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Impact Report

FY25 Highlights + Transforming Vision Care in Georgia



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**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT TO HELP US TRANSFORM
VISION CARE IN GEORGIA**



Message from the Executive Director



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Transforming Vision Care for Georgians in Need While Serving Nearly 70,000!

Thank you for helping to make our 2025 year the best year ever!

Thanks to your support, we have expanded into new school districts and increased our service area to more counties throughout Georgia via our tele-optometry program. Throughout all our services, we seek to increase the numbers of patients served. The world looks clearer and brighter for Georgians who need us most.

Our end-of-year appeal request is to help us raise funds for a full-time optometrist to join us so that we may continue the momentum of high-quality care which began 76 years ago. Your support is essential for us to grow and serve in the areas of the state that do not have access to quality vision care.

May you be as blessed in your caring support as our patients are in receiving the gift of clear vision!



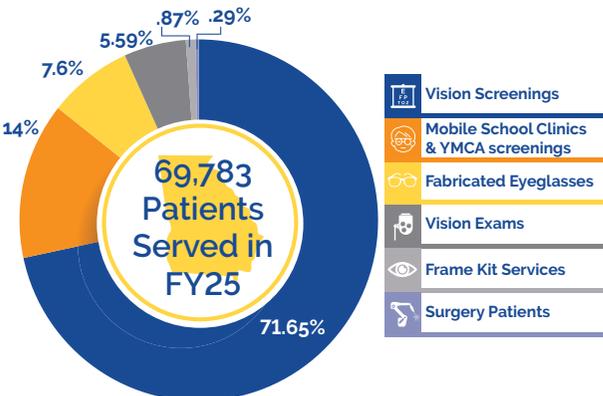
Thank You!

Beth Ehrhardt

Executive Director

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

Increased Services by 196%!



Mission

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. provides vision services through education, detection, prevention, and treatment. Through collaborative partnerships, we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for Georgians in financial need.



Message from the Board Chair

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. (GLLF), under the leadership of Executive Director Beth Ehrhardt focuses on serving the community, particularly through vision screening programs for public school students. Their initiatives aim to ensure that students receive the necessary eye care, emphasizing the importance of vision health in education.

Volunteers play a crucial role in these programs, helping to identify potential vision issues and connect families with resources for treatment.

GLLF extends its vision services through various initiatives:

1. Harrell Vision Clinic in Chamblee:

This facility offers direct vision care to individuals in need.

2. Mobile Clinics: They operate traditional and tele-optometry mobile clinics that reach underserved communities across Georgia, providing accessible eye care services.

3. Sight-Saving Surgery Coordination:

GLLF also coordinates necessary eye surgeries for those who lack access to such medical interventions.

These efforts aim to meet the vision care needs of underserved and underinsured populations, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity for optimal eye health and clear vision.

As Board Chair, I would like to thank ED Beth and her staff, the volunteers and the Lions of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Vicki Hubbard

Board Chair

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

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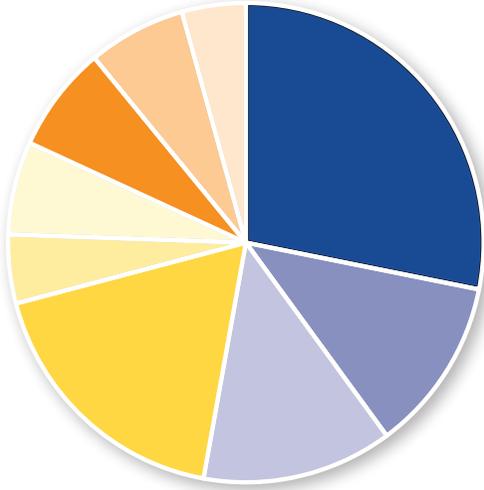
Beth Ehrhardt (Ex Officio)
Atlanta, GA



Financial Highlights Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Revenue By Source

Unaudited • \$3,353,387



In Kind	28.13%
Investments	11.78%
Fundraising Events	12.94%
Bequests, Estates & Trusts	18.06%
Foundations & Corporations	4.64%
Individual Gifts	6.28%
Programs & Services	7.18%
Lions Clubs & Lions Clubs International Foundation	6%
Other	4.34%

Patient Demographics

*Demographics not obtained on all patients served.

