



# Compassion in Action

## LensCrafters - A Community Partner Giving The Gift of Sight to Cobb Students

In 1988 LensCrafters launched the charitable program OneSight and for more years than can be counted, local LensCrafters offices have served Cobb County School District students who have no access to health Insurance for a one day clinic called Hometown Day. Families are referred to school social workers by the school nurse, teacher, or guidance counselor for optometry resources if they have failed the school vision screening and parents have communicated a need for assistance. Our school social workers then partner with four county wide LensCrafters offices to participate in the annual Hometown Day where students bring their appointment letters into their local participating LensCrafters office to receive free eye

exams and glasses that very day!

Please be sure to refer students in need of vision resources all year long to the school social worker, but especially prior to Thanksgiving so that they might benefit from the very efficient and dignified Hometown Day that occurs in specific LensCrafters offices the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December. Only students coordinated by the school social work department may participate due to the demand of the program. Last year alone one this single day event, 60 CCSD students were given exams and new eyeglasses free of charge!

Another highlight of this Hometown Day occurs when the school social workers who attend the event



help bridge communication and services welcome families with breakfast treats and coloring materials to encourage the students to create thank you cards for the LensCrafters employees to hang on the store window. This act of gratitude is a very inspiring and is a teachable moment for the entire community to witness!

You can participate in this OneSight Program by donating your old glasses to any LensCrafters store and by making sure that staff know that students should be referred to the school social worker if there is a delay in correcting vision or expression of need for resources after a failed vision screening.

# The Thanks For Giving and Cobb Christmas Program is right around the corner!

**Registration for families in need is  
on October 16 & 17**

**9am-4pm @ Cobb Civic Center.**

**Food Distribution: November 16 & 17**

Jim R. Miller Park

**(by appointment only)**

If you know of someone in need this  
holiday season, please call  
770-428-2601 x 414 for more info.

- dried or canned milk
- dried beans
- canned meat, tuna or ham
- peanut butter
- rice, pasta or cereal
- bread or rolls
- canned fruit



PLEASE DO NOT PLACE GIFT CARDS IN BASKET  
WE CANNOT ACCEPT REFRIGERATED ITEMS

For more information on sponsorships, volunteering or con-  
ducting a food drive, contact  
Jennifer Cain at (770) 428-2601

or [JenniferCain@TheCFR.org](mailto:JenniferCain@TheCFR.org)

**If you are interested in sponsoring a food  
drive, here is a list of items we will need to  
fill the baskets for families:**

- \$15 gift cards to a local grocer for a  
turkey
- roasting pan
- Dressing mix
- cranberry sauce
- canned or instant potatoes
- canned green or yellow vegetables
- non refrigerated pie shell and pumpkin  
pie mix



Last year the “Golden Barrel Award” was  
earned by **Ford Elementary, Simpson  
Middle, and Harrison High School!**  
*Honorable Mention to Belmont Hills.*

Let’s see which school collects the most  
for our neighbors this year!

## Our Father’s Hands—*Clothing for a Cause*



**T**he Cobb School Social Workers are fortunate to have a partnership with Linda Lipp, founder of Our Father’s Hands. Our Father’s Hands is a thrift store dedicated to providing quality clothing to homeless children and families in Cobb. Many people are unaware that the district has several hundred students who are classified as homeless and often living in

substandard housing. Many times, these children have little clothing because they have had to leave their former homes abruptly. This can be embarrassing for many students in a school setting. Our Father’s Hands is a unique thrift store in that it feels like a retail store. All clothing is on racks and there are dressing rooms available. Linda stocks new underwear and socks and has gift certificates for shoes. Social Workers can arrange for

a family to “shop” at Our Father’s Hands and receive \$25 worth of clothing. This amount goes far in the store and students leave with several, often named brand outfits. When students arrive to school feeling good about themselves, they are more ready to learn. Our Father’s Hands is located at 2120 New Macland Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127 or visit [www.ourfathershands.com](http://www.ourfathershands.com).

**Donations are welcomed.**