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Vision Coalition Massachusetts and Lynn Boys & Girls Club Team Up For Vision Screening

On Wednesday, April 2nd, 3:00- 6:00 pm, at the Lynn Boys & Girls Club



(Boston, MA)-March 25, 2008—Vision Coalition Massachusetts, a nonprofit dedicated to the mission of helping students see as well as they can, announced today that it will partner with the Lynn Boys & Girls Club, to screen the organization’s youth. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 2nd, from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Lynn Boys and Girls Club (25 North Common St., Lynn MA 01902). “We’re thrilled to have Vision Coalition Massachusetts come in and host a vision screening for our kids,” said Leland Boutilier, Director of Operations at the Lynn Boys & Girls Club. “It is extremely important that we provide our boys and girls with the valuable eye health resources and medical attention they need. If these children are seeing as well as they should, then they will be able to make the most of their education.” Last fall, Vision Coalition Massachusetts screened 563 kindergarten children in the Lynn Public Schools. While 28 children have been to an eye care professional for an eye exam and are now wearing glasses, there are many other children who failed their eye exam and have not received the follow-up care they need. School nurses continue to work very hard with the parents to get more children to the eye doctor. If a child failed his or her vision screening and is not seen by an eye doctor, an opportunity to help that child get the most of his or her education has been lost, according to Vision Coalition Massachusetts. “A vision screening is only the beginning of the journey to good eye health and a good education. Those children, who fail their screening need to see an eye care professional for follow-up care. If they do not have the resources for this appointment and a pair of eyeglasses, Vision Coalition Massachusetts would like to be of help,” said Alan Cregg, Executive Director of the Vision Coalition. “Our goal is to see any child that fails our vision screening through to good eye health. We are very excited to be partnering with the Lynn Boys and Girls Club.” For more information about the Vision Coalition Massachusetts and its programs, visit www.TheVisionCoalition.org.

About Vision Coalition Massachusetts:

Vision Coalition Massachusetts is led by Alan M. Cregg, himself a victim of sight loss. Mr. Cregg lost most of the vision in his right eye when he was struck in the right eye with a hockey stick while playing hockey at Yale. Mr. Cregg, along with Board President Garrett Trierweiler, and 12 other volunteer Board members make up the Vision Coalition. The Vision Coalition is united and motivated by the knowledge that children and adults will get better grades in school, be more productive members of society, and lead happier lives by enjoying the best vision they can possibly have. About the Lynn Boys & Girls Club: Founded over 119 years ago, the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn has provided focus, structure and direction for thousands of children in the greater Lynn area. With a current annual membership of over 2400 boys and girls, the Club offers a myriad of programs for children ages 6-18. No child is ever denied membership due to an inability to pay a membership fee. The Boys & Girls Club of Lynn has a lineup of tested, proven and Nationally recognized programs that address the most critical issues that are affecting today’s youth and provide them with the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to pursue their dreams and succeed in life.

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