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EYE HEALTH FOR CLEVELAND'S CHILDREN

Celebrating 10 Years of ChildSight® Cleveland

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100,000

Cleveland children have received vision screenings

ChildSight®, brought to Cleveland in 1999 by The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, provides vision screenings and, as needed, prescription eyeglasses to all 5th through 9th grade students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and East Cleveland City Schools. By serving students at school and providing all screenings and glasses free of charge, ChildSight® is helping to close a critical gap in access to health care for Cleveland's children.

Report on Stewardship

Dear Friends:

100,000 FREE VISION SCREENINGS: REFLECTIONS ON A MILESTONE

The Mt. Sinai Medical Center was a safety-net hospital for Greater Cleveland, from serving as the East Side's only Level I trauma center to providing ongoing disease prevention, health education and health promotion programs in the community. Since its inception in 1996, The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation has honored the hospital's legacy of serving where the need is greatest, not only by supporting programs that reduce risk factors that lead to poor health, but also by providing sustainable health education and health promotion opportunities with a focus on primary prevention.

This year we celebrate a Foundation program that embodies this legacy. The ChildSight® program provides free vision screening to all 5th through 9th graders in the Cleveland and East Cleveland public schools, and, as needed, free prescriptions and free, quality eyeglasses. This year in Cleveland, ChildSight® has screened its 100,000th student.

Mt. Sinai's commitment to the health of the urban community, together with the Medical Center's historically strong ophthalmology service generously supported by donors, made bringing ChildSight® to Cleveland in 1999 a natural fit for the then-nascent Foundation.

ChildSight® provided the Foundation with the opportunity early in its grantmaking not only to promote children's health and well-being but also to take an impactful program to scale and even offer a universal service to every public school student in Cleveland and East Cleveland – a rare opportunity in grantmaking.

Mt. Sinai has provided $ChildSight^{\mathbb{R}}$ with more than \$2 million in support over the past ten years. We invite you to take a look at the pages that follow and see for yourself the impact $ChildSight^{\mathbb{R}}$ is having on Cleveland's children.

FOCUS ON FUTURE ACHIEVEMENT

In October 2008, the Foundation's Board of Directors held a retreat chaired by Vice-Chair Sally Wertheim. Reviewing the Foundation's effectiveness and examining lessons learned in its first twelve years of grantmaking was seen as especially crucial given the downturn in the economy.

The Board agreed that, in order to be maximally effective, the Foundation must continue to:

- Align health grantmaking with documented community need; to be research-based and data-driven.
- Focus. Take a laser-beam approach to grantmaking or risk becoming irrelevant in 50 fields.
- Invest in leaders, since "the pace of the leadership is the pace of the game."
- Pursue leverage and collaboration.
- Seek public/private partnerships, which provide access to public sector funding and expertise and to private sector accountability and oversight.
- Ensure the strength of grantees. Because the Foundation does not serve end-users, we rely on strong grantees to carry out the Foundation's mission.
- Measure success where possible to become a continuously more impactful grantmaker.



Mitchell Balk (left) and Victor Gelb in the Flats beside the Detroit-Superior Bridge

Having reviewed these lessons learned, the Board is thinking about future grantmaking within the context of three questions:

What should we be?

The Mt. Sinai Legacy: What do we owe the past?

What does Greater Cleveland need us to be?

Are we aligned with community needs?

What can we be?

How and where can we be most impactful?

This self-examination has resulted in an affirmation of our current grantmaking strategies and a renewed commitment to the four areas of grantmaking focus established in 2005: Health of the Jewish Community, Health of the Urban Community, Academic Medicine & Bioscience, and Health Policy.

As we work to become a continuously more impactful health grant-maker, we welcome your ongoing input and support.

Sincerely,

Victor Gelb Chair, Board of Directors

Mitchell Balk President

20/20 Vision for the Future



children have received free, quality eyeglasses

CHILDSIGHT® ALLOWS KIDS TO FOCUS SO THEY CAN DO THEIR BEST IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

A visit with the ChildSight® team to any of Cleveland's elementary schools fills one with hope for the city's future. Take Charles A. Mooney Elementary, for example. There, one might meet the bespectacled Zhane Isom, a pediatrician who loves babies and is eager to help children grow up healthy and strong. Her colleague Zach Weiss is an astronomer; he wants to be the first person to see a new solar system close up and to prove to the world that UFOs exist. Then there is Teleanto Jones. Mr. Jones, who goes by "TJ," is an architect. Or an artist. Or a professional ball player. He hasn't decided yet. After all, he and Zach are only in 5th grade, Zhane in 8th. But give them about 15 years, and these kids are going places. Each has a strong vision for the future. And now, thanks to the ChildSight® program, that vision is 20/20.

