Dear Elks and Ladies of the Elks,

In 1949, the Oregon State Elks Association took on as their state major project the commitment to bring the gift of sight to the visually impaired children of Oregon. Beginning as just a twinkle in the eye of Dr. Kenneth Swan (Portland Lodge #142), the Elks created the Oregon State Elks Children’s Eye Clinic.

The original clinic had a humble start. It was housed at the end of a hallway in the main OHSU hospital and served less than a hundred children a year. Gradually, the department and the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic outgrew their space. In March 1990, a ground breaking ceremony was held to build a new building to house a comprehensive ophthalmology department. The Elks were on board from the start by providing a donation of 1 million dollars to kick start a capital campaign to build a larger facility. The bronze Elk in front of the ophthalmology department symbolizes the long standing partnership between the department of ophthalmology and the Oregon State Elks Association.

The Elks Children’s Eye Clinic has been an amazing success. The Elks Children’s Eye Clinic established the standard therapy for retinopathy of prematurity, it performed the world’s first gene therapy for juvenile macular degeneration, and created the first Ophthalmic Informatics center.

Due to the phenomenal growth of the clinic over the last 65 years, we are now able to provide 16,500 pediatric patient visits annually. We have a staff of 6 full time pediatric ophthalmologists. Unfortunately, our success has created an unacceptable wait time for patients of over 6 months.

Today, I am here to share the very exciting news that we will be building a physically distinct facility to house pediatric ophthalmology called the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic. The building will be 40,000 square feet and will house all comprehensive and subspecialty pediatric ophthalmology. The Elks Youth Eyes Services (E.Y.E.S) has pledged 15 million dollars towards the $20 million dollars needed to name the new Elks Children’s Eye Clinic. We hope individual Elks will collectively contribute to make this new facility possible. We anticipate breaking ground on our new facility in July of 2017. We expect a grand opening in the year 2020.

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN DAVID WILSON, M.D.

On behalf of the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic, and our patients, I would like to thank all of you, your lodges and families for your generosity and support of the clinic and its programs. Our partnership, that began over 65 years ago, has made it possible to provide eye care to thousands of children who would otherwise go untreated.

Today, with the Oregon State Elks as our steadfast partner, we will create the foundation for a new era of eye care for generations to come.

Fraternally,
David Wilson, M.D.
Beaverton Lodge

A facility designed for a new era of excellence

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HOW TO GIVE TO THE BUILDING FUND
Please join us in fulfilling the vision

A new freestanding Elks Children’s Eye Clinic will be made possible through a $15 million commitment from the Elks Youth Eye Service and $5 million in gifts from individual Elks members.

Estate gift commitments may apply to our goal. If you have already named the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic in your plans or anticipate doing so, consider being part of this historic milestone.

If you would like to learn more, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Rich Crandall, OSEA Visual Chair, 503-397-5454, cell 503-396-6410

The new space will feature

- Physically distinct Elks Children’s Eye Clinic
- 40,000 square feet
- Comprehensive pediatric ophthalmology
- Subspecialty pediatric ophthalmology

Unveiling the new building

WATCH THE VIDEO ONLINE: HTTP://TINYURL.COM/Q7KDOJS
Dear Fellow Elks and Friends,

The Oregon State Elks provide Oregon’s children with the facilities for the best pediatric eye care in the region, possibly in the nation. Thanks to your continued generosity, we are now providing over 16,500 patient visits per year at the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic.

With Elks support, the vision screening program has screened over 8,500 preschool children this year. Elks from every district of the state volunteered to assist with community health fairs, public library screenings, and Head Start screenings.

Your state project is truly one to be proud of. The daily miracles that occur at the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic would not be possible without thousands of donors and volunteers who give time, money, talent, and love. I hope you’ll join me and your fellow Elks in supporting our major project.

Please be sure to use the enclosed response envelope and make your check payable to the “O.S.E.A. Visual Program” to receive lodge credit for your generous donation. While we won’t be sending out individual thank you letters, please accept in advance our sincere thanks and appreciation of your thoughtful gift.

Warmest wishes for a happy holiday season,

Jim Alameda
President, Oregon State Elks Association

Elks Preschool Vision Screening FALL 2014 - SPRING 2015

8,500 preschool vision screenings in over 200 classrooms

742 children were referred

455 eye exams analyzed

RESULTS: 309 eye glasses prescribed

105 children diagnosed with amblyopia

Every day the Elks donate at least one pair of glasses to a needy child
Each year, the Oregon State Elks Association sponsors a children’s poster contest, allowing them to illustrate the importance of eye health and safety for themselves and the world to see.

Everyone who participated should be proud of the role they played in preventing eye injuries. Thanks to all Oregon Elks districts for their involvement.

**Elks Eye Safety Poster Contest**

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RECOGNITION

**ELKS CHILDREN’S EYE CLINIC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

Distinguished Service Awards were given to three dedicated Oregon Elks who have demonstrated continued service to the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic.

Hon. James Damon, PGER, has been a member of the Oregon Elks for over 65 years and a champion of the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic from the beginning.

Hon. Lee Kell, Esq., recently retired as Grand Lodge Trustee. He has been an advocate for the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic through his role as estate planning attorney with his firm Kell, Alterman & Runstein, L.L.P., for decades.

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Lodge Donations
By The Numbers

2015 Top Per Capita Lodge Per District

O.S.E.A. Visual Chair Rich Crandall presents Lisette Spencer, VP South Central with the state award for the top Per Capita Donation from Springfield Lodge #2145 for $23.38.

L-R: Jessica Howard, Health Coordinator from Klamath Falls Head Start, and OHSU School of Nursing Faculty members, Marilyn Gran-Moravec, M.S.N., R.N., and Amy Blankenship, R.N., with Jeanne Morehouse, Elks Preschool Vision Screening Program, teach 24 OHSU nursing students how to perform a pediatric vision screening.