



Vision To Learn
Focus on the Future

Jones County
Community Foundation

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Uncorrected vision is a serious problem affecting as many as 20,000 children in Iowa. Barriers such as access and cost prevent families from getting the vision care their children need. Working with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, the Jones County Community Foundation was part of an expansion project to bring Vision To Learn to Jones County in 2016. Vision To Learn is a nonprofit that helps overcome those barriers to vision care for children by bringing a mobile clinic to schools and provide exams and glasses for free. ▶



If you would like to make a donation to Vision To Learn, please make checks payable to JCCF/Healthy Kids Fund or contact the Jones County Community Foundation.

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Programming

Accurate vision is a vital component in a student's education. Children with poor vision struggle to see the words in a book or the lessons on a classroom board, which impedes their ability to keep up in class. That's why in 2016, the Jones County Community Foundation partnered with Vision To Learn, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (CFGD), Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto, and Klauer Optical Co. to bring a mobile vision clinic to Jones County aimed at improving kids' vision to help them succeed in school. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade were screened by their school nurse and local volunteers.

The Vision To Learn Mobile Clinic provided an exam to students with an identified need based on their vision screening. In 2018, the Jones County Community Foundation made the decision to fund continued services for the Vision To Learn Mobile Clinic and expand services to students kindergarten through 12th grade.

2016 Results:

- 118 students were examined by Vision To Learn optometrists.
- 97 students received prescriptions for glasses and each received two free pairs—one to keep at school and one to keep at home.
- 5 students were referred on for further vision care.

2018 Results:

- 161 students were examined by Vision To Learn optometrists.
- 148 students received prescriptions for glasses and each received two free pairs—one to keep at school and one to keep at home.

CFGD brought Vision To Learn to Iowa through its Dubuque Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, which works to help more children read at grade level by the end of third grade. Research by the University of California Los Angeles Mattel Children's Hospital shows that Vision To Learn has a direct impact on education outcomes for children supported by the program and improves the learning environment for the entire classroom and school.

A Vision For the Future

The Jones County Community Foundation will continue to engage with community partners to build awareness of vision health and its impact on school success. Our aim is to ensure the vision needs of our students are met so they have all the possible tools to be successful in school.

The program is made possible through partnerships with Vision To Learn, Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto and CFGD.