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

Elkins Park, Pa. – The Eye Institute (TEI) of Salus University has collaborated for the first time with the Abington School District, bringing its “Looking Out for Kids” vision care initiative to area elementary, middle school and 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.

School nurses identified children who failed a vision screening and required follow-up care. Since March, 59 total exams were provided and 97 percent of those students needed a prescription for eyeglasses. Each student requiring glasses received two pairs – one for school and one for home. A total of 114 eyeglasses were distributed to students in the Abington School District.

“This is a wonderful initiative - from vision exams to eyeglass fittings, the program is comprehensive yet not intimidating to our students,” said Holly Horner, school nurse at Copper Beech Elementary. “In the future, we hope to identify additional students in need of vision care services for the program.”

A team from The Eye Institute including an optometrist, ophthalmic technician and optometry interns performed comprehensive eye exams in the Salus University Mobile Vision Care Unit at Abington Junior High School, Abington Senior High School, Highland Elementary, Copper Beech Elementary, Roslyn Elementary, Willow Hill Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Overlook Elementary and Rydal Elementary.

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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