



Great Oaks Legacy Charter School

New Funders, New Region

Vision To Learn's New Jersey program began 2022-23 school year celebrating a generous \$500,000 grant from MetLife Foundation. Leadership from MetLife Foundation, Versant Health and Vision To Learn joined kids receiving their glasses for the first time at Newark's Great Oaks Legacy Charter School. In all, 550 students at Great Oaks Legacy Charter School were provided with vision screenings, 182 with eye exams, and 171 with glasses. This was a small portion of Vision To Learn's larger New Jersey effort, providing 3,238 glasses to kids in Elizabeth, Newark, Paterson and, for the first time - Trenton! All in all it was the program's biggest year since COVID.

"School-based health services like Vision To Learn are a powerful tool for providing access to care that all children deserve. We know that children who have access to vision care do better academically in school. Helping kids who need glasses is a simple yet effective way to boost their educational and economic progress."

— Ramy Tadros, regional president
U.S. Business, MetLife, and MetLife
Foundation board member

Vision To Learn continued its work into the summer, with the support of Jonas Philanthropies, which funded vision services for kids attending summer camps, Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs. For the coming year the program has added a second mobile vision clinic to help kids in Trenton, for what should be Vision To Learn’s biggest year yet in New Jersey.

We Love To See At The YMCA

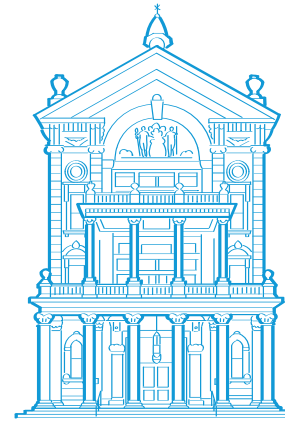
This past summer Vision To Learn worked with the East Orange YMCA to provide vision care services to the children attending summer camp. The partnership resulted in about 150 campers receiving a vision screening and 52 receiving glasses.

Asked about the importance of this, Executive Director Washima Redding said, “so many of our parents face substantial financial hardships and are unable to provide this critical resource to their children.” She added that Vision To Learn has “enabled that narrative to be changed and helped to combat all of the achievement gaps created by untreated vision impairments.”

2022 - 2023

Exams and glasses by district/org

NEW JERSEY



New Jersey State House

40
SITES
SERVED



Exams



Glasses

DISTRICT/ORG

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS	126	115
ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS	729	615
GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOLS	230	213
NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	763	617
PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,463	1,289
SUMMER PROGRAMS	172	167
TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	254	198
YMCA	28	24

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