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### **The Eye Institute of Salus University Receives Grant from First Hospital Foundation**

**Elkins Park, Pa.** – The Eye Institute (TEI) of Salus University’s Pennsylvania College of Optometry, received a \$20,000 grant from the First Hospital Foundation. The grant will be used to assist the University’s Looking Out for Kids (LOFK) program designed to meet the vision care needs of underserved children in the Philadelphia area.

The First Hospital Foundation supports nonprofit organizations whose programs address the health needs of the most vulnerable and underserved population in the five-county Philadelphia metropolitan region. The LOFK vision care initiative helps provide comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses vision care for under-insured and uninsured children in Philadelphia and its surrounding communities.

Early diagnosis and treatment of vision problems in children is key – one in four children suffers from visual difficulties, which can adversely impact their school performance and impede social development. Since its inception, the LOFK program has brightened thousands of children’s lives and enhanced their educational performance.

“We would like to thank the First Hospital Foundation for supporting our Looking Out for Kids program. This generous grant will help us in our mission to provide much-needed vision services for local children,” said Dr. Susan C. Oleszewski, chief of staff at Salus University.

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#### ***About The Eye Institute (TEI):***

*The Eye Institute, since opening its doors in 1978, has been a valuable vision care resource for Philadelphia and all of the Delaware Valley. As the clinical practice of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) at Salus University, TEI employs a multidisciplinary approach – with optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, optometric technicians, optometric interns (trainees) and other health care professionals working together to provide total vision care for nearly 50,000 patients annually. The Eye Institute has locations in Oak Lane, East Falls and Chestnut Hill.*

**About Salus University:**

*Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Biomedicine and Occupational Therapy. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 10,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.salus.edu](http://www.salus.edu).*