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## The Problem



- **1 in 4** students have vision issues that can affect their ability to achieve in school and engage in life
- **80%** of all learning in a child's first 12 years comes through vision
- 95% of 1st graders in low-income communities who need glasses do not have them
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Graders** who are not proficient in reading are more likely to drop out of school

# **2 million** children in America lack the glasses they need to read a book, see the board or participate in class

#### The Solution





Vision To Learn provides eye exams and glasses, free of charge, to students at schools in underserved urban and rural communities

Over 390,000 kids have been helped by Vision To Learn

87% are kids of color

89% of kids served live in poverty



#### How it Works

- Vision Screening: Working with the school, each student is vision screened.
- Eye Exam: Students who do not pass are examined by an optometrist on a mobile clinic.
- **Glasses**: Students select their frames from a wide choice of sizes and styles. Vision To Learn returns to fit the glasses, and lost or broken glasses are replaced for free for one year.







## The Need in Pennsylvania

- Vision To Learn visits schools where 50%+ students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch.
- In these schools, on average:
  - 35% fail a vision screening (these students receive eye exams)
  - 90% of students examined need glasses
  - Over 90% do not regularly access vision care
- In Pennsylvania there are an estimated 125,000 kids currently enrolled in public schools that need glasses
- To date Vision To Learn has provided over 35,000 eye exams and 30,000 glasses to kids in over 400 sites





#### Our Area

Since starting in the area in Fall 2022, Vision to Learn has completed over 1200 exams and provided over 900 pairs of glasses





## Looking Ahead



- This summer we have the capacity to visit local community sites but could use <u>vour help</u>! We are looking for sponsors and locations to host our team over the summer. Know of a business that would like to sponsor a day or a community centered location that would like to host the clinic? Let us know!
- We are so excited to continue seeing students in the area next school year!
  We have over 30 buildings to visit in the Allentown and Bethlehem School districts alone.
- We are always looking for local sponsors to help us make an impact in the area! Sponsor a school, a grade, a district- We would love to highlight your organization or company on our clinic and at one of our dispensing days!



Donations help support our work and ensure that kids get the exams and glasses they need to succeed!

**\$150** helps 1 child receive vision care and glasses for a year

**\$500** provides vision screenings for an entire school

\$1,500 helps 10 kids receive vision care and glasses

**\$3,000** sponsors a day of our mobile clinic and helps 20 kids receive eye exams and glasses

**\$10,000** helps sponsor a school in your community







# Thank you! Questions?

