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ONESIGHT VISION CLINIC PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH EYE EXAMS, GLASSES

Annual program has delivered nearly \$4 million worth of optical care and eyewear since 2006

NATIONAL CITY — About 450 students in the National School District who have been identified as needing prescription glasses are receiving free vision care through a district partnership with global nonprofit OneSight and the National City Host Lions Club.



An international team of eye doctors, opticians and vision specialists are providing eyesight tests using sophisticated diagnostic equipment and fitting students with custom-made glasses during a vision clinic being held at Camacho Gym in Las Palmas Park.

The students aided by the annual program have been previously identified by their school nurses during vision screenings as needing corrective lenses.

Because of a lack of finances or insurance, however, their families have not been able to afford a new pair of glasses.

“Some children with vision impairments are mistakenly labeled as having behavioral issues when the real problem is that they can’t see well,” said Superintendent Leighangela Brady, Ed.D.

“Catching and correcting vision problems early is key to student success,” said Dr. Brady. “We are grateful that our collaboration with OneSight and the National City Host Lions Club is helping our students reach their full potential.”

The program serves children in South County’s five school districts. This year’s clinic is expected to provide about \$510,000 worth of vision care and eyewear. Last year, 1,680 students were served by the clinic and 1,473 pairs of glasses were dispensed. Nearly 15,000 children have received about \$4 million worth of eye exams and glasses since the program started in 2006.

To serve so many students so quickly, OneSight brings in a team of volunteer eye doctors, opticians and vision specialists, as well as all the equipment necessary to administer comprehensive eye exams. And to ensure everyone gets just the right fit, the organization works with eyewear maker

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Luxottica to provide students with an ample selection of fashionable frames. Because everything is done on site, the majority of the eyewear is delivered to students just a couple of days later at their schools.

In addition, district parents, PTA members and school nurses serve as chaperones, and a support team of retired National School District teachers and administrators join forces to keep the operation running smoothly.



OneSight, a nonprofit with a global mission to provide eye care in the communities that need it most, operates free vision clinics throughout the United States and in 46 countries around the world every year.

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