For the past ten years, ChildSight® has provided free on-site vision screenings and free eyeglasses to 5th through 9th graders in Cleveland and East Cleveland public schools. When Foundation President Mitchell Balk learned of this important program in 1998,

"It's easier to see things. I realized something was wrong because I had to squint a lot."





a site visit to ChildSight's Newark, NJ, operation was all it took to convince him that the program would offer an excellent benefit to the very population Mt. Sinai had always served. The Foundation Board agreed, and ChildSight® was brought to Cleveland in 1999.

ChildSight® is run under the auspices of Helen Keller International (HKI), a New York City-based non-profit dedicated to treating preventable blindness and malnutrition throughout the developing world. ChildSight® is HKI's signature domestic program aimed at helping economically-disadvantaged children receive the eye care they need to succeed in school and in life.

The program is so important for the 5th through 9th grade population because puberty brings changes to the eyes, making it necessary for many students to wear glasses in order to see the chalkboard clearly and to engage in the many activities of a school day.

Zhane, who is completely blind in her left eye, knew something was wrong because she "always had to sit up close and would sometimes get headaches from squinting." Not only does she see and feel better with her new glasses, but Zhane is seeing improvement in her grades as well. "In science, we take a lot of notes, and before I got glasses, I used to have trouble getting all the notes down because I couldn't see the board."

"Wow, this is amazing! ...

I always thought that fuzzy was just how things looked."

HOW IT WORKS

"Have you ever had glasses before?" "Does anyone in your family wear glasses?" "Please start at the top of the chart and read down for me." For the 12,434 Cleveland and East Cleveland kids who have received their glasses through ChildSight® over the last ten years, these words have changed their lives.

Standing twenty feet from the ubiquitous E-topped eye chart, students are asked to identify letters and shapes with both eyes and then with each eye covered. Most are sent back to class with a cheerful "Thank you." Those who do not pass the initial screening move on to the next station, a one-on-one with an optometrist.

The final station a student visits when ChildSight® comes to school is a table topped with more than 30 different stylish frames from which to choose. Students choose from such an impressive array of new styles that it's easy to imagine envy on the part of their friends unfortunate enough to miss this opportunity to accessorize.

About two weeks after screening and refraction, ChildSight® returns to the school to dispense glasses, a case, a letter explaining how to care for glasses, and a lens cloth. Zack, who earns good grades and boasts perfect attendance since 3rd grade, recalls very clearly the first thing he saw with his new prescription. Called down to the main office to receive his new glasses, he put them on and instantly the entire length of the hallway stretched out in front of him with a clarity he did not expect. "Wow, this is amazing! I never thought I could see

this clearly," said the young man, who enjoys basketball and who played a role in his school's dramatic rendition of "Carmen" last fall. "I always thought that fuzzy was just how things looked. I didn't know any better."

Vision and eye health are part of overall health, and as needed, students are referred out for private follow up. A good eye exam can help to tease out more serious issues that glasses alone may not fix, including strabismus (commonly called "cross eyes"), which sometimes requires surgery, and amblyopia, also known as "lazy eye." Furthermore, because diabetes weakens small blood vessels like those in the eyes, ChildSight® optometrists routinely remind diabetic students to get their pupils dilated once a year by an ophthalmologist.



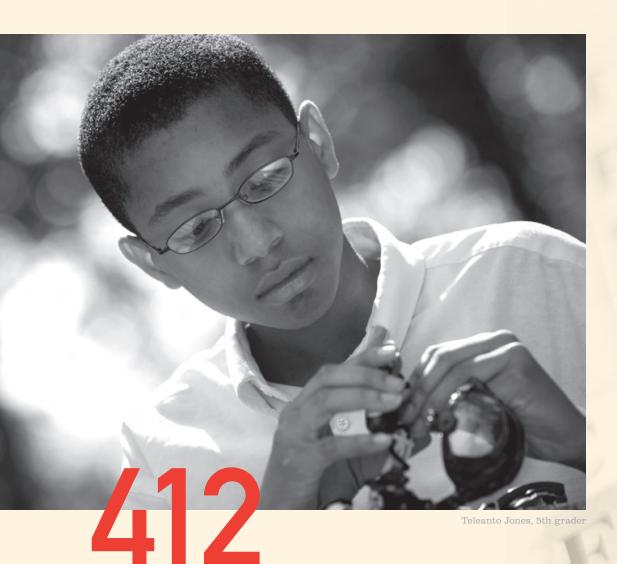
"Before I got glasses, I used to have trouble getting all the notes down because I couldn't see the board"



