



VISION TO LEARN

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The Vision To Learn Program

Vision To Learn is a non-profit organization founded in 2012 to solve a problem affecting as many as 1.5 million children nationwide who lack the glasses they need to see the board, read a book, study math or participate in class. Children in low-income communities and minorities are disproportionately affected.

The problem is one of access, as most of the children, for a host of reasons, do not get to a doctor. Vision To Learn solves the problem by bringing the clinic to the kids at schools and community organizations and providing eye exams and glasses free of charge. Vision To Learn has accomplished a great deal since it was started two years ago in Los Angeles and plans to use that experience to serve as a model for the rest of the nation. A few highlights:

- Vision To Learn has screened over 120,000 kids in Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento, provided over 20,000 with eye exams and more than 16,000 with free glasses.
- Vision To Learn serves the needs of the hardest-to-reach kids in low-income urban communities.
- UCLA research shows the direct impact Vision To Learn has on education outcomes — grades improve for kids helped by the program.
- UCLA research also shows that Vision To Learn helps improve the learning environment for the entire classroom and school.

More information on Vision To Learn can be found at www.visiontolearn.org, including the “Story of Vision To Learn” video and the “Making a Difference” piece shown on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.

“WHEN I DIDN’T HAVE GLASSES, I HAD
BAD GRADES AND MY MOM AND DAD
WEREN’T HAPPY.”

– Child who received glasses through
Vision To Learn

The Beutner Family Foundation

The Beutner family, both personally and through their foundation, invests in education, youth and community. They actively support education programs that promote academic and intellectual excellence such as California Institute for the Arts, the Los Angeles Fund for Public Education and the Granada Hills Charter High School Education Foundation. Understanding that community plays an important role in the lives of our youth, the Foundation seeks to support opportunities that engage youth in the arts, literacy and the natural environment such as The Broad Stage, The Nature Conservancy of California and the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. What has been most rewarding for them, however, has been their creation of Vision To Learn. Vision To Learn has ignited the passion of the Beutner family with its positive, daily impact on children, parents and teachers as a result of having been provided a simple, yet necessary tool: a pair of glasses.

“THE BOTTOM LINE IS, IF YOU CAN’T SEE
VERY WELL, YOU EITHER ARE READING
MORE SLOWLY...OR, IF YOU CAN’T SEE
AT ALL, YOU’RE NOT DOING THE WORK
AND YOU GIVE UP...AND TO HAVE VISION
TO LEARN HELP THESE CHILDREN IS A
WONDERFUL THING...”

– *Teacher*