

## **William H. Hannon Foundation Provides Grant to Vision To Learn to Help Fund Free Vision Care to Local Schools**

**August, 2016/Santa Monica, CA:** The William H. Hannon Foundation has renewed its support of Vision To Learn with a \$10,000 grant that will provide free eye exams and free glasses to students in selected Los Angeles schools. The William H. Hannon Foundation was an original partner with Vision To Learn and first provided funding to the organization in 2012.

Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, said, "Vision To Learn provides a terrific and much-needed service to low-income communities. Our Board remains very impressed by the incredibly low cost structure Vision To Learn has established in bringing glasses to those children who need them the most, and we are proud to continue our support."

Vision To Learn's Mobile Eye Clinic will visit selected Los Angeles schools, where Vision To Learn's doctors and opticians will conduct free eye exams and fit selected children for free eyeglasses of their choice. Students will receive their new glasses three weeks later.

UCLA researchers concluded that low-income and minority students are disproportionately affected by lack of access to vision care. Additionally, 80% of all learning during a child's first 12 years is through vision and 95% of 1st graders in California who need glasses do not have them. 250,000 public school children in California need glasses to see the board, read a book, study math and participate in class.

Vision To Learn was created by the Beutner Family Foundation in 2012 to provide free eye exams and free glasses to kids in low-income communities and has helped over 57,000 kids since inception. The William H. Hannon Foundation was the first private family foundation to provide funding to Vision To Learn for the Los Angeles Roman Catholic Archdiocesan schools.