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A grant from the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation will provide eye care for children throughout Michigan, including vision screening for preschool and elementary school children.

Lansing, Michigan – **December 2025** – The Lions of Michigan Foundation has received a $6,000 grant from the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation to provide eye care for children and supplies and equipment for its KIDsight Program. The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of normal vision. Twenty-five percent of all school age children in the United States experience vision problems, and nearly 10% of all preschool age children in Michigan have an undiagnosed vision disorder that will affect their ability to learn and develop normally.

"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 a statewide Affordable Hearing Aid Program, an Eye Care Assistance Program, Project KIDsight (children's vision screening program), A Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program, and other programs designed to improve the quality of life in Michigan communities.