corwin Nixon Health Center	Reach Out of Montgomery County
Covington Exempted Village Schools	Rushmore Elementary School
East End Community Services	Schrimpf Eye Center
Edison PreK-8 (Dayton Public Schools)	St. Helen School
Five Rivers Health Center	St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelter
Five Rivers Health Centers	Thurgood Marshall STEM High School (Dayton Public)
Good Neighbor House	Valley Forge Elementary School
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley	Van Cleve 6th Grade Building
Greene County Public Health	Wayne High School
Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority	Wesley Community Center, Inc.
Health Partners Free Clinic	West Carrollton School District
Hook Elementary School	

### **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. Tony Fenton

Dr. Iain Kelly  
Dr. Richard Slamer

Dr. Patrick Spencer  
Dr. Paul Speros

### **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 119 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!"*