# KIDSIGHT ANNUAL REPORT

### FY 21-22

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## COLTON'S STORY

Four-vear-old Colton loves to build and destroy Legos and play with his toy trucks. His parents describe him as intelligent, funny, and wild at heart. When he was two years old, after his first KidSight screening, he was diagnosed with astigmatism. Colton has severe ADHD and can sometimes act out in situations where he feels uncomfortable. His family stopped his eye appointments after their eye doctor, visibly flustered, shooed them out the door while telling them "His eyes are perfect." They assumed that the astigmatism had gone away. So, you can imagine how shocked his mom was when KidSight flagged him again two years later for a potential vision disorder. Colton's mom said, "We would have never made another follow-up appointment with an optometrist had we not had this screening,"

His parents were able to make an appointment with a local kid-friendly eye doctor. They learned that Colton's astigmatism had never gone away, and he was also extremely near sighted. At the appointment, the eye doctor also told Colton's parents that seeing clearly would likely reduce some of his ADHD symptoms. "We would never have made another follow up appointment ... had we not had this screening."

When he first got his glasses, he couldn't stop lifting them up to compare how things looked between clear and blurry- he was amazed at the difference. His parents report now that he really enjoys wearing his glasses and they are even "part of his personality!"

KidSight screenings catch cases like Colton's every year. Now that Colton had glasses, his mom said she felt "relieved that this was caught at his young age before it was something that really affected his education." Early treatment is important to prevent permanent vision loss. That's why KidSight screens children as young as six-months-old.

## SCREENINGS

### VOLUNTEERS

KidSight trains and supports volunteer vision screeners throughout the state of Missouri. In FY 21-22 Volunteers screened **73%** of all children served by our organization.

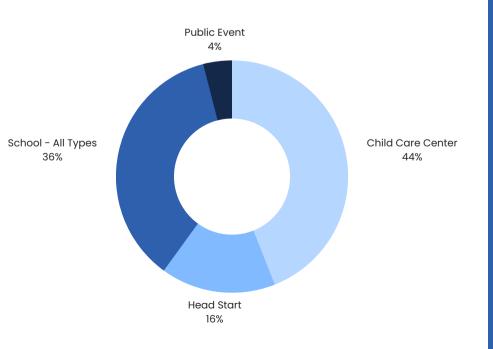
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KidSight provides personalized training to all our volunteer screeners.

#### SITE TYPES

KidSight works with a variety of partner sites to provide vision screenings. These partner sites provide a location, and KidSight brings our mobile vision screening to them.

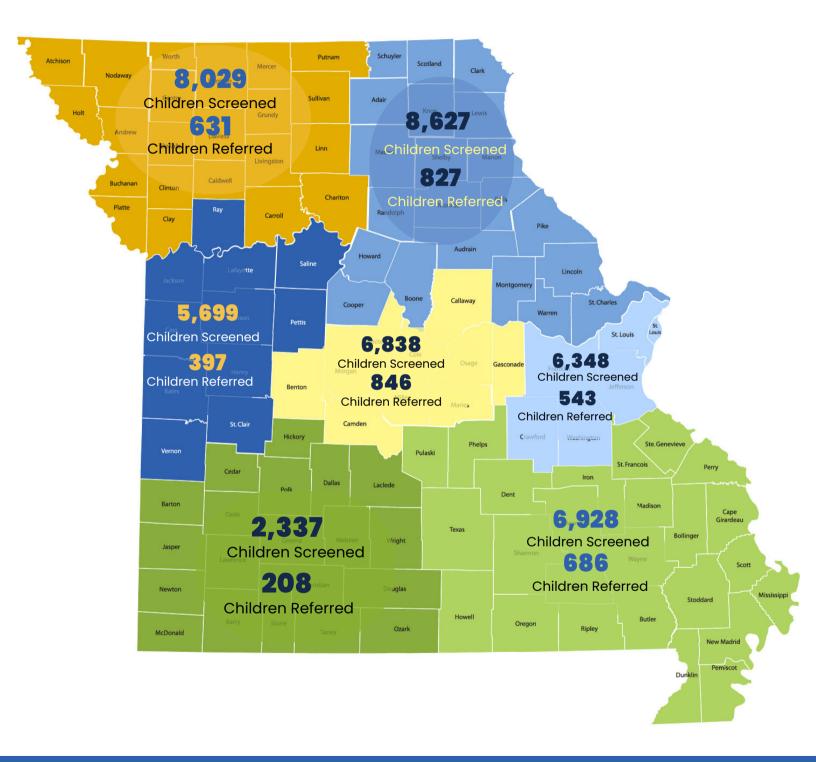




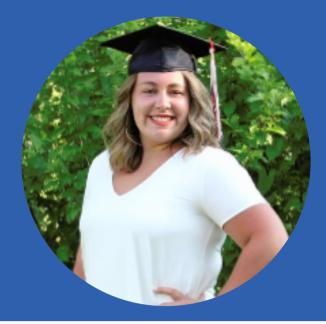
605 Partner Sites hosted Screenings

**4917** Children were referred for potential vision disorders

### **SCREENINGS BY REGION**



KidSight screened in 94 Out of 114 MO Counties plus St Louis City



When Hannah was in 3rd grade, she was diagnosed with amblyopia. Though her parents tried many treatments, Hannah's amblyopia was too advanced and could not be corrected. Hannah, now a local school nurse, is blind in her left eye and wants to tell everyone about the lifelong impact that a KidSight screening can have for a child. She told us, "If something were to happen to my right eye, my life would change dramatically." For Hannah, a KidSight screening could have made the difference between lifelong vision loss or successful treatment of amblyopia.

