

# PROGRESS 2007

## Oskaloosa Vision Center looking to future of vision

With roots as far back as 1920, Oskaloosa Vision Center has a strong history in the community. The constant addition of new technology, well-educated doctors, technicians and office staff, Oskaloosa Vision Center is "looking to the future when it comes to eye health care for the Mahaska County area residents." Optometrists, Dr. H. Craig Coen and Dr. Jason Maasdam are proud of the quality vision care they have provided to the Oskaloosa area for the last 22 years.

The history of Oskaloosa Vision Center can be traced as far back as 1920 when Dr. Forest Lee Crumbaugh first began his practice in Oskaloosa. Upon Doctor Crumbaugh's death 15 years later in 1935, Dr. C.C. Kitchen took over the practice for the next 50 years. Dr. H. Craig Coen established Oskaloosa Vision Center in 1985, upon Doctor Kitchen's retirement. In 1994, Doctor Coen built and moved Oskaloosa Vision Center to its present office building at 303 North 1st Street. In 1994, his new office building was awarded the Community Development Improvement Award of the year by the Oskaloosa Area Chamber of Commerce.

With the increased office space and addition of new technology made possible by the new office building, Doctor Coen was able to expand professional services. Dr. Robert Tobin of Tobin Eye Institute started his association with Oskaloosa Vision Center in 1996. Doctor Tobin sees patients for surgical consultation the first Wednesday of each month. He performs pre-surgical exams and minor eye surgery at the Vision Center. Major eye surgery, such as cataract removal is performed at the Mahaska Health Partnership hospital. Due to this association, area patients who require surgery

can remain in Oskaloosa for their surgical eye care.

In August of 1998, Dr. Jason D. Maasdam joined Doctor Coen at Oskaloosa Vision Center. Doctor Maasdam, along with his wife, Dr. Lily Mark-Maasdam, opened their own optometric practice in Knoxville in 1999. Doctor Maasdam has been sharing time between the Oskaloosa and Knoxville practices for the last eight years. With the increased success of their Knoxville office, Doctor Maasdam will end his practice at Oskaloosa Vision Center on April 1st of this year. He will join Dr. Lily Mark-Maasdam full time in Knoxville. Doctor Coen would like to express his best wishes to Doctor Maasdam and Doctor Mark-Maasdam with the practice in Knoxville. Their new office building, completed this year, is beautiful and will serve the Knoxville area resident with state of the art eye care. Doctor Coen would like to thank Doctor Maasdam for his 9 years of dedication to Oskaloosa Vision Center.

Patients seen by Doctor Maasdam can continue their eye care with Doctor Coen at Oskaloosa Vision Center. Patients who would like to continue their care with Doctor Maasdam can see him at his Knoxville office. Eye Health Solutions, 100 South 5th Street, Knoxville, Iowa, phone, 641-842-3616. Doctor Coen and Doctor Maasdam hope this transition does not place a hardship on any of our patients. Our offices will do everything to help make this transition as easy as possible.

Oskaloosa Vision Center offers much more than a wide selection of eye glasses and contact lenses. Not only do the doctors test for early detection and provide for the

treatment of glaucoma, a silent and blinding disease, they also perform both pre- and post-operative care for LASIK and cataract surgery patients. Doctor Coen stresses the importance of eye health care and can perform a broad spectrum of services. Routine eye exams are provided to children of all ages, dilated vision exams for the detection of eye disease, fundus photography with digital imaging for the detection and following of progression of eye diseases, such as macular degeneration, and diabetes. Comprehensive visual field analysis is also available to help with the detection of glaucoma and/or neurological ophthalmic diseases. In addition, doctors at Oskaloosa Vision Center can prescribe medication to treat conditions such as eye infections (pink eye), remove superficial foreign bodies and perform minor in-office surgical procedures.

A doctor is on call 24 hours a day for eye health emergencies. If such emergencies occur, simply call Oskaloosa Vision Center and follow the directions to contact the on-call doctor. Doctor Coen is a provider for several different insurance plans, and his staff will file medical insurance claims, as well as routine vision claims at no additional cost to the patient. Oskaloosa Vision Center is open Monday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday, 8:15 -5:15 p.m., as well as Saturday morning, 9 a.m. until noon.

Doctor Coen and the staff of Oskaloosa Vision Center would like to thank all of its patients for their support and trust over the last 22 years. Both Doctor Coen and the staff look forward to providing the community with professional routine and emergency eye care for many years to come.



The staff at Oskaloosa Vision Center.

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If you have questions or need help during your pregnancy, give Birtright a call. Birtright now is located at 117 North First St., in Oskaloosa; it moved from its former location on the southside of the Oskaloosa city square in June 2006.

"Everything here is confidential," Birtright Director Nikki Anderson said.

