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## **Mercer Nursing Students Vision Screen Children**

### **Photo 1**

Janisha Moon of DeKalb County, a third year student at the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University, screens the eyes of four-year-old Ulysees Resendiz of Norcross at the Sheltering Arms Daycare Center in Norcross. Janisha, along with fellow nursing students, screens four-year-old children's vision as part of the Prevent Blindness Georgia Children's Vision Screening Program. The program, funded through grants and donations, will screen close to 30,000 four-year-olds in 2008. Early detection of such eye diseases as amblyopia ("lazy eye") helps to prevent permanent vision loss.

### **Photo 2**

Dawn Green of DeKalb County, a third year student at the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University, screens the eyes of four-year-old Jaelyn Spearman of Lawrenceville at the Sheltering Arms Daycare Center in Norcross. Dawn, along with fellow nursing students, screens four-year-old children's vision as part of the Prevent Blindness Georgia Children's Vision Screening Program. The program, funded through grants and donations, will screen close to 30,000 four-year-olds in 2008. Early detection of such eye diseases as amblyopia ("lazy eye") helps to prevent permanent vision loss.

### **Photo 3**

As part of their hands-on curriculum, third year Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University students, conduct children's vision screenings throughout metro Atlanta. The nursing students are pictured at Sheltering Arms Daycare Center in Norcross.

They are: (Front, L-R) Tracy Crider of Dallas, GA, Kiah Gaither of Stone Mountain, Janisha Moon of DeKalb County, and Ashley Turner, also of Dallas; (Back, L-R) Wilma Abdulla of Snellville, Amber Johnson of Austell, Dawn Green of DeKalb County, Sarah Cook of Cleveland, GA, Echo Rowe of Henry County, and Associate Professor Becky Shabo of Cartersville.

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