

The East Haddam Community Lions will be performing pediatric eye screening of pre-school children, ages 2 through 5 at their respective pre-schools during the week of March 19th. Any child not enrolled in a nursery school should call for an appointment. Several members have been trained in the use of the PediaVision SO8 Vision Scanner. This service is being offered free of charge by the Community Lions under the Lions Eye Health Program administered by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation.

The vision scanner is capable of screening for astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, misalignment of the eyes and pupil size anomalies in a 20 second scan. Nearly 20% of children between the ages of 2-5 are found to have a problem and need to be referred for treatment. The earlier the child's problem is diagnosed the chance to return to normal or near normal vision by age 7 is possible.

Lions work world wide to help the visually impaired and to eliminate preventable blindness by diagnosing and treating eye disease and diabetes. Local Clubs schedule eye screenings, collect old eye glasses, sponsor diabetes clinics and do what ever they can to serve their communities.

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