

news release

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Expansion of Vision Services at East Central Health Center

In 2008, Columbus Neighbor Hood Health Centers, Inc. received financial support from Access HealthColumbus' public-private to expand vision services at East Central Health Center located at 1180 E. Main Street.

Our relationship began in 2004 when Access HealthColumbus in collaboration with Prevent Blindness Ohio awarded East Central Vision with an investment to hire an optician for one year in an effort to increase capacity to see more patients. At that time there was one optometrist, Dr. Greg Graves and a front desk receptionist, Carey Fields and the vision center was at capacity. With the addition of the optician, Larry Webb, total vision encounters for the first year doubled. As demand for vision appointments increased, once again the vision center filled to capacity and patients were waiting eight to ten weeks for vision appointments.

In an effort to increase capacity for vision services, the East Central Eye Center the ability to physically expand space, double the number of staff, and purchase additional optometric equipment. The following improvements have occurred:

- ✓ New eyewear gallery
- ✓ Two fully equipped eye examination lanes
- ✓ Hired an additional Optometrist, Dr. Janna Vargo
- ✓ Hired an additional Optical Assistant, Kelly Blanton
- ✓ Hired an additional Front Desk Receptionist/Reimbursement Specialist, Denee Linn who is bilingual and speaks Spanish and English

This expansion has doubled patient capacity, projecting to serve an additional 3,550 new patients. Dr. Graves stated, "With this generous support we have been able to provide quality eye care to individuals that would otherwise go without."

Please join us on Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 2pm to 4pm for an Open House Celebration at East Central Eye Center located at 1180 E. Main Street. There will be a short program at 3pm.

The East Central Eye Center's hours of operation are the following:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday- 8:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday - 8:00 am- 7:00 pm
Friday -8:00 am- 2:00pm

To schedule an appointment please call: (614) 645-5540

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