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### **The Vision Coalition Massachusetts and Wang YMCA Team Up for Vision Screening**

Screening to take place Friday, December 14th,  
11 am-1:00 pm at the YMCA



(Boston, MA) December 11, 2007—The Vision Coalition Massachusetts, a nonprofit dedicated to effect the diagnosis and treatment of common eye diseases for children and adults in Massachusetts, announced today that it will partner with the Wang YMCA of Chinatown to screen the Organization’s members. The event will take place on Friday, December 14th from 11am-1:00 pm at the Wang YMCA of Chinatown (8 Oak St West, Boston MA 02116)

“We’re really excited because this is the first time we have hosted a vision screening event at the YMCA,” said Dana Snyder, Associate Executive Director, Wang YMCA of Chinatown. “It is extremely important for us to make sure that our seniors, family, and youth programs have access to resources that promote eye health.”

Right now there are 3.4 million Americans who are blind or visually impaired and that number is expected to double by 2030, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Vision Coalition Massachusetts aims to provide complete eye health to the Commonwealth’s neediest residents, in order remove a critical obstacle to a better life.

“Our goal is to help the YMCA and their members enjoy the best vision they can possibly have,” said Alan Cregg, Executive Director, the Vision Coalition Massachusetts. “We’re looking forward to a strong relationship with them in the future.”

For more information about the Vision Coalition Massachusetts and its programs, visit [www.thevisioncoalition.org](http://www.thevisioncoalition.org).

#### About the Vision Coalition Massachusetts:

The 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 14 other volunteer Board members make up the Vision Coalition Massachusetts. The Vision Coalition Massachusetts 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 YMCA:

America’s 2,663 YMCAs serve more than 20.2 million people each year, uniting men, women and children of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, abilities and income levels. At the heart of community life across America, mission-driven YMCAs are a place to belong and to live the values that guide and unite our members: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.