Kevin

13-year-old Kevin struggled with low vision issues due to albinism. Highly sensitive to light and glare, he faced difficulties learning and staying focused in school. Through the Lions Low Vision Clinic, Dr JP Lowery examined Kevin and recommended special tinted, transitional glasses. Kevin's foster mom, Shelly, quickly discovered the Oregon Health Plan doesn't even cover tinted or transitional lenses. She couldn't afford the cost to make such specialized glasses. Through advocates at school, she eventually connected with the KEX Kids Fund and OLSHF's LEAP Lab. Together these partners found a solution for Kevin. Katie Warren, Optical Lab Manager, built the glasses and swiftly delivered them to Kevin. Shelly tells us that his teacher sees a noted improvement in his behavior and abilities. He loves participating in GoBall with the Special Olympics and he takes cooking classes after school. Shelly expressed relief and gratitude for the many people who worked together to create an independent future for Kevin – "this doesn't happen because of just one person!"



Kevin, a LVC student, modeling his new specially made glasses from OLSHF's Lions Eyeglasses Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical Finishing Lab!