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Lions of Michigan Foundation receives grant from Joe D. Pentecost Foundation to purchase equipment for its vision screening program for children.

Lansing, Michigan – April 2017 – The Lions of Michigan Foundation has received a \$7,000 grant from the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation to purchase a Spot VS-100 Vision Screener for its KIDsight Program. This new hand held vision screener quickly and accurately detects all common vision disorders in children, including near sightedness, far sightedness and astigmatism and more serious vision disorder like amblyopia that if not detected and treated early in a child's life can cause permanent vision loss. The new equipment will help the Lions of Michigan Foundation achieve its goal of ensuring that no child in Michigan suffers permanent vision loss or experiences academic and social development difficulties due to an undetected or untreated vision disorder.

"The Lions Club's free eye screening was a blessing to our family. Victoria had a juvenile cataract in her left eye. The doctors believe she was born with a defect in the back of her eye, and it was never identified during her well-child check-ups. If it was not for the Lions Club, Victoria would have lost her vision in that eye. Amy F. – Gobles, Michigan

"The Joe D. Pentecost Foundation understands that organizations such as the Lions of Michigan Foundation are essential to building stronger communities. They share our values, and like us, they are committed to helping improve the quality of life for people in Michigan," said Chad McCann. "Through this donation, the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation will play a major role in preventing childhood vision loss in Michigan."

The Joe D. Pentecost Foundation awards grants to many worthy organizations, and is committed to supporting programs that advance higher education, health and opportunities for youth and adults in the Lansing community. The foundation's board of directors carefully considers proposals submitted and looks for programs where their contribution can be leveraged.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that works in partnership with its member Michigan Lions Clubs and other organizations to help Michigan residents in need. The Lions of Michigan Foundation operates an Affordable Hearing Aid Program, Project KIDsight (children's vision screening program) and emergency assistance programs designed to improve the quality of life in Michigan communities.