Zhane Isom, 8th grader

students have been referred for ophthalmological follow-ups

"The opportunity to have an exam and receive glasses at no cost to us is very helpful, because we don't have eye coverage."



Cleveland schools have been served

A BENEFIT TO US ALL

The market value of the services provided is relatively easy to calculate. A private vision screening and ophthalmological exam can cost from \$90 to \$400. Nice frames and prescription lenses can easily cost a family another \$250.

But the real value of this program cannot truly be measured in dollars and cents. To appreciate the real value, let us imagine the difficulty of trying to do – without the benefit of corrected vision – all that is asked of a young student today. The difficulty of following a lesson on the chalk board or smart board. The difficulty of hitting a baseball or of learning the choreography of a new dance routine. Of concentrating on homework with the headache that results from a day spent squinting. Now let us multiply that headache by the more than 12,000 cases of impaired vision that may have gone undetected without ChildSight®. By 12,000 students for whom school would be more difficult than it needs to be because of the lack of glasses. Now let



us extend in our minds the ripple effect of 12,000 college or technical degrees not pursued or made more difficult, landscapes not appreciated, smiles not clearly seen, nuances of conversation not observed, movies and plays less engaging, driving less safe.

It was with the belief that ChildSight® would make this impact that Mt. Sinai brought the program to Cleveland in 1999. 100,000 screenings later, it is with evidence from ten years of impact that the Foundation has committed \$300,000 more in operating funds for the next two years.

ChildSight® Cleveland has also received generous support over the years from The Abington Foundation, Bruening Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, Saint Luke's Foundation, Thomas H. White Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Summary of Active Grants

CADEMIC MEDICINE AND BIOSCIENCE	approved prior to 2008	approved in 2008	paid in 2008
Case Western Reserve University Support of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences for the marketing of the "Cold Storage" medical ethics curriculum		\$1,500	\$1,500
Case Western Reserve University 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of the		\$5,000	\$5,000
History of Medicine (April 23-26, 2009 in Cleveland) Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine		\$3,500	\$3,500
Ferocious Beauty-Genome, a Conference: Translating ELSI - Ethical, Legal & Social Implications of Genomics Research (May 1-3, 2009)			
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Research collaboration between the Mt. Sinai Skills and Simulation Center and the Israel Center for Medical Simulation	\$300,000		\$0
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Operating and capital support for the Mt. Sinai Skills and Simulation Center	\$2,880,000		\$0
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Challenge grant to establish the Dean's Catalytic Fund		\$1,000,000	\$333,334
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Renewal of The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation Scholars Program in the basic sciences		\$2,000,000	\$333,333
The Center for Health Affairs NEONI's 2008 Legacy of Nursing Gala (May 3, 2008) honoring the Foundation with the Community Leader Award		\$2,000	\$2,000
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation (Lutheran Hospital) Expenses related to the Dr. Rudolph Reich Lecture		\$1,000	\$1,000
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Prospective Trial to Screen Women at High-Risk for Breast Cancer by Way of MRI vs. Mammography		\$10,000	\$10,000
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Activities of the Mathile and Morton J. Stone Chair and Professorship		\$75,000	\$75,000
Fund for Our Economic Future Support for BioEnterprise Corporation to develop the bioscience sector in Cleveland	\$300,000		\$150,000
The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation Matching funds for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's	Up to \$120,000	\$0	\$0
Partners Investing in Nursing's Future program, for which The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation serves as grantee. The project addresses the nursing shortage by adding new nursing			
school faculty, thereby enabling Northeast Ohio schools of nursing to admit additional qualified students			
Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair 56th Annual Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (March 2-5, 2009)		\$1,000	\$1,000
University Hospitals Case Medical Center Department of Neurology: 2008 Garson Visiting Professor, Ezekiel J. Emanuel, MD, PhD		\$500	\$500

