



## **FYidoptors Announces Merger with Family Eyecare**

*Addition marks the eye care company's first location in Lacombe, Alberta*



**CALGARY, AB (March 16, 2021)** – FYidoptors, the world's largest optometrist-controlled eye care company, today announced a merger with Family Eyecare. Located along the busy Edmonton-Calgary corridor in Central Alberta, the announcement highlights FYidoptors' first clinic merger in the area.

Founded in the late 1940s by WWII veteran Dr. Les Walker, Family Eyecare was purchased by husband-and-wife duo, Dr. Kevin Engel and Dr. Angela Power in 1999. Joined by associate, Dr. Samantha Sperber in 2017, the clinic holds a longstanding reputation in the community for its highly trained staff, and the personalized approach they take to the vision care of its patients.

"FYidoptors is committed to maintaining a doctor-led approach to eye care which keeps patient needs as the top priority," said Dr. Alan Ulsifer, CEO and Chairman of FYidoptors. "We are pleased to partner with Family Eyecare who subscribes to these same values and has been doing so for over 70 years."

“We couldn’t be more thrilled to join the FYidoctors’ family and what this will mean for our patients and their eye health moving forward,” said Dr. Engel. The sentiment was echoed by Dr. Power, who added, “not only will this new partnership provide our practice with a variety of new tools and resources, but it also gives us access to the largest optometric network in the world – which will result in efficiencies and cost savings that ultimately benefit the residents of Lacombe.”

Family Eyecare provides full-scope optometric care, including contact lenses, multifocal contacts, glasses, pediatric care, 24-hour emergency eye care and genetic testing for macular degeneration. Recognized for its outstanding commitment to vision care in the community, the clinic has been twice nominated for local business of the year in Lacombe, Alberta and is known for its contribution to a variety of philanthropic causes across the region.

Under the new partnership, FYidoctors provides the clinic with significant human resource management services; customized staff training, tools, and support; world-class marketing; enhanced clinical technology; lenses which lead the industry in quality through independent testing and are manufactured in Canada at the FYidoctors internal freeform laboratory and distribution centre; exclusive products; and enhanced benefits for their staff.

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## **About FYidoctors**

FYidoctors is the world's largest optometrist-controlled provider of ophthalmic products and services. A privately held, optometrist-owned-and-operated eye care company, with over 550 optometrists, 270 locations and 3,000 employees, the organization strives to deliver outstanding patient eye care. Named one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies in 2020, Home Office is located in Calgary, Alberta, and the company owns and operates a fully automated, freeform laboratory and distribution facility located in Delta, British Columbia.

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