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Our horizon is as distant as
our mind's eye wishes to be.
-James E. Casey

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COMMUNITY & GLOBAL
OUTREACH
IMPACT REPORT

2024

A Vision for The State & Beyond!

Since 2010, the OHSU Casey Eye Institute's Community Outreach Program has been making a meaningful impact by providing essential eye care to individuals with limited or no access through its community-based service model thanks to the ongoing support of compassionate donors and dedicated volunteers. Since then, Casey's Community Outreach Program has provided free vision screenings to over 13,000 individuals in local communities from Oregon's rural landscapes and rugged coastline to its urban centers.

In 2022, the program officially launched the Oregon Vision Health Network (OVHN), integrating mobile outreach, telehealth screening, and training local health advocates as Vision Health Navigators. This innovative model combines technology and community-based partnerships to expand access to eye care, improve health outcomes, promote health literacy, and connect underserved communities to critical vision services at the local level.

Additionally in 2024, the Theodore R. Lilley Endowment for Community Outreach and Service was established to support the outreach program, ensuring long-term stability and enabling sustained growth and a greater focus on innovation.

Globally, Casey continues to forge strong partnerships in American Samoa and Thailand, focusing on education, research, and eye care. In addition to these collaborations, Casey co-hosted the Annual Global Ophthalmology Summit last year, significantly advancing local eye health worldwide and empowering providers to deliver high-quality care tailored to the needs of their unique communities.

Through sustained community-driven partnerships, these programs are creating extensive access points for vision care directly where people live, work, and play, drastically improving access to vital vision saving care across Oregon and around the world!

Broadening the Lens of Vision Care

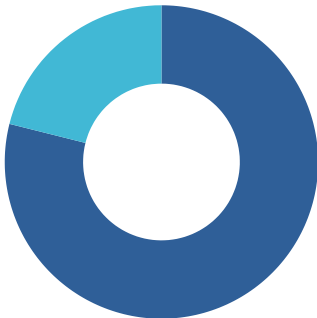
In 2024 alone, Casey's Community Outreach Program further expanded its reach by:

- Deploying a new mobile eye unit
- Launching 3 additional community-based telehealth sites, for a total of 5 sites
- Holding 36 mobile outreach clinics
- Completing 7 Vision Health Navigator Trainings.

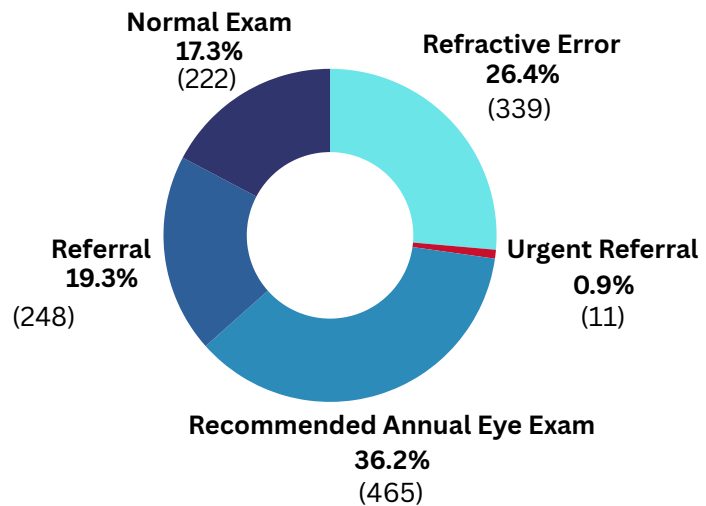
These incredible efforts have highlighted how the OVHN is working to expand access to vision care across all of Oregon's 36 counties. Go, Casey, Go!!



Telehealth Screenings
271



Mobile Screenings
1014



Telehealth Outreach



Since launching the telehealth vision screening sites, as part of the Oregon Vision Health Network, the Casey Community Outreach Program has established a robust and adaptable telehealth infrastructure, enabling health organizations to effectively monitor and improve vision health outcomes within their own communities.

Now with **5 telehealth sites, with a 6th & 7th site to be launched in 2025**, the outreach program continues to enhance and expand access to vision care, further increasing the program's reach across the state.



Each of these community-based sites is equipped with Optical Coherence Tomography (**OCT**), a non-invasive, high-resolution imaging device that provides cross-sectional views of the eye. This technology allows individuals to be screened and referred locally, greatly expanding and improving access to early detection and monitoring of eye diseases throughout Oregon!



