



North Charleston Elementary School

## New Partnerships, More Kids Helped!

In its second year of operations, Vision To Learn South Carolina built off a successful first year by surpassing its Year One totals for vision screenings, eye exams and glasses provided to kids throughout the state. Over the course of two years the program has already provided over 5,000 eye exams and 4,000 glasses—all at no cost to children or their families.

To keep up with the number of children who need glasses throughout the state, Vision To Learn formed new partnerships and expanded operations into Dorchester County. A new mobile vision clinic was added to serve two school districts within Dorchester County. All vision screenings for elementary school students in the county will be conducted by the Lions Club. Prior to partnering with Vision To Learn, Lions Club identified approximately 1,500

**“I really like my new glasses. I can see so much better and they make reading and math much easier.”**

**— Dwight**

4th Grader at Stono Park Elementary School

kids a year in need of an eye exam, but were only able to get referrals for 50 kids a month to see an optometrist. Now every child screened by Lions Club that is found to need an eye exam will be provided one by Vision To Learn, helping close the glasses gap in the county.

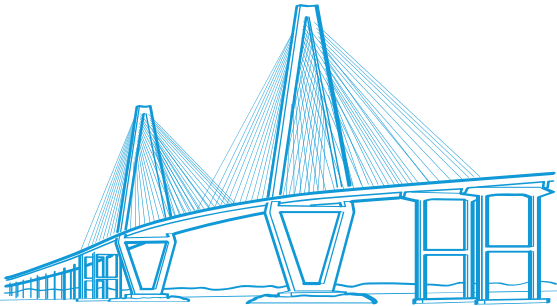
### A Dynamic Duo

Before stepping into one of Vision To Learn’s mobile clinics, 5 year-old twins Adrian and Ayden had never had an eye exam. They had been referred for their Vision To Learn eye exam after the results of a vision screening recorded their prescription to be so high that the optometrist initially assumed it was an error. Further testing by the optometrist later revealed that not only were the vision screening results correct, but the twins were some of the most nearsighted patients to ever enter one Vision To Learn’s clinics. It was found that both twins had a prescription of -18.00 diopters, which meant everything far away appeared as little more than a large blurry color for them.

After receiving their glasses Adrian and Ayden immediately went outside to try them out. Once they put them on, their eyes widened as they took in the world around them, seeing nature’s beauty clearly for the first time.

2022 - 2023

## Exams and glasses by county



Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge

21  
SITES  
SERVED



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Exams

2,345



Glasses

1,850