"We offer free services, pregnancy tests, giver pregnancy information, adop-

tion information and free maternity and baby clothes," Anderson said. "We do not offer birth control services or information. We don't do abortion referrals," she emphasized.

Besides moving to a new location, there are some new things happening at Birtright. Anderson will step down as director, and Sue Groenenboom and Melanie Hirl will both become co-directors. Also, the Birtright board has two new members — Dr. Jim Else and Ed Fagen.

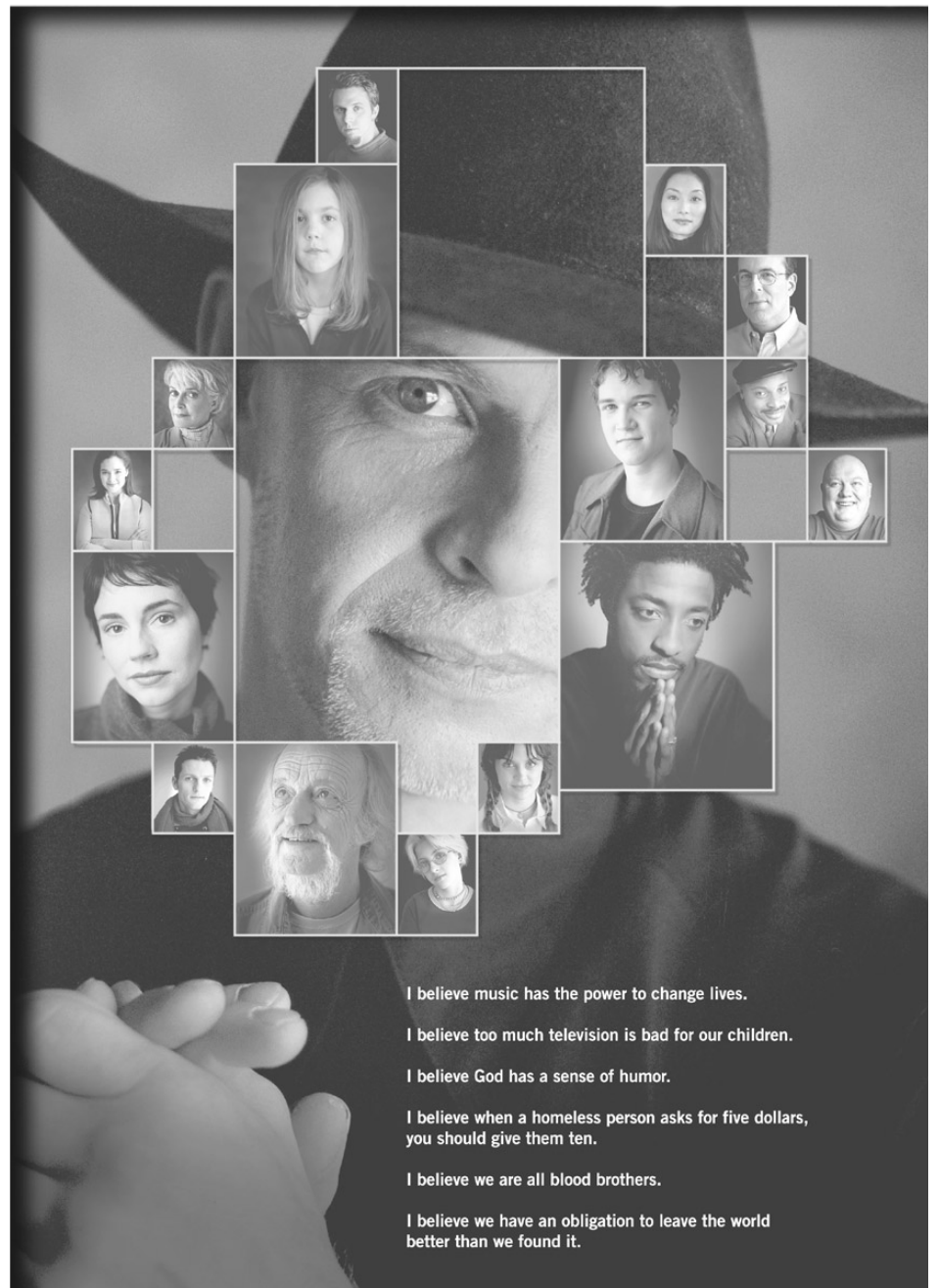
Anderson emphasizes that every thing at Birtright comes from

donations or is done with volunteers. The 19-member staff is all volunteer.

"We always need more volunteers," Anderson said. Volunteers are required to take only two shifts per month, she added.

Items such as clothes and money are donated from churches or individuals, Anderson said.

Birtright can be reached by phone at 673-9722. Their business hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon.



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