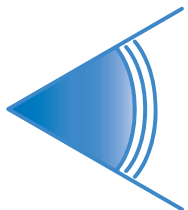




# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Ohio Optometric Foundation helps children meet their full potential by improving access to quality, comprehensive eye care in their communities...because every child deserves to see.



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Optometric  
Foundation

# 2024

was a year filled with tremendous progress and opportunity for the Ohio Optometric Foundation!



It was a year of change! We were honored and humbled to be entrusted with a \$2.5 million grant from the Ohio General Assembly to run the Ohio Children's Vision Initiative (OCVI), with the goal of providing eye exams and glasses to 4,000 K-12 students who lack access to necessary vision care. We are well on our way! Because of the commitment from incredible optometrists across the state, we doubled the number of students who received comprehensive eye care at an iSee clinic to over 700.

In April, Governor DeWine announced the formation of the Children's Vision Strike Force to explore ways to expand access to pediatric vision care in the coming years. Dr. Foster represented OOF on this committee, alongside OOA CEO & Executive Director Dr. Elizabeth Muckley and Interim Dean of the The Ohio State University College of Optometry Dr. Jeff Walline, among other subject matter experts. The work of the Strike Force will lead to recommendations to the Governor for increasing the number of students who receive comprehensive eye exams.

These recommendations will undoubtedly lead to more changes in 2025 and that is an exciting place to be! Speaking of change...the Ohio Optometric Foundation is about to go through a transformation of its own. Stay tuned for more exciting updates as the year progresses!

We are humbled to work with an amazing board of directors and incredible staff. Together, we are making a lasting difference, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed through improved access to quality eye care. Because every child deserves to see!



**STEVE DORMAN**  
Ohio Optometric Foundation,  
COO

**SHANE FOSTER, OD, FAAO**  
Ohio Optometric Foundation,  
President





2024 was a banner year for the Ohio Optometric Foundation. The heart of the foundation's work continues to be school-based clinics. Under the guidance of Dr. Tracey Needham as the Medical Director, and Drs. Cheryl Archer and Samantha Zaczyk as Program Directors, OOF continued to increase the number of comprehensive eye exams provided to students. And the engine that makes the iSee clinics go are the optometrists who volunteer to deliver the much-needed care.

Through 2024  
optometrists provided  
care at iSee clinics

54

"Not only was it free eye exams, but the students did not miss school, and the parents did not have to take time off from work. We transported the students from every building. At Heritage, two girls received glasses, and one of them was teary-eyed. She said, 'It's the best Christmas present I've ever gotten.'"

- Olivia Haas - District Nurse  
Newark City Schools





# iSee Clinics 2024

**54 721 603**

Volunteer  
ODs

Students  
/Exams

Glasses  
Prescribed



**58**

Amblyopes  
Detected

**38**

Clinics

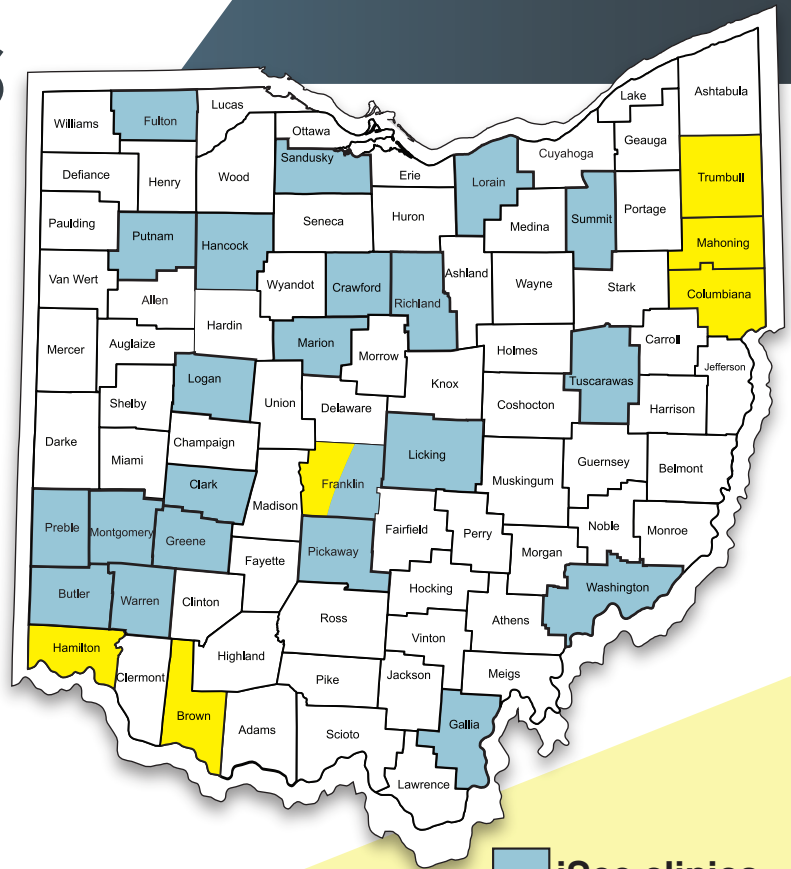
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Counties

