

Vision Is Priceless, as well as the world, experienced a challenging 2020. And it seems 2021 is proving to be a tough year as well. We are grateful our organization has a solid foundation; allowing us to persevere and continue to fill a void in our community by providing access to vision healthcare to low-income, underserved and uninsured adults and children.

There continues to be a great need for our free vision healthcare services in Northeast Florida. Currently, more than 11% of the population in our community are uninsured. That's approximately 160,000. Additionally, 27% of the households are struggling to pay for basic needs such as housing, childcare, food, transportation and health care, with an additional 11% living in poverty. Our program is addressing health disparities affecting this vulnerable population. By giving the gift of clearer vision, we are providing individuals with a tool needed to help eliminate a significant barrier that may be keeping them from improving their life.

This year, we are honored to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Our current board of directors, supporters, and staff continue to build on the success and hard work of those who founded Vision Is Priceless in 1996. This report shares the positive impact our organization has on those we help.

Your support makes this all possible!

Gratefully,

*Jami Gaff Becker*

Executive Director

### By the Numbers:



# 26,617

Vision Screenings Provided



# 4,783

Referrals Provided



# 1,812

Eye Exams Provided



# 2,029

Glasses Distributed



# 67

Surgeries Performed



**Celebrating**  
**25 YEARS**  
**of Improving**  
**Vision Health in**  
**Northeast Florida**

**1996-2021**

# Sight in Schools

## Children's Vision Program

Through our Sight in Schools Children's Vision Program, we provide free school-based vision care (eye exams and prescription glasses) for K-12 students in need; and preventative vision screenings for children ages 3-18. We bring the vision screenings, eye exams, and glasses directly to the children while they are at school. We're the only organization in Northeast Florida providing free eye exams and glasses for children from low-income families, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

### Program Goals

- 1 Prevention and Early Detection of Vision Problems
- 2 Addressing Health Disparities and Removing Barriers to Care
- 3 Improving Vision to Help Kids Succeed in School and in Life

Bringing vision care directly to kids in need!



### Impact



24,612



2,953



376



321



35

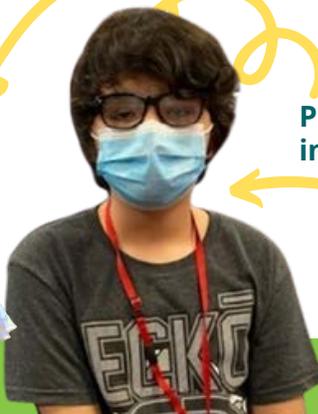
Zavier loves school, especially math! His glasses help him see the board in class.



Percy's glasses are the first step in her treatment of Amblyopia.



Dylan is a trumpet player. His glasses help him read his sheet music and do what he loves.



# Adult Vision Program



We work to improve access to free vision healthcare—vision screenings, eye exams, glasses, and specialty care—for low-income, underserved and uninsured adults. By providing individuals in need with vision healthcare services, we are helping make it possible for them to return to work, attend job training, obtain an education, drive a car, improve their independence and overall wellbeing. Simply having healthy eyes cannot make someone succeed in life. However, glasses can be a powerful tool, eliminating a significant barrier keeping adults from improving their life outcomes.



Debra said her new glasses will help her be more effective at work and make things like driving easier. She was completely overjoyed that she could see clearly for the first time in years!

## Program Goals

Improving Access to Vision Care for Individuals in Need

Improving Vision Health and Preventing Vision Loss

Removing Barriers to Help Individuals Succeed in Life

## Impact



2,005



1,830



1,436



1,708



67



**Luz** is a bus driver for Duval County Public Schools. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students participated in school virtually this past year. As a result, Luz' hours were cut at work, which affected her finances. With her reduction in hours, she wasn't able to afford a needed eye exam to update her prescription. Fortunately, Luz heard about our program. We were able to get Luz a free, comprehensive eye exam. Luz now has an updated prescription and new glasses, ensuring the safety of her and her students' when she drives her route!