

February 15, 2023

David Burton, Board Chair  
The Board of Trustees  
EyeCare4Kids Foundation and Subordinate Chapters

RE: Year End Report 2022

Dear Board,

2022 has been a year of service and growth. We continue to see a **75% increase in people turning to us for assistance**. We expect the number of people needing assistance will continue to grow.

The number of homeless and refugee population that we serve has increased dramatically.

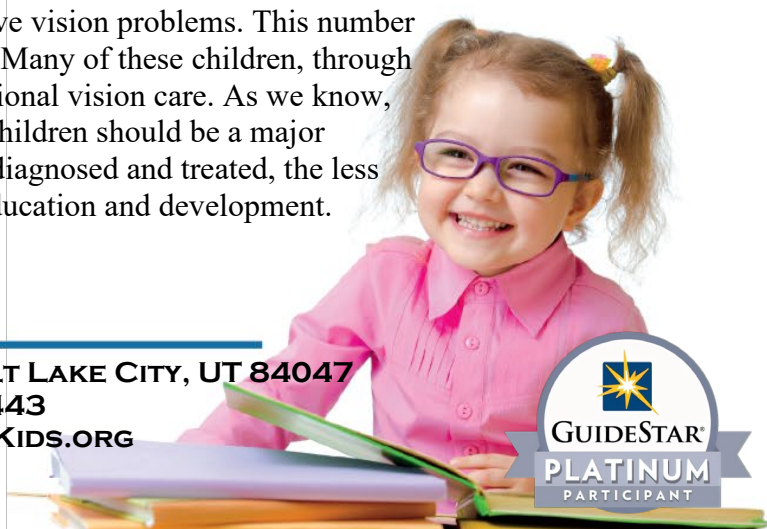
There is a bright spot however, and it fills me with warmth and hope. We are providing more vision care to families than any time in our 20-year history. We have expanded our services and we are providing the services more effectively.

Of course, we know our work is not yet finished. There will continue to be historic numbers of people who need food, safe shelter, and help getting back on their feet. Now, more than ever, we must do all that it takes to ensure that vulnerable people get the support they need.

I am proud to report, since our humble beginnings in 2001, the number of people EyeCare4Kids has helped 400,000. Serving this number of patients equates to roughly \$200M in donated professional vision care. While we have done very well, this is not enough.

Globally there are 500 million underserved children whose vision needs are not being met. EyeCare4Kids has been helping children succeed in the classroom and prepare them for life. This is a child's education. This is literacy. If a child cannot see he or she cannot read or learn or see the teacher clearly.

There are over 25% of school-age children who have vision problems. This number rises to almost 40% for children raised in poverty. Many 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.



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We are pleased to announce that Maggie Mitchell-Cline has joined our Utah team as its Executive Director. Maggie comes with years of non-profit and healthcare experience.

### 2022 Accomplishments!

- We have begun our Lenses for Literacy program.
- Vision screenings at county and city libraries.
- We have had a significant increase in donations. \$7.2 M. A record amount!
- Up to 97% of every dollar donated goes directly to our programs of providing professional eye care for low to moderate income people!
- Our Goal is to serve **1 Million children** by 2025!
- We Have Expanded our Board of Trustees.
- We have a total of nine clinics operating now in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona!
- Our Vision is to *Sight the World! Any Child . . . Anywhere.*
- *SightTheWorld.org* is our *Virtual Clinic* and is in partnership with 1800Contacts and Modern Optical.
- We have built teams that will expand our:
  - \* Development
  - \* Social Media and Marketing
  - \* Capital Campaign

We are in a race. The race isn't about time. It is about each other. The Human Race!

Having access to our services is vital to a good education. There should not be social inequality for children with the provisioning of basic services. 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.

Dave, Board Members, and the entire EyeCare4Kids family, I want to thank you for all the good you do. I am honored to work alongside you.

Together we will ***Sight The World!***

Warmest regards,



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Pediatric Optician, President and Founder