Gender

62% | **38%**
 FEMALE | MALE



Race

Black or African American	11%
Asian	1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%
Declined to Specify	3%
Other	80%
White	5%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	84%
Non-Hispanic	13%
Declined to Specify	3%

Age Range

Under 18	13%
Between 18-64	73%
65+	13%

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Movement that inspires

Mobile School Clinic & Transforming Vision Care with KIA (2024–2025)

During the 2024–2025 program year, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. (GLLF), in partnership with KIA's Transforming Vision Care initiative, provided comprehensive school-based vision services to students across Atlanta Public Schools (APS). This collaboration expands access to essential eye care by bringing screenings, exams, and eyeglasses directly to school campuses—eliminating financial, transportation, and insurance barriers for children and families.

Program Significance

Uncorrected vision issues are one of the leading—and most overlooked—barriers to academic success. Through the Mobile School Clinic and KIA-supported Transforming Vision Care for Children program, GLLF provides:

- On-site vision screenings for early detection
- Immediate access to clinical eye exams
- Delivery of prescription glasses
- Services at no cost to students or their families
- Equitable access for underserved and high-need school communities

This model reduces learning obstacles and supports improved reading outcomes, classroom engagement, and long-term health.

Why This Work Matters

Students in APS disproportionately face disparities in vision care due to cost, lack of insurance coverage, and limited access to pediatric eye specialists. By embedding mobile clinics directly into schools, GLLF ensures that:

- Children receive care during the school day
- Families do not need to miss work

- No transportation is required
- Every child with a correctable vision impairment receives glasses

The APS results highlight the strong success of the KIA partnership and the effectiveness of targeted mobile health delivery within public school systems.



Impact by the Numbers

2024 - 2025 School Year



2,282

Atlanta Public Schools students screened

A 64.28% increase from FY24



1,114

Students received free complete eye exams and prescription eyeglasses were distributed.*

**The alignment between examinations and glasses distributed demonstrates a 100% fulfillment rate for APS students needing corrective eyewear—ensuring every child identified with a vision impairment received timely treatment.*

Vision Surgeries Remain a Cornerstone of our Program Service Offering

Vision surgery was the cornerstone program when Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was founded over 76 years ago and remains today a critical part of our vision services.

In FY25, GLLF provided:

- **421 surgical procedures for 207 patients** addressing cataract, glaucoma and retinopathy for eligible patients through a statewide network of **24 Ophthalmology partner groups**
- **Leveraged over \$650,000** of in-kind medical services statewide.

GLLF's Sight-Saving Surgery Program restores sight for uninsured adults in poverty facing advanced eye disease and blindness. By connecting patients with ophthalmologists and covering the cost of surgical procedures, GLLF ensures that Georgians at risk of permanent blindness have access to the life-changing care they need—regardless of income or lack of insurance status.

Patients served by GLLF face multiple barriers—unemployment, fixed incomes, chronic disease—and are disproportionately older adults and people of color. Each surgery restores not just vision, but the ability to live independently, return to work, and contribute to the community.

The average surgery cost is over \$1,250. We are grateful to the **Georgia Lions Clubs** who annually raise funds to support this program through their **White Cane** initiative.

Recently Wanda C. of Paulding County shared her appreciation for the cataract surgery that GLLF facilitated on behalf of her brother Nicholas in June 2025.

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Prior to the cataract surgery, Nicholas was legally blind with no employment and had to be led everywhere including to the restroom. This surgery totally turned his life around...gave him back his dignity, independence and has allowed him to regain work living in a new community...he now enjoys 20/20 vision.
-Wanda C.

Expected prevalence of cataracts in the United States



SOURCE: National Eye Institute

Cataracts continue to be the most treatable form of preventable blindness with over 3.8 million procedures carried out per year in the United States.

