

PHILLIPS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

Early Youth Eyecare (E.Y.E.) Community Initiative

Approximately 25 percent of children have vision problems that are significant enough to affect their performance – not only in the classroom, but also in their daily lives. Children are not always aware they have a vision problem and consequently don't alert an adult who can get them help.

Vision screening is an efficient and economical method to detect vision problems and to identify children who need a comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist. Unfortunately, many school districts do not have the resources to offer vision screening in their schools. As a result, vision issues in school-aged children can go undetected for months or even years.

The E.Y.E. program is funded entirely through the generosity of our donors.

Our award-winning Early Youth Eyecare (E.Y.E.) Community Initiative has provided vision screening and follow-up services to Minneapolis Public Schools since 2008, and it expanded these services to St. Paul Public Schools in 2014. Regular vision screening and follow-up vision care helps to eliminate poor vision as a roadblock to academic success and can have a lifelong impact on children in our community.



How it works

We have a small staff of year-round and seasonal employees who coordinate services with the Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools, and we rely on a large group of volunteers to assist with vision screening in the schools. We visit each elementary and middle school during the school year to provide vision screening for students from kindergarten through seventh grade. The program is funded entirely through the generosity of our donors.

Key facts

The E.Y.E. program provides vision screening for nearly 30,000 students a year.

Our vision screeners identify thousands of students each year who require care from an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Each year, nearly 300 volunteers dedicate their time and service to the E.Y.E. program and the children we serve.

How your donation helps

- \$100 – provides screenings for one classroom
- \$50 – provides interpretation services for a child and his/her family during an eye appointment
- \$25 – provides follow-up and access to care for one child
- \$5 – provides vision screening for one child

For questions about giving, contact Laurie Hennen, executive director, Phillips Eye Institute Foundation, at 612-775-8758 or laurie.hennen@allina.com

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