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# Vision for a Healthy Future

*Eyeglasses distributed to children at Albina Head Start*  
After recognizing the need for increased access to eyeglasses for Portland youth, local doctors and healthcare providers are on a mission to help provide those in need with better vision for a healthier future.

When doctors and staff from the Elks Children's Eye Clinic at the Casey Eye Institute performed free eye exams for children in the Albina Head Start program, they realized the need when 25 children's vision required eye glasses, which could prevent them from lifelong eye troubles in the future.

Students throughout the area received "kid-proof" glasses at Highland Head Start last week in northeast Portland, after they participated in Elks Preschool Vision Screening Program on April 12, when ten free pairs of glasses were distributed to children ages three to five and 15 more given at below half-price.

Myoptic Optometry and modern eyewear, located in north Portland on Williams, provided the glasses.

"Children who can't see well can't live and learn to their potential," said Dr. Summy To, who leads Myoptic Optometry. "And this affects us all. We believe strongly in community and in supporting important causes such as this, the Elks preschool vision screening program, in our community."

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*Dr. Summy To, Owner of Myoptic Optometry, with Irma Cortez and her son, Isaiah (age 5), who received new glasses through the Oregon Elks preschool vision screening program on April 12th at Albina Highland Head Start school.*

# Oregon Youth of the Year

## Boys and Girls Club recognizes local teen

Hermilo "Milo" Lopez, a 6-year member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland has been named the Youth of the Year for the state of Oregon by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA).

In addition to winning this prestigious title, Lopez will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation. He is among hundreds of Youth of the Year winners across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for his sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, com-

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munity and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

This program was founded over 60 years ago through the generosity of the Reader's Digest Foundation.

After moving from Oaxaca, Mexico to Oregon at the age of seven, Lopez battled serious depression, watched his mother get deported, and learned to live with an ill father who was rarely home from working his two jobs.

Finding the Boys & Girls Club, however, helped Lopez

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