

## **Opening Eyes at Special Olympics**

In 2001, the Lions Clubs' International Foundation awarded Special Olympics the first grant in a multi-year, multi-million dollar commitment. Since then, the foundation has given more than \$1 million each year. Together, these two organizations work to bring proper eye care to Special Olympics athletes around the globe through the Healthy Athletes Opening Eyes program. The commitment is more than just financial. Lions Clubs has supported the Opening Eyes program with thousands of volunteers from more than 80 countries. Lions play a crucial volunteer role, assisting with registration, color vision testing, visual acuity tests and distribution of glasses and protective sports goggles. At the recent NH Special Olympics event held at UNH, Dr. David Appler, a member of the Hudson Lions Club and Hudson optometrist, helped to provide vision screening to Special Olympics athletes.

