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The Eye Institute of Salus University Offers Vision Care in the Cheltenham School District

Elkins Park, Pa. – The Eye Institute (TEI) of Salus University has collaborated with the Cheltenham School District for the first time, bringing its “Looking Out for Kids” vision care initiative to area high school students. The “Looking Out for Kids” initiative helps provide vision care for under-insured and uninsured children in Philadelphia and its surrounding communities. Early diagnosis and treatment of vision problems in children is critical. One in four children suffers from visual difficulties, which can adversely impact their school performance and impede social development. Since its inception in 2007, the “Looking Out for Kids” program has brightened thousands of children’s lives and enhanced educational performance locally.

A team including an optometrist, ophthalmic technician and optometry interns performed comprehensive eye exams in the Salus University Mobile Vision Care Unit for Cheltenham High School’s Life Skills students. Seventy percent of the students examined needed a prescription for eyeglasses. School nurses identified students who failed a vision screening and required follow-up care. Each student requiring eyeglasses received two pairs – one for school and one for home.

“This was the first year that the Cheltenham School District received vision care services on the Salus Mobile Vision Care Unit,” Patricia Gallagher, nursing coordinator for the Cheltenham School District said. “This program is excellent and the staff is extremely professional and worked well with our Life Skill Students. We feel very privileged to be included in the program.”

For more information on the “Looking Out for Kids” initiative, email lookingoutforkids@salus.edu.

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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, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

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 Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry, 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.

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