



January 10, 2020

David Burton, Board Chair
The Board of Trustees
Eye Care 4 Kids Foundation and subordinate Chapters

RE: Year End Report 2019

Dear Board,

I am proud to report that the number of people Eye Care 4 Kids has helped is well over 300,000. These are underserved children and their families, whose vision needs are not being met.

There are over 25% of school-age children who have vision problems. This number rises to almost 40% for children raised in poverty. A large number of these children, through no fault of their own, do not have access to professional vision care. As we know early detection and treatment of eye problems for children should be a major public health goal. The earlier a vision problem is diagnosed and treated the less likely it is to have a negative impact on a child's education and development.

Since 2001 Eye Care 4 Kids has helped provide professional eyecare to these children. EC4K been helping children succeed in the classroom and prepare them for life. This is a child's education. This is literacy. If a child can't see he or she can't read or learn or see the teacher clearly.

Eye Care 4 Kids is a 501(C) (3), charitable organization founded in 2001 by Joseph G. Carbone, Jan Carbone and Dee W. Hadley in Utah. Today our clinics nationally and internationally serve nearly 50,000 people annually. The practice is dedicated to providing vision screenings, eye examinations and eyeglasses to low income and underserved children and their families. Eye Care 4 Kids is registered and licensed in all the states it operates. The employees are State Licensed Eyecare professionals and local support staff.

Additional patients are served in rural areas and on Native American reservations with our three Mobile Eye Care Clinics. Thousands of children have been helped, on the reservations, since 2003. Expressions of thanks and tears of joy have been expressed during these trips. These trips have historically been funded by American Express.

We are celebrating!

- 97% of every dollar donated to **EC4K** goes directly to its programs of providing professional eyecare for low to moderate income persons!
- Increased the number of persons we assist annually.
- We were part of the "Light the World" "Giving Machines" Campaign.
- Expanded our Social Media Campaigns.

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EC4K has:

- Commenced with the Capital Campaign in Utah
- Expanded the donor base in all states we operate in.
- Expanded and remodeled its corporate office and Brinley clinic in Nevada.
- Expanded it's BOT
- Had a successful Open House and Meet & Greet in Las Vegas.
- Collaborated with Rutgers School of Medicine in Newark.
- Made International Humanitarian trips to Rwanda, Kenya, South and Central America.
- A total of eight clinics in Utah, Nevada, New Jersey and Arizona.
- Negotiated with the Alhambra School District in Phoenix to open a School Based Vision Clinic in the April of 2020.
- Talked with Chicago Public Schools to open a clinic in Chicago in 2021.
- Continued the International Humanitarian Outreach in Rwanda and Kenya.
- Is credentialed to accept Medicare in Utah.
- Received an overwhelming amount of good publicity in dozens of print and TV interviews as well as thousands of Social media posts.
- Expanded its ability to take other insurances in the states we operate.
- Commenced Sight the World, the Virtual Clinic. Any Child Any Where
- Partner labs in Utah, Arizona to assist with the Fabrication of eyeglasses.

Eye Care 4 Kids in conjunction with Indiana University (IU) School of Optometry and “Books and Beyond” made an International Humanitarian trip to Rwanda in August of 2019. The success of this trip cannot be understated. Nearly 400 children, received vision screening, eye exams and for those in need, a brand new pair of eyeglasses. Over 25% of the children that they saw needed a vision correction.

Having access to these services is vital to a good education. There should not be social inequality for children in providing this basic service. I believe that everyone has the responsibility to take what they have learned in their careers or from their hobbies and bless the lives of those in their community. It is our duty.

I want to thank you for all the good you do. If you have any questions, or if I can help in any way, please feel free to call me, my cell is 801-860-0263.

Warmest regards,

- Joseph

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