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READER'S FORUM: Jan. 16, 2011

Thanks to Lions eye program I am writing to let the surrounding communities of Clinton know what a great Lions Club we have in this city.

In October of this year the Lions Club of Clinton went around to the day cares and elementary schools in Clinton checking the eyes of children.

My grandson, Colton Michael Sims, was in the care of his day-care provider, "Miss Piggy's Day Care" and his eyes were checked there. At the time they advised the day care to let his parents know that there may be a problem with his eyes. My grandson is only 22 months old and his parents took him to Dr. Charles Rutan in Clinton and he advised my son and his wife that the boy had a cataract in his right eye.

An appointment was then made at Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis and he had his cataract removed on Nov. 23 and a permanent lens implanted in his right eye. So far things are going fine. He has been prescribed to wear bifocal glasses and will undergo having to have his left eye patched while he gains better vision now in his right eye. They said he was not born with this cataract but it had been there about a year. He hadn't been able to see out of his right eye.

I want to commend the Lions Club in Clinton, and also the surrounding communities, of the great job they do to help the children of our communities with their Eye Check Care Program.

The doctors at Riley Hospital told us that my grandson's cataract had not been found until maybe being in kindergarten he probably would have not had sight in his right eye. The damage would have been irreversible. Thanks you, God, and the Lions Club in Clinton, for help with the glasses and in finding my grandson's problem in his right eye.

We in Clinton and the surrounding cities should be proud of all the things we have available to us. Also the surrounding communities that are lucky enough to have Lions Club and their great members.

Thank you for letting me express my sincere thanks to the Lions Club.

— Betty L. Sims (grandma)

— Tom and Nicki Sims (parents)

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