### REFERRALS

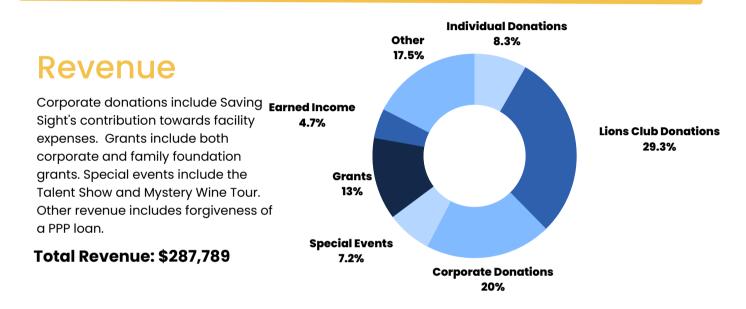
After detecting a potential vision disorder, KidSight provides referrals and intervention through the KidSight Vision Care Network. This includes maintaining a list of doctors who perform pediatric vision services as well as a list of providers who accept Missouri Medicaid. All families of referred children have access to our navigation services which includes helping them: 1) understand their child's referral, 2) advocate for their child in the clinic setting, 3) obtain and understand information about their insurance coverage, 4) find and access affordable vision care in their community. Most of the parents who've reported taking their child in for an exam have found an eye doctor using the list we provide.

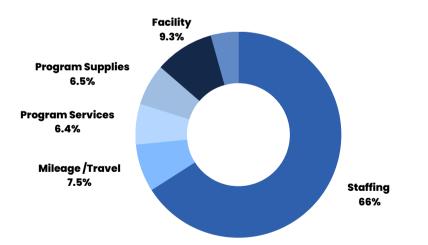


Amblyopia, or "lazy eye", is the most common cause of vision loss in children. Amblyopia is caused by a difference in how each eye can see. The brain will favor the stronger eye, causing the weaker eye to lose vision. It is vital to catch and treat amblyopia before age 7 to prevent permanent vision loss.

## OUR FINANCIALS







### Expense

KidSight Vision Screenings are mobile and do not require many consumable supplies. The largest expense is the people to support and provide KidSight's programs.

#### Total Expense: \$284,051

\$62,428

Value of the volunteer screener hours donated to KidSight.

### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

### Visionaries (\$5,000 and up)

Cape Girardeau Lions Club Employees Community Fund of Boeing STL Lions Eye Foundation of District 26-M2 PDG Association of 26-M5 Prime Health Foundation Saving Sight (MLERF) Stafford Family Charitable Trust Webster Groves Lions Club William J. Brace Charitable Trust

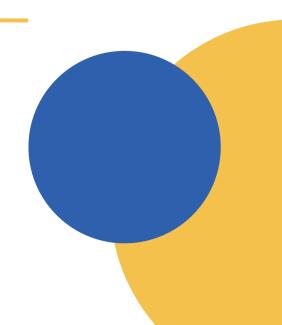


### Champions of Sight (\$2,000 to \$5,000)

Cerner Charitable foundation Concord Village Lions Club Concordia Lions Club House Springs Lions Club Jefferson City Host Lions Club Kimberling City Lions Club Lions All-Star Basketball Classic- District 26-M6 Lombard Securities Maryville Host Lions Club Mid-Continent Funding Owensville Lions Club Prairie Home Lions Club St Charles First Capitol Lions Club Vanguard Charitable

#### Defenders of Sight (\$1,000 to \$2,000)

Bowling Green Lions Club Branson-Hollister Lions Club Christian County Lions Club Lions Wayne and Susan Cunningham Farmington Lions Club Lion Becky Henderson Hermann Lions Club Jefferson City Evening Lions Club Leet Eyecare of Cape Girardeau Missouri Lions District 26-M3 Monett Lions Club Rolla Lions Club Sedalia Lions Club Seymour Lions Club St Louis Southside Lions Club Washington Lions club



At KidSight, our goal is simple: to provide free vision screenings and comprehensive follow-up for every child under 6-years-old in Missouri. Our mission is "to prevent vision conditions and promote healthy eyesight in children." We know that parents often do not take their children for routine vision exams and need this preventative screening to alert them that there is an issue. Our program goes out to daycare centers, schools, and community events across the state, and collaborates with optometrists to provide care.



#### Saving KidSight, DBA "KidSight"

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