



**Children's Eye**  
Foundation of **aapos**™

2025



# IMPACT REPORT



# OUR MISSION

End preventable vision loss and improve the lives of visually impaired children worldwide.

# OUR VISION

The eyes of a child are small miracles. Preventable vision loss is a huge tragedy. If we can look into the eyes of every child, we can prevent the preventable. We can treat the treatable. We can correct the correctable. It starts with an eye screening. It continues with proper treatment, and it ends with a child who sees clearly for life. We envision a world where preventable vision loss in children is eliminated. Through direct patient care, accelerating treatments, training physicians and educating the public, our goal is to ensure that every child has the best vision possible.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The **Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CEF of AAPOS)**'s work in 2025 is bringing us closer to achieving our mission to end preventable blindness and improve the lives of visually impaired children worldwide. Thanks to you, our generous donors, we continue to expand our four programs, reaching more children and the ophthalmology workforce each year.

**All Children See**, which connects volunteer pediatric ophthalmologists with children who are uninsured or underinsured, reached new audiences in 2025 with a Back-to-School media blitz that reached families and school nurses – one of All Children See's primary referral sources – alike.

Our **Global Education and Training** program has expanded to include travel grants for medical students and residents to attend the AAPOS Annual Meeting, thanks to support from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Global Education & Training also supports the Marilyn Miller Travel Award, which allows international ophthalmologists to attend the AAPOS Annual Meeting. Last year, we welcomed physicians from Zambia and Uganda for this meaningful educational and networking opportunity.

**Stop Infant Blindness in Africa**, with collaboration from EYESHA, a UK-based nonprofit with operational support in sub-Saharan Africa and support from KTEF, made great strides in 2025. We implemented a new telemedicine program in Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda to screen and treat newborns for retinopathy of prematurity – a leading cause of preventable blindness. More than 2,500 babies were screened in 2025, with the majority who needed treatment receiving care.

**Vision Through Music** continues to expand, with more than 30 blind and visually impaired students taking lessons and more than 100 teachers on our registry. Your support has allowed us to provide multiple grants for these students to further their music education.

We also helped celebrate a golden milestone with AAPOS, which turned 50 in 2025. Our goal was to raise \$50,000 for 50 Years of AAPOS during the AAPOS Annual Meeting, and the generosity of our members helped us exceed that goal by \$20,000.

CEF of AAPOS continues to make meaningful progress – progress that would not be possible without your support. Your generosity moves us closer to achieving our mission, and we are deeply grateful for the impact you make.



With deepest thanks,

**David G. Hunter, MD, PhD**

Board President, 2025-26

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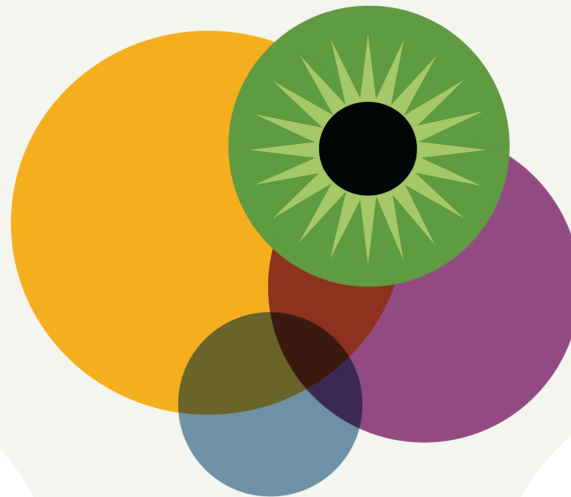
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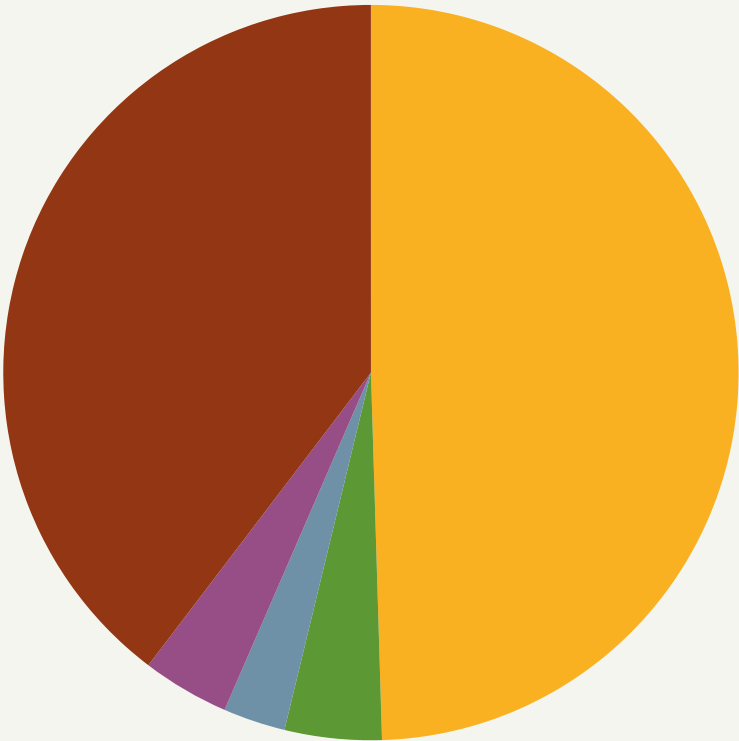


