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Clarkson Eyecare Supports New Law Requiring Eye Exams for Missouri Children

August 4, 2008... St. Louis, MO – Clarkson Eyecare doctors are in support of the new Missouri state optometric law. This law requires all children entering into kindergarten or first grade to have a full comprehensive eye exam. The law took effect July 1, 2008, requiring eye exams for students entering school in the fall. Clarkson Eyecare doctors have been performing comprehensive eye exams for pre-k students and will continue to contribute to the new state laws to ensure each child may reach his/her full potential. Clarkson Eyecare is also offering a \$69 kids package including polycarbonate safety lenses and a one year warranty with select frames to ensure affordable eye wear.

The new Missouri law came about because of the need for children to receive a comprehensive eye exam in the early stages of their development. Early detection of vision problems is key in the treatment of many eye disorders and many times, only a comprehensive eye exam can detect certain problems. Over 80% of learning is visual in the first years of a child's life. Vision problems are the most prevalent handicap in children and are the fourth most common disability in the United States.

"Children use their vision to learn about their world and how to move in their world," said Dr. Michael Rohde of Clarkson Eyecare. "A child needs healthy vision to learn hand-eye coordination and to follow an object's movement as well as use depth perception. That is why eye disease prevention is important so that they can learn and live without impeding eye problems."

The vision of our youth entering the school system is often overlooked. With the support of the Missouri Optometric Association, Governor Matt Blunt signed Senate Bill 16 into law. The new law takes comprehensive vision care to the next level of elementary students. Children beginning their education are required to have vision screenings and if identified as needing further care will proceed to see an eye doctor for a comprehensive exam. Clarkson Eyecare has implemented this new law into the consistent practice of comprehensive care for the St. Louis area. For more information about the new Missouri state law regarding eye exams, please visit <http://www.aoa.org>.

Founded in 1979 by Dr. Lawrence Jehling, Clarkson Eyecare currently offers comprehensive medical eye care services at 36 metro St. Louis locations: 79 Crossing-St. Peters, 141 and Olive, Arnold, Ballwin, Brentwood, Chesterfield, Chesterfield Valley, Creve Coeur, Ellisville, Eureka, Fenton, Festus, Florissant Dunn Rd., Florissant Hwy 67, Harvester, High Ridge, House Springs, Kirkwood, Maplewood, Mid Rivers, O'Fallon-North, O'Fallon-South, Pacific, Rock Hill, South County, Town & Country, Troy, Union, Warrenton, Washington, Webster Groves, Wentzville, Wildwood, MO, Belleville, Columbia, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights and Shiloh, IL, and LASIK Surgery Center in Chesterfield Valley and Fairview Heights. Go to www.ClarksonEyecare.com or call 888-EYECARE for more information.

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