

# Rotary Grant Proposal



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## PROBLEM

80% of a child's learning in the first 12 years is visual

20% of school aged children in the US have a vision problem

Nationally: 5-50% of children receive follow up care after screening

Untreated vision problems may result in learning delays, impaired hand-eye coordination, poor concentration, and behavioral problems

Access to care in our region is limited. Only 1 MediCal provider, high out of pocket costs, VSO vouchers discontinued, nearest specialist is 120mi round trip, cost burden of time off and travel



## SOLUTION

Our plan is to partner with Vision to Learn (VTL), a mobile vision van that provides comprehensive eye exams and glasses to children on site at their schools. This organization has been offering resources to low-income students since 2015.

## Benefits of Vision Care



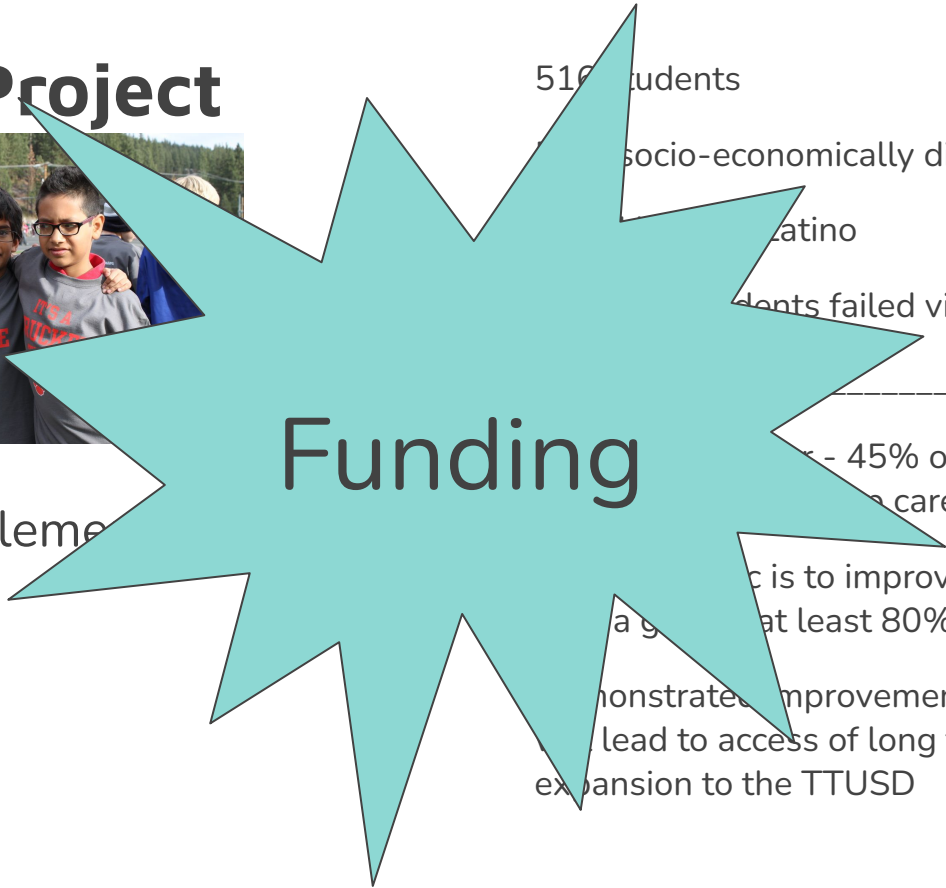
- **Providing glasses offers the equivalent of an additional 4-6 months of learning among the lowest 25% of test takers**
- **Teachers reported students became more engaged**
- **Students felt more confident and the class experienced less disruptions**
- **Group Rx and choice reduced stigma and increased student willingness to wear glasses**



# Pilot Project



Truckee Elementary



516 students

70% socio-economically disadvantaged

40% Latino

15% of students failed vision screening

45% of students with chronic eye care

Goal is to improve follow up rates to at least 80% with VTL

Project demonstrated improvement in outcomes

Project will lead to access of long term funding and expansion to the TTUSD

- **Initial cost \$275/child served**
- **CHIP HSI Federal Funding anticipated by Feb**
  - **Offset cost by 40-45%**
  - **First year total cost \$12,750**
  - **Funds needed after CHIP HSI \$7650**
- **Once VTL is an established provider with TTUSD, cost per child will be about \$150**
- **Long term funding identified thru TTUSD**
- **Investing in this project will benefit the community, increase equity/fairness in education, create goodwill, and supports the Pillars of The Rotary Club**
  - **Supporting children**
  - **Education**

PROGRAM COST



**Thank you for your  
consideration**