**Thank you to our Board, Foundation Advisory Board, and Committee members for their time. Their guidance and support allow the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS to help children get the vision care they need and improve the quality of lives for blind and visually impaired kids in the United States and Africa.**

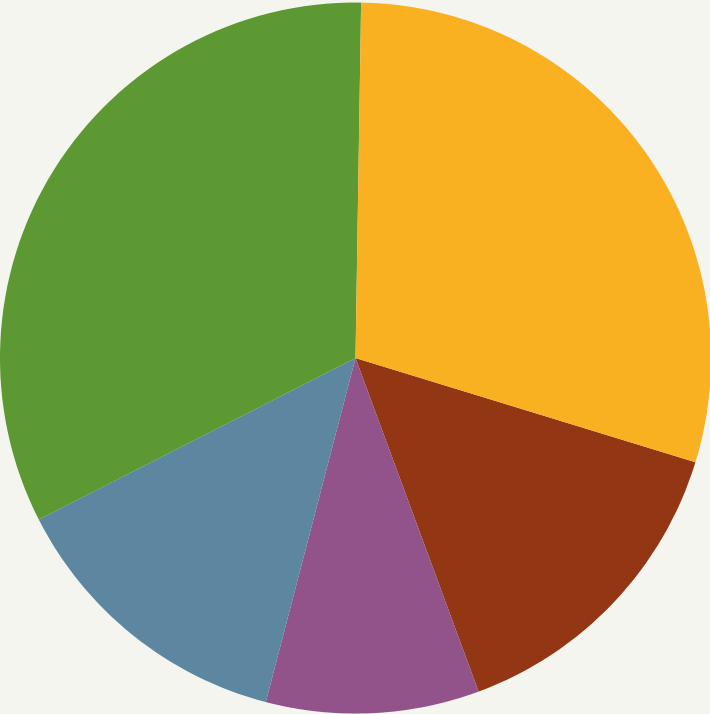
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## CHILDREN'S EYE FOUNDATION

### EQUITY (RESTRICTED) FUNDS AVAILABLE



### DONATIONS/GRANTS RECIEVED IN 2025



# PROGRAM UPDATES

## ALL CHILDREN SEE

A program offering free eye exams and care by volunteer ophthalmologists for eligible children under 18.

- 99 volunteers who are members of AAPOS.
- Expanded efforts by Pediatric Eye Ambassadors, including actively tabling at events to promote ACS.
- Partnered with a public relations/marketing firm to do a Back-to-School Media Blitz that increased website referrals.



## GLOBAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

A global program uniting Pediatric Ophthalmologists for collaborative efforts to end childhood vision loss, offering mentorship and support for emerging talent in the field.

- 62 residents and medical students were awarded funding to attend the 2025 AAPOS Annual Meeting through our Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) Ophthalmology Resident/Medical Student Travel Grant
- Dr. Rebecca Lusoby of Kampala, Uganda, and Dr. Chimozi Tembo of Lusaka, Zambia both attended the AAPOS Annual Meetings as Marilyn Miller Travel Grant recipients. Dr. Lusoby works at Makerere University/Mulango National Referral Hospital, and Dr. Tembo works at the University Teaching Hospitals Eye Hospital.



