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THE GIFT OF SIGHT & SOUND

ABOUT

The Gift of Sight and Sound Program provides school-based vision and hearing checks for children in underserved communities, as well as appointments with optometrists and opticians at in-school follow-up clinics, and free glasses when needed. Working with our partners, we provide these school-based clinics because we know that if children can't see the chalkboard or hear their teacher, it is difficult for them to learn.

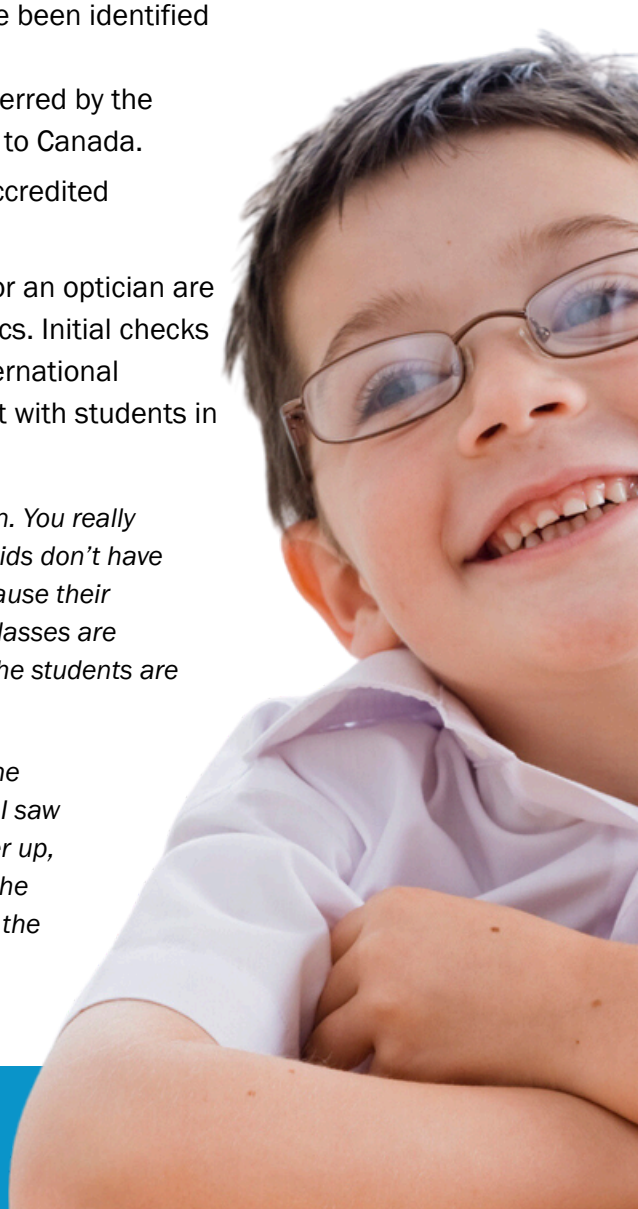
KEY FACTS

- Over 14,000 children receive vision and hearing checks in our school-based clinics.
- Children from over 100 schools are helped, and about 1,700 pairs of free glasses are provided to children annually.
- We check:
  - vision of students in grades 5 & 7
  - vision and hearing of students who have been identified for special needs assessments
  - vision and hearing of any other child referred by the school, including students who are new to Canada.
- All professional services are provided by accredited optometrists and opticians.
- Students who need to see an optometrist or an optician are referred to our follow-up school-based clinics. Initial checks are done by highly skilled, multi-lingual International Medical Graduates who are able to interact with students in culturally sensitive ways.

THE IMPACT

"Most kids won't advocate for glasses on their own. You really have to look for it. And the truth is, a lot of these kids don't have a lot. They don't always get the best of things because their parents don't have the means to pay. And these glasses are something they really need. We're so happy that the students are part of this program." - Principal

"A grade 5 student put on her KITS glasses and she looked so amazed. She didn't say a lot at first but I saw her eyes light up with joy. When her dad picked her up, she showed him the glasses and, on the way out the door, she pointed to her mom, who was waiting in the car, and said with excitement, 'I can see Mom!'"
– TFSS Gift of Sight and Sound Optician



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