2024 Telehealth Screening Partner Sites

- One Community Health (Hood River)
- Harney District Hospital (Burns)
- Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services (Klamath Falls)
- The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (Roseburg)
- YVFWC ¡Salud! Medical Center (Woodburn)

Telehealth Outreach

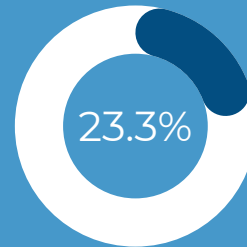
In 2024 alone, the outreach program's telehealth sites provided critical vision care access to **271 individuals identified as being at risk for vision loss.**

In the program's telehealth model, local primary care clinical teams identify individuals from their community that have known risk factors for eye disease and schedule them to receive a vision screening utilizing an OCT.

Enhanced by the OCT screening interpretation, the community-based primary care team provides individuals with recommended follow-up care or helps them obtain prescription glasses from a local eye provider. If local care is unavailable, the program deploys its mobile eye clinic as a safety net to ensure access to necessary services.

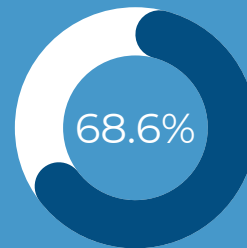
2024 By the Numbers

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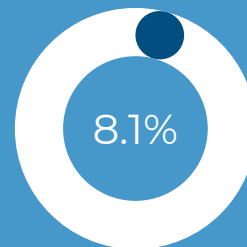
63 of those served received a referral to receive follow-up care

RECOMMENDATION:



186 of those served received a recommendation for an annual exam to monitor an underlying risk factor, but no intervention at this time

REFRACTIVE ERROR:



22 of those served received a referral for refractive error



Mobile Outreach



In 2024, Casey's Community Outreach Program unveiled its state-of-the-art mobile eye clinic, designed to revolutionize patient care. Completely funded by generous donors, Casey's latest mobile unit is equipped with two private exam lanes, space for advanced imaging equipment, and features a fully accessible and innovative design. This leading-edge clinic greatly expands the program's reach while maximizing the range of services that can be provided.

With this new mobile eye clinic, Casey's Outreach Program conducted **36 community-based vision screening clinics**, providing essential vision care to **1,014 adults**. These services delivered an impressive **in-kind gift of \$707,175**, of vision care benefiting communities across Oregon by ensuring greater access to high-quality eye care for all those served.

Mobile Screening Total



1,014

exams were provided at 36 community sites to adults at high risk for eye disease who face barriers to accessing vision care.

Mobile Rx & Referrals (all)



826 (82%)

individuals served by the program's mobile outreach team received prescription glasses and/or a referral or recommendation to help preserve their sight.

Mobile Outreach

Casey's Community Outreach Program is a proud founding member of the OHSU Mobile Health Coalition (MHC), which supports the collaboration and advancement of mobile health programs throughout the OHSU health system and the broader mobile health community.

This last year the MHC was awarded Best Poster at the Mobile Healthcare Association's annual conference, recognize the impact of this innovative multidisciplinary mobile coalition.

By sharing expertise, the MHC aims to overcome the limitations of traditional health care delivery systems and maximize the impact of each program's services, demonstrating OHSU's commitment to providing effective and equitable care to all, mile-after-mile.



This year, the outreach program introduced a new care plan category to better highlight its impact and help individuals understand their risk factors for vision loss. Along with the referral and urgent categories, the newly implemented *recommended* category emphasizes the importance of early detection and preventive care in ending blindness. **Of the 1,014 served, 826 (82%) either required a care plan or prescription glasses. Specifically, 619 (61%) needed prescription glasses, while 509 (50%) required a care plan** categorized below as *referral*, *recommended*, or *urgent* due to a condition that would threaten their vision health.