NEW fundraising opportunity!
Host a
White Cane
Walk 4 Sight-Saving Eye Surgeries

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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Saturday Clinic Hours at the Harrell Vision Clinic

In August 2025, we launched a Saturday clinic in our Harrell Vision Clinic in Chamblee to better serve our residents by providing greater accessibility for qualified patients who could not access our clinic during our weekday hours of operation. Our once a month Saturday hours are from 9 am - 4 pm.

Our Lead Chamblee Optometric Technician (Op Tech), Flor Ramirez has been working closely with a second Op Tech and Dr. Amber Carissa Flynn, OD to support Saturday appointments.

Dr. Flynn is a great addition to our team. As an optometrist with Thomas Eye Group, Dr. Flynn offers a range of services, including comprehensive eye exams with prescriptions for eyeglasses and diabetic eye exams. She specializes in the treatment of ocular surface disease, dry eye disease and glaucoma. •



Volunteering for Saturday clinics at GLLF is truly a highlight of my month. So many hardworking people can't make it to appointments during the week, and being here means they don't have to choose between their vision and their job. I'm so grateful to this organization for creating access to care where it's needed most. Every exam is a chance to protect sight, catch blinding diseases like diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma early, and to remind people that their eye health matters. That's exactly why I love what I do.

-Dr. Flynn



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Global Hearts, Local Impact: Volunteers Shine at the Ken Massengale Recycle Center



Lions Youth Exchange



Ismaili Civic



Conyers Lions Club



State Farm

The Ken Massengale Recycle Center at Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. is a vibrant hub of service and community spirit, thanks to an inspiring coalition of volunteers from across Georgia and around the world.

Representatives from nine Lions Clubs—**Snellville, Conyers, South Cobb, East Cobb, Norcross, North Dekalb, Atlanta, Woodstock** and **Alpharetta**—and others joined forces to support the center’s mission of sustainability and vision care. Special thanks to the Snellville Lions for their consistent and continued dedication to the eyeglass recycle center. The efforts of the Lions were bolstered by enthusiastic participation from **State Farm**, whose commitment to community service continues to make a meaningful difference.

The volunteer team was further enriched by groups including **Ismaili Civic, Side by Side, Dunwoody High School, WOW, Inc., 2819 Church**, and **ReEmployAbility**, each bringing unique energy and perspective to the day’s work. Together, they sorted, packed, and processed thousands of donated eyeglasses, helping extend the gift of sight to those in need around the world.

Summer 2025, we were honored to host the Lions Youth Exchange students from 13 different countries. Their visit to the Ken Massengale Recycle Center was a highlight, where they helped sort and clean recycled eyeglasses—promoting sustainability and global goodwill. The collaboration with local volunteers from the Atlanta Lions Club brought together diverse cultures in a shared mission of compassion and community impact. We’re especially grateful to **Lion Becky Jarrell** and the **Atlanta Lions Club** for making this meaningful experience possible and for including the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in such a special initiative.

This impactful mission would not be possible without the ongoing support of **Lions Clubs and community partners across Georgia**, who work tirelessly year-round to **collect donated eyeglasses** from schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations. These grassroots efforts form the backbone of the Recycle Center’s operations, ensuring a steady flow of eyewear that can be refurbished and distributed to those in need.

The Ken Massengale Recycle Center continues to thrive as a beacon of hope and sustainability, thanks to the unwavering support of volunteers and partners who believe in making a difference—one pair of glasses at a time.



Recycling by the Numbers

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



158,215

used eyeglasses processed



74,219

glasses sent to overseas missions to **20** developing countries



4,800

pairs of reading glasses sent out for missions in the USA



2,200

volunteer hours logged



529

volunteers helped to broaden our mission

Lions Clubs throughout Georgia have been hard at work conducting vision screenings in their communities. With over **50,000 individuals screened**, and **20–25% referred for further care**, these efforts are making a significant impact on eye health across the state. Thank you to all the dedicated Lions volunteers who continue to serve with compassion and commitment.