# PROGRAM UPDATES

## STOP INFANT BLINDNESS IN AFRICA

- In collaboration with EYESHA, a Britain-based nonprofit with an operational presence in sub-Saharan Africa, launched a telescreening program for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) in Nigeria, Kenya, and Uganda.
- Nurses and technicians are being trained to do ROP screenings at regional hospitals and transmit images to offsite pediatric ophthalmologists.
- In Nigeria, 651 babies were screened, with 199 diagnosed with ROP and 53 requiring and receiving treatment. An unprecedented 37 hospitals referred newborns. In Uganda, 645 babies were screened, and 34 babies who required treatment received it. In Kenya, 1,216 out of 1,219 eligible infants were screened, with 69 out of 79 who needed treatment receiving care.



## VISION THROUGH MUSIC



Helping blind and visually impaired children live up to their potential through music. VTM provides \$1,000 scholarships for students to take music lessons and/or purchase an instrument, as well as providing training opportunities for music teachers.

- There are 100+ teachers on the registry.
- 32 students have been matched with registry teachers.
- Received new grant from Mockingbird Foundation.

# TESTIMONIALS

## ALL CHILDREN SEE

*"Being an All Children See volunteer is meaningful to me because it gives me the chance to change the trajectory of a child's life. Clearer vision can open the door to learning, boost confidence, and create opportunities. Every child deserves this chance, and I'm honored to be part of making that possible."*



**Jinali Dora, MD**  
All Children See Volunteer, Fairfax, Va.

## 2025 MARILYN MILLER TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENT



**Dr. Chimozi Tembo**  
Head of Clinical Care  
University Teaching Hospitals-  
Eye Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia

*"Receiving the 2025 Marilyn Miller International Travel Grant was both a professional honor and a transformative milestone in my career as a pediatric ophthalmologist in Zambia. The opportunity to attend the AAPOS Annual Meeting, participate in the pre-meeting workshop, and complete an observership has significantly influenced my clinical practice, academic engagement, and leadership trajectory. Clinically, the meeting reshaped my management of pediatric cataract, particularly reinforcing the urgency of early surgical intervention in infants. Since returning, I have strengthened our surgical prioritization protocols for visually critical cases and refined intraocular lens planning strategies based on contemporary evidence presented at AAPOS. ...*

*Collectively, the knowledge, networks, and professional growth catalyzed by this opportunity continue to influence the care of hundreds of children seen annually in our service, while shaping the training of future ophthalmologists in Zambia. The Marilyn Miller grant did not simply fund attendance at a scientific meeting – it created sustainable improvements in patient care, training, and leadership capacity."*

# TESTIMONIALS

## STOP INFANT BLINDNESS IN AFRICA

*“Team Kenya would like to extend a massive token of appreciation to our partners, SIBA and EYESHA, for assisting us in setting up our telemedicine ROP screening program. The assistance covered the fundus camera purchase, training of technicians and NICU staff on all aspects of ROP, and provision of anti-VEGF agents. We have screened more babies than initially projected and given prompt and effective treatment to all the babies that required it.*”

*As we continue to walk together with our partners, we are happy to announce the purchase of another fundus camera and soon to commence the second phase of telemedicine ROP screening in several hospitals within the Rift Valley counties. Thus, as neonatal services are improving and spreading nationally, so too are the ROP services. In deed we are part of the process: stopping infant blindness in Africa!”*



**Dr. Oscar Muwale Onyango**  
Consultant Ophthalmologist  
Kenyatta National Hospital  
Nairobi, Kenya

## VISION THROUGH MUSIC



**Robi-Lyn Truglio, mother of Daniel Truglio, pictured, Greencastle, Pa.**

*“Daniel has been the learning the guitar through the Vision Through Music program. He has been enjoying every lesson. Music is such an important part of Daniel’s life and now he is so excited to start learning an instrument.*”

*The best part has been getting to work with a teacher who understands vision impairment and medical challenges. Daniel had been asking me if could learn the guitar for this past year. I knew it would be difficult to find the right teacher for him. Vision Through Music immediately solved that problem. It has been so special for Daniel to learn the guitar with a kind and talented teacher.”*

# PARTNERS AND GRANTS

The Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS relies on the invaluable support of its partners and grant supporters to fulfill its mission of protecting and preserving children's vision. Their collaboration ensures that every child has the opportunity to see a brighter future through access to expert care and vital resources.

## PARTNERS

- Academy of Music for the Blind
- EYESHA
- Hopwood Foundation
- Indiana Lions Club, the first state-wide partner of All Children See

## GRANTS

- Anonymous Gift for Vision Through Music
- Delta Gamma Foundation for Vision Through Music
- Mockingbird Foundation for Vision Through Music
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