

OREGON LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

To serve Lions Clubs by supporting their efforts in humanitarian assistance, including but not limited to sight, hearing, diabetes awareness and positive youth development.

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Dear Supporters,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Recycling Program with your generous eyeglass and hearing aid donations. We are aware that you expressed some concerns about a lack of acknowledgement of your donations and regret that you haven't received anything before now. One reason for this is that eyeglasses are sorted by volunteers who may not realize your donation letters should be passed onto those that could appropriately respond. In addition, we accept over 150,000 pairs of eyeglasses every year, making it difficult to recognize each group that contributes to the program.

We refurbish used eyeglasses and hearing aids and then distribute them to people who could not otherwise afford this service. Last year alone we sent over 23,000 pairs of eyeglasses on mission trips and provided over 250 hearing aids to indigent Oregonians. Recently we have sent glasses to countries such as Romania, El Salvador, Honduras and Zimbabwe and have provided hearing aids to needy individuals from all parts of the state.

Donated eyeglasses are sorted by volunteers and then cleaned and calibrated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The female inmates process the eyeglasses that are sent to those in need around the world; at the same time, the women are performing a community service, which helps them give back to society. The women also read and label the prescription of the lenses, which greatly aids the disbursement of eyeglasses in the field. The hearing aid program has been growing for over six years and at this time is one of the only providing this service. It is important to remember that the cost of new hearing aids start at about \$800 and very few insurance plans provide coverage for hearing aids. This is a much needed program and hopefully others will follow our lead in the future.

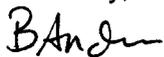
We have moved our eyeglasses and hearing aids collection points away from the Lions Eye Bank of Oregon due to space and hygiene concerns. Our current drop off locations include:

The OLSHF Office
1410 SW Morrison St., Ste. 760
Portland, OR 97205
503-827-6952

Truck Wholesale
1040 Baldwin (corner of 11th & NE Columbia)
Portland, OR 97211
503-286-4500.

Once more, I'd like to reiterate how much we appreciate your support through your continual contributions. If you have any other questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact me directly. Together, we are changing people's lives.

Sincerely,



Brenda Anderson
Programs Manager

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Chairman



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Amber Kern
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