



Eagles Youth Partnership was established in 1995 with a vision to enhance opportunities and improve the quality of life for children and youth in the Greater Philadelphia region through health and education partnerships. Eagles Youth Partnership strategically teams the power of the Philadelphia Eagles Football Club, including the resources of its corporate and nonprofit partners, with the celebrity appeal of its players to deliver critical health and education services to vulnerable children living in poverty. These services include the Eagles Eye Mobile, Eagles Book Mobile, Eagles playgrounds, Eagles Reading Champion Awards, Eagles Top Achiever Awards and an Eagles Chess Tournament. Through its strategic use of assets, Eagles Youth Partnership seeks to inspire positive changes in the lives of 50,000 of the hardest to reach children throughout the Greater Philadelphia region each year.

Eagles Youth Partnership has developed a one-of-a-kind model of mobile service that leverages the star power of the team in order to reach children living in poverty and provide them with critical eye care. International mobile health experts identify the Eagles Eye Mobile as one of the only pediatric mobile vision program in existence. Eagles Youth Partnership has been operating this Eye Mobile program for nine years and is on track to reach more than 3,000 children this year alone with free eye exams. All of these children attend public schools where 84-87% of the students are living at or below the poverty level.



Between 75%-80% of the children examined need and receive free eyeglasses through the Eagles Eye Mobile program. Approximately 19% are referred to a partner pediatric hospital for more comprehensive medical vision care and some receive vision-saving surgery. In fact, in late December, a pair of twins – both identified with cataracts during their eye exams aboard the Eagles Eye Mobile – underwent successful surgery at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Another child was diagnosed with a nearly detached retina onboard the Eye Mobile in February and she too is a candidate for vision-saving surgery.

It always has been the hope of the Board and staff of Eagles Youth Partnership that the organization, while focusing regionally, could have national and perhaps even international impact within the field of sports philanthropy. Its programs are designed as models that can be adapted to other locations.