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PLANO'S MISSION Continues after 52 years of service and 40 years as a Not-for-Profit Organization

Founded in 1959 and chartered in 1965 by the late Drs. Robert L. Johnson and Henry R. Moore, the mission of Plano, which includes vision education awareness, is to effectively identify, evaluate and treat educationally-disadvantaged children who have an under-developed and/or inefficient vision information processing skills. Plano is a multi-disciplinary, not-for-profit optometric service organization providing comprehensive vision and vision-perception care, and whose aim is to assess and treat visual deficiencies in at-risk individuals on an ability-to-pay fee basis.



Plano's 2017 Most Outstanding Vision Therapy Progress Awardees, Parents and Plano Staff

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GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Last year we were grateful for our 2017 Event Chairs, Rev. Dr. Michael Burnside, and Ms. Natalie Ray. We were also grateful for our Honorary Chair Mr. Jonathan Jackson. He is an accomplished businessman; professor and social justice advocate proudly speaking for the Rainbow PUSH coalition.

We mourn the loss of our longtime board member, Dr. Donald Pedro. We were honored to celebrate his memory posthumously with our Humanitarian Award.

We congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Tillman, our Founders Award recipient and our Most Outstanding Vision Therapy Progress Awardees: Kamari Black, Paige Randell, Solomon Moore, Joel Langley, and Mikalah Trout.

Plano News

Plano appreciates the dedication of our associate doctors, Dr. Beverly A. Williamson and Dr. Charita Smith. We welcome Dr. Katari Campbell to the Plano Family. Plano provided in-office vision assessment testing and vision therapy to nearly 135 patients (62% of these patients received services on a sliding-fee-scale, and 23% were funded by Medicaid).

Plano provided mobile vision comprehensive exams to nearly 100 students from Chicago, Hazel Crest School District 152 ½ and two day care centers. Over 500 participants at thirty-five health fairs received vision screenings.

Community service vision awareness workshops were provided to over 200 persons.

Plano participated on WVON's U of C Medicines Community Health Focus Hour discussing the importance of children's vision exams.

As a subcontractor, Plano's affiliate corporation, VHMS, a subcontractor for Tropical Optical, assisted in providing comprehensive vision exams to 50,000 K-12th graders as providers for Chicago Public Schools Mobile Vision Program. (Some of these students received Vision Therapy services at Plano.)

Plano participates in career days and mentoring for Optometry students. We hope to inspire them to choose Optometry, with Vision Therapy as their practice specialty. We welcomed ICO's Focus on Your Future pre-optometry minority students to our center and look forward to their visit again in June 2018. Currently, we are impressed with the service of our University of Alabama School of Optometry extern, Tyrus Agee.

Plano received support from the Essilor of Americas Foundation and Modern Optical. They provided lenses and frames to students who were in need of glasses but unable to afford them. Classic Optical assisted in providing lenses for our students.

Plano received web support for www.planovision.org from Christopher O'Banion, Web Master. Plano received grants from the Carol Fitzgerald Memorial Fund (CFMF) and the Larry Fitzgerald First Down Fund in support of Plano's "Eye Can Learn Comprehensive Vision Program." ABB Optical Group provided a Grant to help Plano continue providing free vision workshops and support to the schools and organization served.

Plano continued to be a recipient of the eyeglass assistance program (for those in need) from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness.



Plano will honor Dr. Joseph W. McCray, Jr. on his retirement after 40+ years of service to the patients and families of Plano Child Development Center at our Annual Benefit

Plano Receives ABB Cares Grant



Plano received a \$1000 Grant from ABB Optical Group. Thank you ABB Optical and Dr. Lonnie Williams for nominating us. You are the Apples of Our Eyes!!!