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## American Heritage Credit Union Donates \$25K to Support Salus University's Big Red Bus



**Elkins Park, Pa. –** American Heritage Credit Union donated \$25,000 to Salus University to support the University's Big Red Bus, a school bus that has been transformed into a mobile eye examination clinic. The Big Red Bus travels to under-resourced schools across the Greater Philadelphia region offering free eye screenings and discounted glasses to students. The donation will support a new Big Red Bus that is slated to be delivered in 2023.

The Big Red Bus currently features a full examination lane, pre-testing area, and optical exam area. Annually, the bus travels two to three times a week during the school year, beginning in October. On average, about 20 children per visit receive comprehensive eye examinations, sometimes including dilation, and two pairs of prescription glasses are dispensed within two to three weeks from the visit. A new Big Red Bus is slated to be delivered in 2023.

**Photo caption:** Salus University's President Michael Mittelman (left) and Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations Jacqueline Patterson (second from left), accept a big check from American Heritage Credit Union's Vice President of Business Development Donna Handel (third from left).

### **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, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, speech-language pathology and occupational therapy services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.salus.edu](http://www.salus.edu).