

# SOURCE's Partner of the Month – February 2014

**Name of Organization:** Student Sight Savers Program

**Mission:** To identify Baltimore residents with poor vision or eye disease and to coordinate ophthalmological evaluation and care for them, regardless of their ability to pay.

**Programs and Services:** We hold community-based vision screening events 4-6 times per year throughout Baltimore City, during which we screen 30-90 community residents per event. Those with abnormal screening tests receive appointments with Wilmer Eye Institute faculty members, and any costs of evaluation or treatment not covered by insurance are waived. We will also provide free eye glasses to those who need them.

**Inspiration:** SSSP was founded based on a community-identified need for access to eye care. Poor vision has a profound impact on quality of life, and many times relatively straightforward interventions can preserve or improve vision, as long as a patient has access to care. SSSP's goal is to facilitate that access.

**Greatest Asset:** Our three greatest assets are the community partners with which we work, who help us reach out to Baltimore residents, our volunteers who screen the vision of those residents, and the Wilmer faculty who so generously evaluate and treat our screenees.

**Biggest Challenge:** Identifying the Baltimore residents who would most benefit from screening – this is where our community partners are so helpful.

**Involvement Opportunities:** If you work with a Baltimore City population who would benefit from vision screening, we would love to work with you!

**Volunteer and Work Opportunities:** Hopkins medical students are invited to participate as vision screening volunteers at our community-based events.



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