

April 15, 2025

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

RE: Year End Letter 2024

Dear Dave and Board Members,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with deep gratitude for the opportunity to lead EyeCare4Kids this past year. It has truly been a year of remarkable milestones for the organization, both in the life-changing services we've delivered and the growth we've experienced on a global scale.

When we founded EyeCare4Kids in 2001, I could never have imagined the level of success we'd reach today. People often ask me what the secret is to our achievements. The truth is, we've discovered a formula—a “secret sauce”—that is built on three core elements: the right people, a deep commitment to those we serve, and a measured, thoughtful approach to expanding our reach. Our global Executive Committee, our Executive Directors, and our local staff are the heart and soul of this organization. Each member of our community is deeply invested in the well-being of the individuals we serve. Together, we continue to provide professional eye care and thoughtfully grow our services, both domestically and internationally.

Vision isn't just a physical act of seeing; it's an integral part of how we understand and interact with the world. We use vision-related expressions like “I see what you mean” or “I can picture that” to describe understanding and perception—because our sight shapes so much of our experience. For many, clarity of vision isn't a given, and that's where we come in. Through professional eye care, we help make miracles happen.

I'm proud to share that since our inception, EyeCare4Kids has provided over 500,000 vision services to underserved children and adults, translating to roughly \$230 million in donated professional care. While this achievement is monumental, the need continues to grow. More people are reaching out for help, and we anticipate that demand will only increase in the years ahead.

But there is also a bright side, and it fills me with hope. In 2024, we've reached more families and individuals than ever before. We've expanded our services to homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and refugee communities, ensuring that more people have access to life-changing eye care when they need it most.

That said, we know there is still much work to be done. Historic numbers of people continue to face challenges in securing food, shelter, and resources to rebuild their lives. Now, more than ever, it's essential that we continue to do everything we can to support the vulnerable.

Globally, there are 500 million underserved children whose vision needs remain unmet. EyeCare4Kids has been dedicated to helping these children succeed in the classroom and set the foundation for a bright future. This is more than just eye care—it's about education, literacy, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to see their future clearly. If a child cannot see, they cannot read, learn, or fully engage in their environment.



Access to basic services like eye care is crucial to leveling the playing field. No child should be denied the opportunity to see simply because of where they were born or their circumstances. We all have a responsibility to take the skills and resources we've gained in our careers and lives and use them to enrich the lives of others. That is our duty.

2024 Accomplishments

Utah - Total Vision Services: 52,413

- Opened the new EyeCare4Kids Ogden clinic in June 2025.
- Expansion of mobile vision clinic services more than doubled the number of prescription eyeglasses provided to underserved communities.
- Increased mobile clinic outreach to five additional school districts.
- Selected to be a part of the Light the World Giving Machines in Orem resulting in over \$148,000 in donations.

Nevada - Total Vision Services: 32,363

- Successfully moved the Brinley clinic and maintained services via the Taylor Clinic
- Forged the relationship with Warby-Parker leading to budget savings
- Growing the relationship with NFL Alumni Association
- Mid-launch of new mobile program – “Eyes On the Road”

Arizona - Total Vision Services: 4,118

- Celebrated 3 years of successfully serving families in the Alhambra Family Resource Center.
- Increased outreach with nearby school districts and community organizations.
- Established a new mobile vision outreach program with Havasupai and Peach Springs Reservations.

Africa - Total Vision Services: 9,600

- Established mobile vision outreach program in South Africa.
 - Provided 315 vision care services.
- Celebrated 1 year anniversary of the EyeCare4Kids Kenya clinic.
 - Provided 5,300 vision care services.
- Completed 4th humanitarian trip to Rwanda in partnership with Indiana University and NEU Global.
 - Provided 3,985 vision care services.

As we close out this year, I want to thank each of you—our Board Members and the entire EyeCare4Kids family—for the incredible work you do. I am deeply honored to collaborate with such dedicated individuals.

Together, we will continue to Sight the World!

Warm regards,



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