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TH OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY	approved approved in 2008 prior to 2008	paid in 2008
American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA/ARMDI) 2008 MDA Humanitarian Award	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bikur Cholim of Cleveland To initiate and maintain a kosher food pantry at the Cleveland Clinic and general support	\$90,000 over three years	\$30,000
The Cleveland Women's Orchestra Orchestra's musical concert outreach program to residents of long-term care facilities including either Menorah Park or Montefiore	\$1,500	\$1,500
Council Gardens Urban Farm Pilot Project	\$20,000	\$20,000
Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation Bone marrow donor drive in the Cleveland Jewish Community	Up to \$58,555	\$0
Hebrew Shelter Home Infrastructure to expand safety-net services	Up to \$182,940	\$63,350
The Jewish Community Center of Cleveland Health and capacity-building components of its multi-year	\$304,370	\$95,016
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland 2008 Campaign for Jewish Needs for local health services	\$1,475,000	\$737,500
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland 2009 Campaign for Jewish Needs for local health services	\$1,525,000	\$381,250
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland Health-related projects of the Centennial Initiative	\$5,000,000	\$375,000
for Jewish Cleveland Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA)	\$68,976	\$68,976
Bridge funding for kosher home-delivered meals program Menorah Park Center for Senior Living	\$3,000	\$3,000
Multi-hip commercial exercise equipment Menorah Park Center for Senior Living	\$12,000	\$12,000
Bridge funding for the music therapy program Montefiore	\$155,000	\$155,000
Start-up funding for a community-based palliative care program National Council of Jewish Women	\$2,500	\$2,500
Sth Annual Lois Zaas Memorial Lecture Concerning Illegal Guns Ohio Jewish Communities	\$250	\$250
2008 Legislative Reception		
SEGULA Support of Jewish special needs children	\$1,000	\$1,000
SEGULA General Support	\$10,000	\$10,000
Siegal College of Judaic Studies The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation Lecture: In the Beginning: A Jewish Bioethics Exploration of Reproductive Technologies and their Applications	\$6,750	\$6,750
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HEALTH OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY	approved prior to 2008	approved in 2008	paid in 2008
Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network Wellness & Health Enhancement Project in HUD senior housing	\$52,892		\$52,892
The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland Expansion of Clinic hours and service		\$150,000 over 15 months	\$120,000
Greater Cleveland Health Education and Service Council Special operating grant for Mt. Sinai-initiated minority health agency		\$118,590	\$118,590
Helen Keller International ChildSight® Cleveland to provide free vision screenings and quality eyeglasses in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District		\$300,000	\$150,000
Hospice of the Western Reserve Support the Adaptive Design patient care project	\$100,000		\$31,206
Huron Hospital School of Nursing (Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals) Support retention of minority students through the Nursing Tutoring Resource Center	\$44,400		\$22,200
ideastream WVIZ/PBS & 90.3 WCPN Living with Cancer Resource Guide		\$2,500	\$2,500
InterAct Cleveland 2008 Homeless Stand Down		\$3,000	\$3,000
Jennings Center for Older Adults To offer health and supportive services in low-income housing		\$65,761	\$65,761
Joseph's Home Administrative expansion of transitional residence for recuperating homeless men		\$67,333 over two years	\$34,000
LEAP (Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential) Personal Assistance Cooperative Initiative to address the personal assistance needs of aging adults with disabilities	\$48,081		\$23,688
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Expansion of the training program of the Services to Adult Care Homes (SACH) program serving low-income and special needs seniors residing in private homes in the community		\$114,810 over three years	\$46,860
MetroHealth Foundation (lead agency) Coordination of chronic care diabetic patients as part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Aligning Forces for Quality Initiative grant to Cleveland	\$54,140		\$27,470
Milestones Organization Professionalize its work on behalf of children with autism spectrum disorders and their families	\$125,000		\$40,000
Muscular Dystrophy Association Support of summer camp		\$1,000	\$1,000
NAMI Greater Cleveland Mental Health Multicultural Outreach Program		\$29,000	\$29,000
Neighborhood Family Practice To improve quality of care in accordance with Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHCO) standards		\$38,000	\$38,000
North Coast Community Homes Community outreach efforts		\$1,000	\$1,000
The OASIS Institute Launch the Cleveland Active Living Every Day program in partnership with MetroHealth for seniors in the urban community	\$69,150		\$36,800
Ohio Grantmakers Forum Support of Ohio Grantmakers Forum (OGF) October 2008 Annual Conference		\$2,500	\$2,500
The Old Stone Foundation Health literacy education for vulnerable families attending the Old Stone Center for Education		\$16,000	\$16,000

