

### Parent Testimony – Gavin (3 years old)

In February of 2016, the Lions Club came to our Elementary School to perform a routine eye screening for all students, including my 3-year-old son, Gavin. **In this screening, the test found a problem in Gavin's left eye.** Following up on this screening, I took Gavin to a pediatric ophthalmologist in Glastonbury revealing serious problems with his eye immediately resulting in glasses. Gavin has far sightedness, slight astigmatism and his left eye wanders and he may need a patch in the near future. **Without this screening, we would have discovered these problems much later, causing further damage to his eye and the nerve connection to his brain.** The ophthalmologist also said, had we waited, Gavin could have possibly been legally blind in his left eye. We were completely shocked and scared.

**We are incredibly grateful to the Lions Club for providing this service, which has truly changed our lives.** Our son's vision is in the process of being repaired and decreasing the progressive damage he would have had I not brought him to the ophthalmologist at such a young age. **Saving Gavin's eyesight was a direct result of a simple screening.** We feel truly blessed.

~Thank you so very much, Amanda~

