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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM  
ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

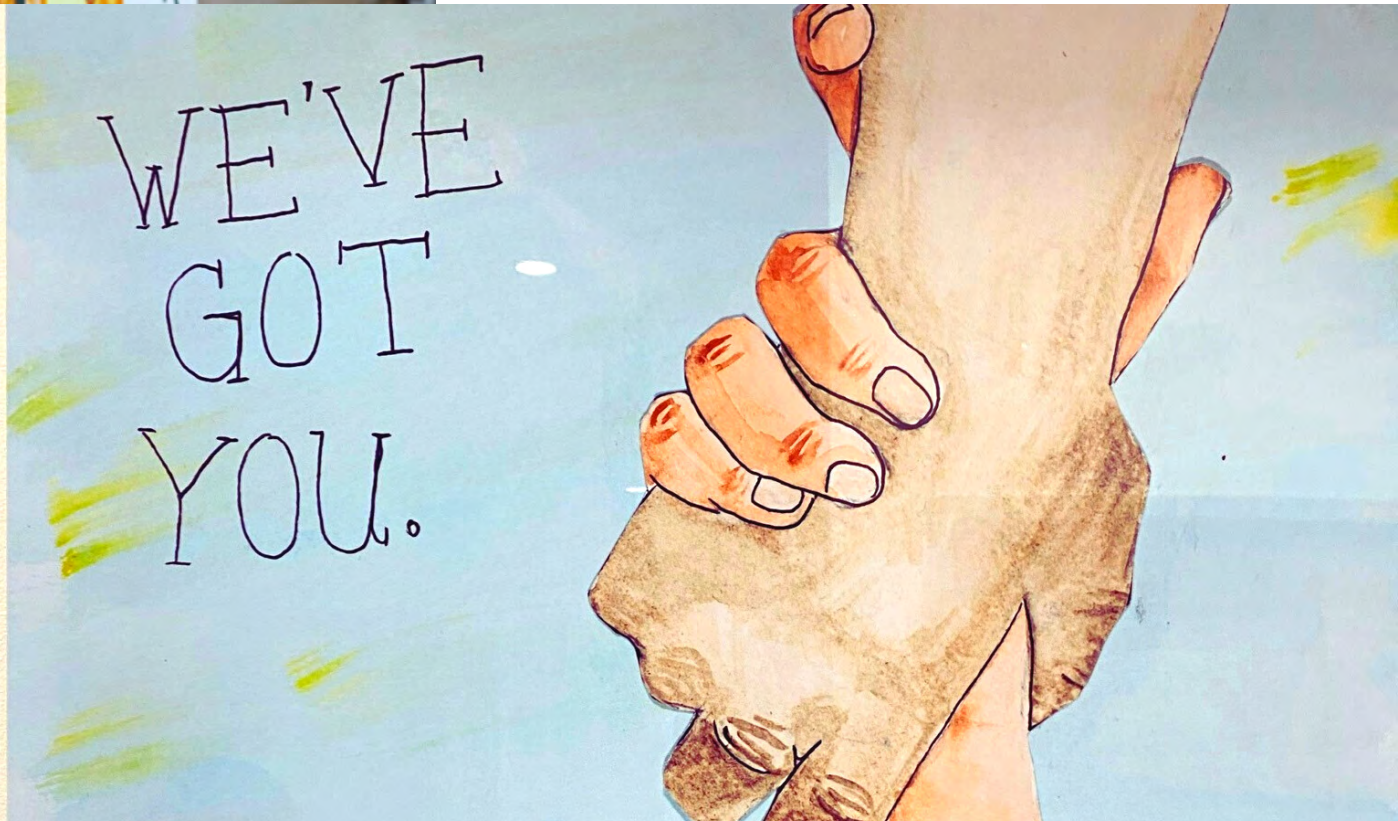




## Building An Integrated Network To Meet the Vision Care Needs of Oregon

The recent [CDC's Vision and Eye Health Surveillance System \(VEHSS\)](#) composite estimates of vision loss and major eye disease prevalence revealed that, in 2017, there were 7.08 million people living with visual acuity loss, of whom 1.08 million were living with blindness. A much more rapid increase than previously estimated.

Now, more than ever, the need to address the vision health crisis, including ensuring equitable access to essential vision care, requires innovative approaches and intentional collaboration at the community level to create a viable network to provide vision care throughout Oregon - helping reverse these troubling trends.



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**THE PROBLEM:** For many adults, access to essential vision care is beyond their reach. [The OHSU Casey Eye Institute \(Casey\) Community Outreach Program](#) brings eye health care into focus by providing free vision screenings to adults at highest risk for vision loss and identifying common preventable and treatable eye conditions that often cause blindness.

**THE SOLUTION:** With over a decade of developing strong partnerships with primary care health clinics and social services agencies across Oregon, the Casey Community Outreach Program offers on-site vision screenings at an expanding network of community locations, at no cost thanks to the ongoing support of our generous donors.