HEALTH OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY	approved prior to 2008	approved in 2008	paid in 2008
The Pets for the Elderly Foundation Pets for the Elderly Program		\$2,500	\$2,500
Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of NE Ohio (PLAN) Supportive housing		\$1,500	\$1,500
Project LOVE® Remember the Children Foundation Launch of a new health newsletter for teens		\$4,910	\$4,910
Recovery Resources Expand treatment for co-occurring diseases of mental illness and substance abuse	\$75,000		\$37,500
St. Vincent Charity Hospital Initiate the Deaf Access Program for D/deaf patients	\$131,418		\$64,700
Scenarios USA Year II of the school-based Cleveland Responsible Sexuality Project		\$40,000	\$ 0
Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. Health and Wellness Initiative		\$3,500	\$3,500
Senior Transportation Connection of Cuyahoga County (STC) Expansion of countywide senior transportation system in which The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation has figured very prominently		\$75,000	\$75,000
Shoes and Clothes for Kids Heart & Sole Luncheon - General Support		\$2,000	\$2,000
Towards Employment Train direct care workers in urban nursing homes		\$105,424	\$44,234
Transportation Consortium Coordinating Committee (TC3) Bridge funding		\$20,000	\$20,000
United Way of Greater Cleveland John K. Mott Youth Fund Distribution Committee - 2008		\$5,000	\$5,000
University Settlement Support of the University Settlement Hunger Center		\$2,500	\$2,500
Vocational Guidance Services Train workers to prepare healthy meals for Cleveland school children		\$25,065	\$25,065
YMCA of Greater Cleveland Support of the "We Run This City" Youth Marathon Program for students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District		\$162,075 over three years	\$52,500
OTHER	approved prior to 2008	approved in 2008	paid in 2008
Grantmakers In Aging 2008 annual membership		\$3,000	\$3,000
Grantmakers In Health Grantmakers In Health 2008 Funding Partners Program		\$6,750	\$6,750
Ohio Grantmakers Forum 2009 annual membership		\$10,500	\$10,500
United Way of Greater Cleveland 21st Annual Not-for-Profit Accounting and Financial Seminar, October 28, 2008		\$750	\$750

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Financial Report

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)	December 31, 2008
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust Receivables Other assets Property and equipment, net	\$ 682,986 101,362,462 956,131 1,758 142,981 3,813
Total Assets	\$103,150,131
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Grant commitments	\$110,560 1,091,387
Total Liabilities	1,201,947
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted	59,547,678 24,488,403 17,912,103
Total Net Assets	101,948,184
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$103,150,131

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES	S IN NET ASSET	S (UNAUDITED)	December 31, 2008		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	
Revenues and Other Support					
Contributions Investment income, net Beneficial Trust Income Net realized and unrealized losses	\$ 4,169,405 2,047,129 - (33,537,160)	\$ 8,803 1,177,752 74,535 (20,288,026)	-	\$ 4,178,208 3,224,881 74,535 (53,825,186)	
Unrealized loss on interest in perpetual trust	-	-	(549,424)	(549,424)	
	(27,320,626)	(19,026,936)	(549,424)	(46,896,986)	
Net assets released from restrictions	3,061,581	(3,061,581)	-	-	
Total Revenues and Other Support	(24,259,045)	(22,088,517)	(549,424)	(46,896,986)	
Expenses					
Grants and distributions	6,241,128	-	-	6,241,128	
Administrative and general expenses					
Salaries	526,394	-	-	526,394	
Purchased services	156,527	-	-	156,527	
Employee benefits	178,008	-	-	178,008	
Supplies and office expenses	52,594	-	-	52,594	
Payroll taxes Other expenses	33,218 19,072	-	-	33,218 19,072	
Depreciation	(1,219)	-	-	(1,219)	
Total administrative and general expenses	964,594			964,594	
				30.,00.	
Total Expenses	7,205,722	-	-	7,205,722	
Change in Net Assets	(31,464,767)	(22,088,517)	(549,424)	(54,102,708)	
Net Assets, beginning of year	91,012,445	46,576,920	18,461,527	156,050,892	
Net Assets, end of year	\$59,547,678	\$ 24,488,403	\$17,912,103	\$101,948,184	

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