

What Keene and Cheshire County People are Saying about Project KidSight?

School Teacher - "(Name withheld) did see an eye doctor the following day and she now wears glasses regularly. We greatly appreciate the screenings that you do! Her parents said they would never have known."

School Administrator - "(Name withheld)'s parents scheduled an appointment immediately after (the screening) and she did get glasses. The mother was very, very appreciative of the program and glad it was done, otherwise they may not have known about the problem when it was still easy to correct."

Mother - "I am thrilled!"

School Administrator - "Her mother would like me to express her gratitude to the Keene Lions Club. Thank you again for your wonderful services!"

Dr. Deborah R. Hansen, MD Pediatrician, Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene - "The Keene Lions Club is offering free vision screening for preschoolers in our community using a state of the art Photo Screener. I encourage families to participate, since this screening method is very effective at detecting treatable vision problems in young children."

Dr. Vincent McMahon, O.D., Eyeworks - A local optometrist - who saw a referred child for a follow up examination. "(... it was) a challenge to measure her eyes because she was shy and kept looking around. (The child) had a significant problem (astigmatism) in one eye...and we were able to confirm it... (We) prescribed glasses and ... it was fortunate to catch it at this time in the child's life because it can be more successfully corrected now than it could be later."

Dr. Emily Tuthill, O.D., Dr. Dexter's Vision Center - "The Lion's club has been invaluable in helping to identify children with visual impairment or eye conditions that are likely to lead to long-term vision problems. The children that I have seen in my office after a referral from the Lion's club are truly in need of help and are able to see much better with correction. New glasses will help them perform better not only in school, but throughout life. The Lion's club has been truly inspired to provide such a wonderful service to the children in our community."

Dr. Barton Higley, O.D., Eyeworks - "I would just like to say that the investment that the Lion's Club has made with the Spot auto-refractor has enabled the Lions Club to develop and deliver a quality eyesight screening program. Simply reading the eye chart has been proven time and time again as a very poor screening test when used alone. What the Lion's Club has done with this new technology has taken all of the ambiguity out of the eye chart test and transformed the screening into a very objective and accurate way of identifying refractive errors. It is an amazing leap forward in the way eye screenings are done, and I have already seen a positive impact on children's lives as a result of this program. Great job!"

Dr. Clark Dexter, O.D. (Retired) - "This community is indeed fortunate to have a preschool vision screening program of the quality offered by the Keene Lions Club. The Welsh-Allyn Hillerom used by them is an accurate, reliable instrument for detecting vision problems in young children. I encourage all parents to have their children take advantage of the free screening offered at most local pre-schools."