



UMOJI is a 501c3 nonprofit community. We are writing to request your generous support for our "We See You" program providing essential eye care services to individuals who have recently been released from incarceration or have a criminal record. (We also support those who are in need as an urgent care inclusivity program).

We have established a valuable partnership with Vision Works, an optical retailer located in the Heritage Mall in Albany Oregon. Through this partnership, we receive significant discounts on eyewear, including:

- * 50% off eyeglass purchases
- * Buy One Get One Free promotions on select eyewear

These discounts enable us to significantly reduce the financial burden of obtaining necessary vision correction for our clients.

The Challenge:

Many individuals re-entering society face significant barriers to employment and independent living. Poor vision can exacerbate these challenges by hindering their ability to:

- * Find and maintain employment: Many jobs require good vision, and the inability to see clearly can significantly limit employment opportunities.
- * Access essential services: Navigating public transportation, reading important documents, and interacting with others effectively all rely on clear vision.
- * Improve their overall well-being: Poor vision can lead to social isolation, decreased self-esteem, and increased anxiety.

Our Program:

Our program aims to address these challenges by providing:

- * Access to eye exams: We will cover the cost of eye exams for eligible individuals.
- * Financial assistance for eyewear: We will utilize the discounts provided by Valley Care to significantly reduce the cost of eyeglasses for our clients.

* Support and guidance: We will provide ongoing support and guidance to our clients in navigating the process of obtaining and maintaining their vision care.

Your Support:

Your generous funding will be used to:

- * Cover the cost of eye exams for eligible individuals.
- * Supplement the cost of eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them.
- * Provide transportation assistance to and from eye care appointments.
- * Conduct outreach and education to raise awareness of the importance of vision care among formerly incarcerated individuals.

We believe that by addressing the critical need for vision care, we can empower individuals to successfully reintegrate into society and build a brighter future for themselves.