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VisionCorps will offer event for children during Give Local York

(LANCASTER, Penna.) April 13, 2026 – [VisionCorps](#) invites children and families to visit Bound Books bookstore during Give Local York (GLY) to take part in several activities, organized around keeping your vision healthy. The free event takes place from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, at the bookstore located in Olde Tollgate Village, 2555 S. Queen St., York, 19042. In addition, Bound Books will donate 10 percent of its book sales during GLY to VisionCorps.

VisionCorps is a non-profit agency that provides vision rehabilitation and employment for people who are blind or vision impaired, and prevention of blindness services. It serves individuals from birth to age 100 and provides services in York and Adams, Chester, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties. It is located at 1380 Spahn Ave. in York, where it offers vision rehabilitation services and employment for individuals who are blind or vision impaired.

“We are excited to offer activities to children during Give Local York,” said Megan Sofilka Tomscheck, VisionCorps president & CEO. “Families can listen to story time, meet Abby the Ability Bear (VisionCorps’ new mascot), and participate in a KidsSight vision screening.”

Children can have their eyes screened with a Welch Allyn Spot vision screener-autorefractor that takes a photo of your eyes and then reveals if there are any eye issues, such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism. If an eye issue is detected, the parents are referred to an eye care physician for further exam.

Other activities include book readings to help children learn to take care of their eyes, avoid possible injuries and ailments, and learn about people with low vision who might use tools to help them such as a white cane or a dog guide. Abby the Ability Bear will be on hand to give out goodies and appear in photos.

Bound Books is an independent bookstore offering new books for all ages, locally grown houseplants and gift items. It is owned by Chuck Blair and Sarah Timmcke, both of whom have connections to VisionCorps. Blair is the chief information officer for VisionCorps and Timmcke previously worked in the rehabilitation department. “VisionCorps’ mission is something that we have always supported as employees and now as owners of a community-focused bookstore,” said Blair. “Offering free screenings for preschool children is a big part of that mission, so we are excited to help with that during Give Local York.” He said Bound Books is happy to donate 10 percent of its book sales during GLY to VisionCorps.

To support VisionCorps in Give Local York:

- Before April 30, please send a check (payable to VisionCorps with GLY in the memo line) to:
VisionCorps
1380 Spahn Ave.
York, PA. 17403
- Make an online donation on Thursday, April 30, starting at 7 p.m. through Friday, May, 1, at 7 p.m., at <https://www.givelocalyork.org/organization/visioncorps>.

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps is a nonprofit with a goal of empowering people who are blind or vision impaired to attain independence. 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 11,000 children annually for vision loss.

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