Of the 1,014 vision screenings exams provided to adults across Oregon **826 (82%) required either prescription glasses or a vision care plan**



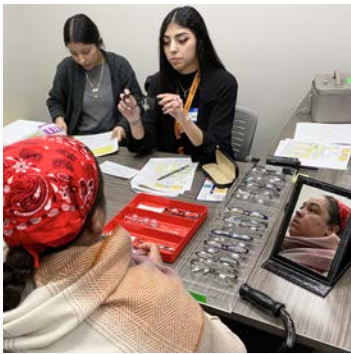
196 (19%) of those served received a **referral for follow-up care**, with **10 (5%)** of those referrals noted as **urgent** requiring immediate follow-up



313 (31%) of those served received a **recommendation for an annual exam** to monitor an underlying risk factor, but no intervention at this time



619 (61%) of those served received a **prescription and glasses at no-cost**



Vision Health Navigator Training

As a key element of the Oregon Vision Health Network (OVHN), the outreach program's Vision Health Navigator training has equipped **323** local health advocates and certified community health workers with the skills to identify vision loss risks, conduct screenings, and connect individuals to eye care resources.

In 2024, over **86** individuals were trained as Vision Health Navigators, representing 30 unique clinical and social service agencies from across Oregon.

Approved by the Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion, this training builds on the program's experience connecting Oregonians to essential eye care. It has also been adapted to support Casey's work in Thailand, expanding the program's global impact and strengthening vision health worldwide.

“The information is so powerful to know since many of us are working in Health Education of our tribal community and the community at large. What a privilege and honor to learn from our partners at OHSU Casey Eye Institute!”

**Aislyn Ukpik BFA, M. Ed. | Iñupiaq (Western Eskimo)
Diabetes Program Coordinator | Medical
Wah Weah Owite (Healing Place)
Klamath Falls, OR**



Guiding the Way to Better Vision Health

“The Transition Services Program (TSP), part of Multnomah County Corrections Health, is a multidisciplinary team that works with justice-involved individuals both in and out of custody.

Our program has benefited greatly from knowledge and relationships we have gained and connections we’ve made through the Vision Health Navigator training.

The training has become a staple for all of our Community Health Workers, providing us with resources and links to community partners in a health field often overlooked and under-funded.

TSP thanks Casey’s Community Outreach Program for providing the Vision Health Navigator training and resources, and we look forward to strengthening our partnership in the years to come!”

Sarah Karten
Transition Services Program
Multnomah County Corrections Health



“As a **Vision Health Navigator**, I’ve had the opportunity to make a difference in the Latin community’s vision health, which often faces challenges of being underserved, uninsured, and having a language barrier. As Program Manager and Community Health Worker at Centro Cultural, when clients come to me for vision care, I offer on-site vision screenings and create immediate applications for them to receive a free clinical eye exam and glasses if needed.”

Janet Silva Villanueva Program Manager, Centro Cultural

Global Outreach

In 2024, Mitchell Brinks, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director of the outreach program, was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Sterling H. and Anna Marie Tebbetts Endowed Professorship.

Established in honor of visionaries Sterling and Annie Tebbetts, the Tebbetts Professorship is poised to drive innovation in eye care, expanding the outreach program's impact and bringing the gift of sight to more individuals in need, both locally and globally.

Thanks to the generosity of The Ford Family Foundation in Roseburg, and steadfast support of Dr. Joe Robertson and Patricia Fisher Robertson it is an honor to have the Tebbetts Professorship sustain this important work.

In addition to this milestone, Global Outreach continued its efforts to improve eye care access in underserved communities around the world. Over the past year, programs in Thailand and American Samoa provided eye screenings, surgeries, and educational initiatives in collaboration with local eye care physicians and professionals.

Similar to rural Oregon, vision care is scarce in these regions. With the support of local partners and donors, Casey's ophthalmology faculty are helping build infrastructure for early detection and prevention of eye diseases.

These partnerships have allowed Casey to collaborate with international communities to overcome significant barriers to accessing eye care, providing training and technology to implement lasting solutions that enhance eye care systems and preserve sight worldwide.



Also in 2024, the 3rd Annual Global Ophthalmology Summit was held in Portland, with over 360 attendees at one of the largest global ophthalmology gatherings to date. Since its inception, at OHSU Casey Eye Institute in 2009, the conference has grown significantly to become a prominent annual event to advance eye health and reduce vision loss worldwide through education, research, collaboration, and public health advocacy.

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CASEY'S COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EXTENDING VITAL VISION AND EYE CARE SERVICES TO COUNTLESS UNDERSERVED PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD. PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR FUELING THIS SUCCESS, ENABLING US TO BRIDGE THE ACCESS GAP AND TRANSFORM LIVES THROUGH IMPROVED VISION.

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