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The initial cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$60,000. To apply for a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, we must have matching funds in place.

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Vision Screener Project Treasurer

2626 38th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58104

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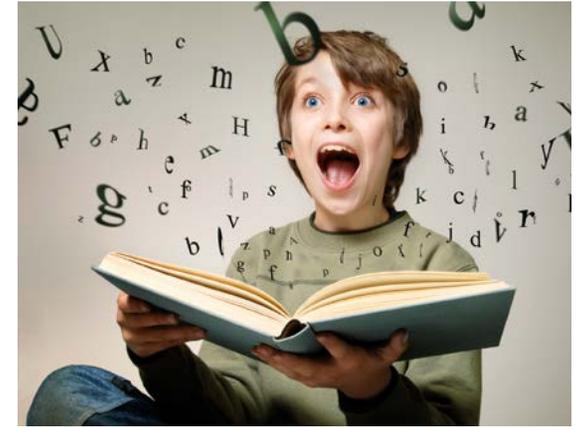
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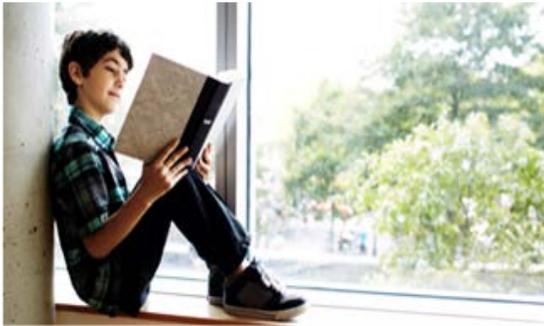
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Do You See Clearly?

Imagine you are a child, swinging in the park and all you see is a blur of green – **you do not know you could be seeing leaves on a tree.**

Imagine you are an infant, with a colorful mobile hanging above your crib – **and all you see is motion.**

Imagine yourself in school and you are unable to see what the teacher writes on the board – **how can you learn?**

A child's physical development and overall well-being can depend on being able to see clearly.

Equal input from both eyes is essential for the brain's vision center to develop normally. Uncorrected vision in childhood can lead to vision problems that cannot be corrected later in life.

Vision Screening Program Launched

Lions from across North Dakota are launching a Vision Screening Program for pre-school and young children to catch problems early. The earlier the better to correct a child's vision problems.

Nationwide there is an on-going urgent need for early childhood screening. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that vision disability is the single most prevalent disabling condition among children.

Lions Vision Screening Program will provide vision services to the one group that is most often underserved.

Our goal is not just to screen the children. We want to encourage parents and others to get them the help they need. Referrals to professionals will be made as needed.

Lions Clubs across the state support vision projects.



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How Can You Help?

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota approved a plan to purchase six vision-screening devices to be placed in six strategic sites throughout the state.

Lions Clubs will have access to the equipment. Trained individuals will be able to screen pre-school children. Clubs will work with school districts, social service agencies, healthcare organization and others to identify the early childhood population. Local Lions Clubs will arrange facilities and inform the public about screening times.

Lions Clubs will work with county health nurses throughout the state. The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, along with the County Nurses of North Dakota are partners in the project.

The Vision Screening task force selected the Plus Optix S12 Mobile Screener for the project. The equipment can measure many eye-health issues at the same time. It is quick and easy, with no discomfort to a child. Children who should see an eye-care professional are identified and referred for a comprehensive eye exam.