

VISION INITIATIVE

SUMMARY

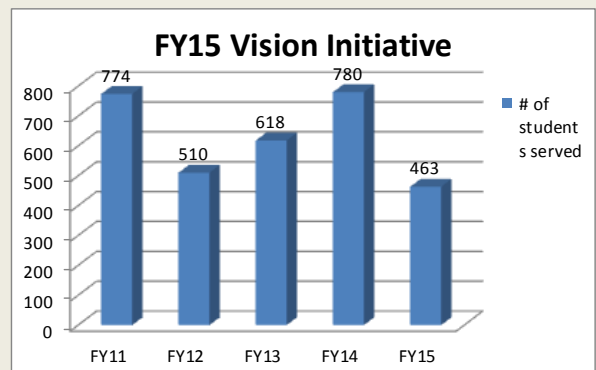
The goal of the Vision Initiative is to assist families in overcoming obstacles that prevent them from obtaining vision care. Often school age children who are in need of glasses do not have vision insurance and their families are unable to afford vision care. Through grants, donations from community partners, and eye care providers volunteering their time and resources, the Vision Initiative is able to help meet the needs of these students.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The primary resources that are provided to individuals in need of an eye exam and glasses are Vision Vouchers and the Mobile Vision Van. A Vision Voucher can be taken to any participating eye care provider for a free eye exam and glasses, if needed. The Vision Van is fitted with vision testing equipment to provide basic vision exams and eye glasses, if needed, at no charge to the family.
- This past year, a total of six Vision Van Clinics were in held in two different counties (Lehigh and Northampton).
- Vision Van clinics were held in three different school districts (Allentown, Bangor, and Bethlehem).

SUCCESSES

- In FY15, the SLUHN Vision Initiative helped to put 463 pair of glasses on students in the Lehigh Valley, in three school districts (Allentown, Bangor, and Bethlehem). This was through the Vision Voucher Program and the Vision Van Clinic.
- In March 2015, Dr. Bruce Hillman from Allentown, became credentialed to volunteer his services on the Mobile Vision Van.
- In just six half day Vision Van clinics, 140 students had comprehensive eye exams, using state-of-the-art vision equipment, to determine the need for prescription eyewear.
- Our Partners, Pearle Vision (Steven & Lisa Roseman), continue to provide optical services to all the students who need eyeglasses on the Vision Van.
- The SLUHN Vision Initiative reached students in 17 schools in the Allentown School District (Lehigh County), 24 schools in Bethlehem, and four schools in Bangor (Northampton County).



CHALLENGES

- The SLUHN Vision Initiative started the FY15 year without a vision provider on the Mobile Vision Van. This delayed the Mobile Vision services being provided by approximately 9 months.