3


# Partnerships

In order to both increase the number of students who receive comprehensive eye exams and to gain a better understanding of the vision care needs in certain communities around the state, OOF entered into agreements with four other non-profit organizations.



## 2024 Clinics

iSee clinics

 **Counties with partner clinics**



**Vision To Learn**  
Focus on the Future



# Health Partners of Western Ohio



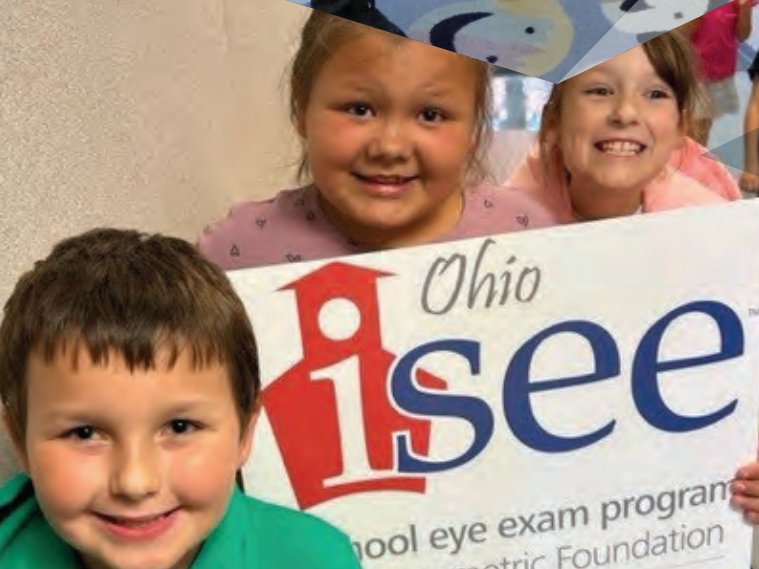
**OHIO**  
**SCHOOL-BASED  
HEALTH ALLIANCE**  
Healthy Kids Learn Better

Partnerships with The HealthCare Connection, Vision To Learn, Vineyard Community Center, and Health Partners of Western Ohio, will assist the OOF to gain a better understanding of all the school-based vision care services offered throughout the state. We can then understand where there are gaps in services, ensure that organizations are coordinating care, and are not overlapping services. **Additionally, OOF began a partnership with the Ohio School-Based Health Alliance** to gain a better understanding of specific vision care services being offered at school-based health centers throughout the state. This information will help both organizations understand how to best move forward to ensure every student who needs an eye exam can receive one. Together, we look forward to improving the health and education outcomes for Ohio's students.





**80%** of all  
learning during a child's  
first 12 years come  
through their eyes.



OOF is committed to  
addressing the gap created  
when students are referred  
from school-based vision  
screenings and do  
not receive care from an  
optometrist or ophthalmologist.  
We are proud to share our  
information and work  
to close this gap.

# Board of Directors

OOF continues to be led by an extraordinary group of optometrists and experts in their respective fields.

**Dr. Shane Foster**, President

**Dr. Katherine Fisher**, Vice President

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**Ms. Angie Hartman**, Director

**Dr. Tracey Needham**, Director

**Dr. Taylor Peters**, Director

**Mr. Jeff Szymanski**, Director

**Dr. Samantha Zaczyk**, Director

**Joining the board in 2025** are Mr. Randy Gardner, former Chancellor of Higher Education and former Ohio State Senator, and Dr. Mike Earley, a Past President of the OOA and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

Dr. Earley and Mr. Gardner's participation is already being felt, and 2025 promises to be the best year yet for the Ohio Optometric Foundation.

**Additional thanks** to Libby Villavincencio, President of Libby & Associates, a non-profit consulting firm. From strategic planning to board development, Ms. Villavincencio provided OOF significant guidance throughout the year.



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The Ohio Optometric Foundation, the charitable arm of the Ohio Optometric Association, is dedicated to enhancing the vision and eye health of Ohioans. We focus on providing opportunities and resources for children and underserved communities to access eye care and make informed decisions regarding eye health.