Local community partners help identify those in most need of vision care and help provide assistance with follow-up care, if needed, within their local community. The Casey Community Outreach Program's volunteer doctors, technicians, students and community members provide an initial eye exam, and prescription glasses at no cost to those served. And now...





# THE OREGON VISION HEALTH NETWORK

With a recent [\\$3.25 million dollar donation from The Roundhouse Foundation and Heather Killough](#), the Casey Community Outreach Program is expanding its ability to further support the vision health of communities throughout Oregon.

Advances in diagnostic imaging equipment and health information technology have rapidly improved the ability to detect eye diseases and to share eye health data among health care providers and institutions; however, traditional care models still present continued access barriers for many communities.

To better address access barriers to vision care, the outreach program is collaborating with community partners across Oregon to help build a network to increase vision screening, care coordination and telehealth infrastructure by:

- [Training Community Health Workers \(CHW\)](#) to be **Vision Health Navigators**.
- Developing a **network of community vision telehealth sites** to increase early detection and access points for monitoring eye diseases throughout Oregon.
- Developing an **informatics and data infrastructure** designed to **link community health centers with resources at the Casey Eye Institute**.
- Supporting a **community-based referral network** to provide a bridge between underserved members of the community and vision care.
- Deploying **two mobile eye units** to provide vision care directly in more communities across the state.

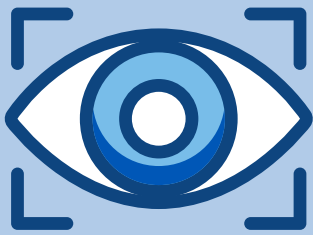


# 2021: Year In Review

Although 2021 brought continued challenges due to the pandemic and return of devastating wild fires that impact many of our most vulnerable communities, the Casey Community Outreach Program continued to provide an essential link to improving the vision health of Oregonians. ***Go, Casey Go!!***

## 442 EXAMS PROVIDED

at **28 sites** across the state to adults at highest risk for eye diseases and experience barriers to vision care.



## 264 (60%) RECEIVED A REFERRAL

for a condition that threatens their sight including diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and macular degeneration.

## 294 (66%) RECEIVED A PRESCRIPTION AND FREE GLASSES

a gift of sight valued at over **\$10,000.**



## 1,008 VOLUNTEER HOURS

were given providing eye care, an equivalent of **\$28,445**, based on the value of volunteer time in Oregon.

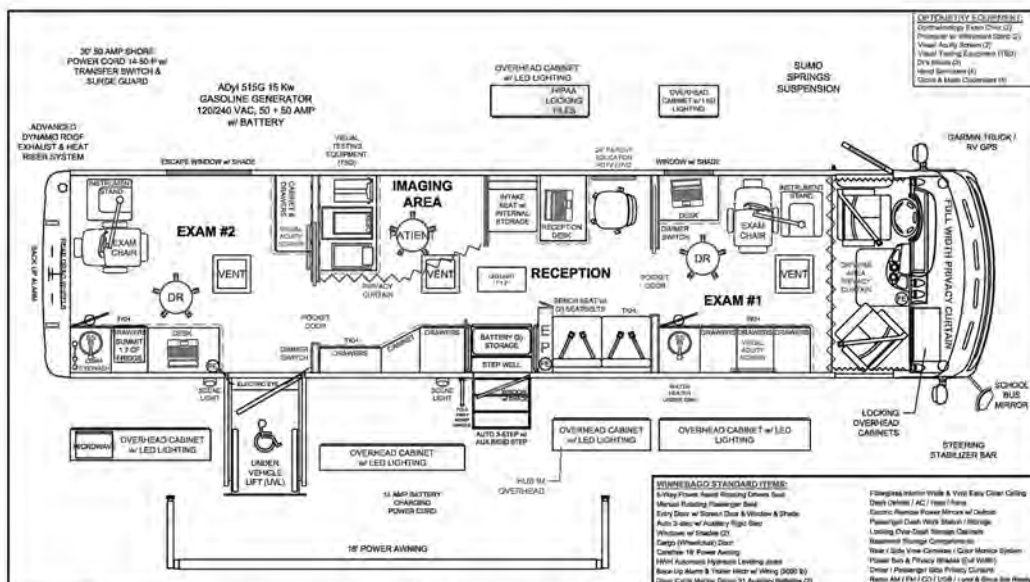
## 9 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED

as Vision Health Navigators, as part of a training approved by the **Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion**, to connect those in their community with vision care who need it most.





Once completed, the second mobile eye clinic in the fleet will feature **advanced imaging capabilities, two private exam lanes and enhanced accessibility** all designed to **increase access to vision care** through the program's expanded ability to provide vision care **directly in the community.**



## Coming to a Community Near You in Fall of 2022!





# Thank You For Your Support!

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