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BACK TO SCHOOL IS GOOD TIME FOR EYE CHECKS

LANCASTER, **Penna**. (Aug. 4, 2022) – The start of a new school year is a good time to get your eyes checked. VisionCorps can help with its program to give free eye exams and glasses to qualified adults and children in Southcentral Pennsylvania.

"Families are getting ready for a new school year and doing school shopping and visits to doctors," said Dennis Steiner, VisionCorps President/CEO. "It is also a good time to take care of your eye health. You may be prepping children for to go back to school, and it is a great time to get their eyes checked.

"We can help. We offer individuals in our community who may not be able to afford to get their eyes checked and purchase glasses, access to a program that can provide the exam and glasses for free."

VisionCorps, with help from the Pennsylvania Vision Foundation, connects low-income individuals and families in Lebanon, Adams, Chester, Lancaster, and York counties, said Steiner. The program provides a free vision examinations and basic frames and lenses. To see if you qualify for the service, please call VisionCorps at 717-205-4141

"Keeping your eyes healthy is an important part of preserving eyesight," said Steiner, "and helping provide eye exams and glasses is one of the many services we offer."

VisionCorps provides education and prevention of blindness services, rehabilitation, and employment to individuals. It serves clients ranging in age from birth to seniors.

In addition, <u>VisionCorps</u> offers programs, both in-person and virtual, to organizations and employers about its services. The programs, individualized based on the needs of the group, include information on common eye conditions, living with low vision, employing people with low vision, and tips for living independently.

All the programs are free of charge, and services offered to clients of VisionCorps are free, said Steiner.

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps is a nonprofit with a goal of empowering people who are blind or vision impaired to attain independence by providing them with the tools and training, including employment, to empower them. The organization serves almost 2,000 individuals with rehabilitation services in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York, and Adams counties. VisionCorps' prevention services include KidSight, which screens more than 7,000 children annually for vision loss.

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