Eyeglasses recipients in Guatemala



Mission Team Brings Sight to Guatemala

A mission group from **Identify** went this summer on a life-changing vision mission trip to **remote villages in Guatemala**, where they provided free eye care to nearly **500 individuals in need**. Members of their team were trained by non-profit, **Eye Doc in a Box**, a mobile medical education initiative. The students were equipped with the skills to provide vision care for those in need.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation donated recycled eyeglasses to the team to help with their mission. Because of the donation, hundreds of patients were matched with prescription lenses. These glasses, collected and refurbished in Georgia, found new life in the hands of grateful recipients across Guatemala.



It was extremely rewarding to watch patients as they tried on glasses. Watching their faces change when they realized they could see clearly was absolutely amazing. The amount of people we helped was incredible to witness. Because of these glasses, people were able to enjoy and live life more clearly.

Giancarlo, Mobile Health Care Clinic Team Member

Tele-optometry

Serving more Georgians in rural counties through our Tele-optometry Expansion

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. is excited to announce the expansion of our tele-optometry program since late 2024! We're now able to serve more counties across Georgia and can operate two clinics in a single day. **We expanded to 43 tele-optometry clinics statewide, increasing our reach by about 30% at the end of FY25.**



Tele-optometry staff, clinic staff, and volunteers at the Two Rivers Health Clinic in Rincon in front of the newly wrapped mobile van.

This growth was made possible through the generous support of our local Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation, whose contributions helped fund the addition of a second set of tele-optometry equipment. We are deeply grateful for this support. Furthermore, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation appreciates the partnership and continued commitment to improving access to vision care across Georgia we enjoy with all the Tele-optometry Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Licensed Charitable Health Clinics listed below.

Current Tele-Optometry FQHCs/Free Health Clinics * new clinics in FY 25

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| Bacon County Health Department · Alma | Georgia Highlands Medical Services · Cumming | Partnership Health Center · Valdosta |
| Ben Massell Dental Clinic · Atlanta | Georgia Highlands Medical Services · Dawsonville | Quitman County Family Connection* |
| CareConnect Health* · Fort Valley & Ashburn | Georgia Mountains Health Services · Blue Ridge | Richmond County Health Department · Augusta* |
| Care Link of Northwest Georgia · Dallas | Georgia Mountains Health Services · Chatsworth | Rock Springs Clinic · Forsyth* |
| Crisp County Health Department · Cordele | Georgia Mountains Health Services · Ellijay* | Rock Springs Clinic · Milner |
| Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care · Savannah | Good Health Ministries · Claxton | Samaritan Clinic · Albany* |
| DEO Clinic · Dalton | Good News Clinics · Gainesville | Shifa Care Clinic · Augusta |
| First Choice Primary Care · Macon | Good Samaritan of East Gwinnett · Norcross* | St. Mary's Community & Health Center · Savannah |
| First Choice Primary Care · Warner Robins | Hands of Hope · Stockbridge* | The Anne Green Free Clinic · Dahlonega |
| Free Clinic of Rome · Rome* | Healing Bridge Clinic · Peachtree City | The Mercy Ministries · Graham |
| Georgia Highlands Medical Services · Buford | Healing Hands Community Clinic · Blairsville* | The Mercy Ministries · Lyons |
| Georgia Highlands Medical Services · Canton | Hearts and Hands Clinic · Statesboro | The JOY Clinic · Dublin |
| Georgia Highlands Medical Services · Cartersville | Houston County Health Department* | Tree of Life · Columbus |
| | | Tri-Med Family Care · Ringgold* |
| | | Troup Cares, Inc · Lagrange* |
| | | Two Rivers Health Clinic · Rincon* |
| | | Urban Clinic of Atlanta · Atlanta |

Tele-optometry continued...

If you or your local Lions Club would like to learn more about establishing a tele-optometry clinic in your area—or explore volunteer opportunities—please feel free to reach out. We'd love to partner with you in bringing vision care to more communities across the state. •

How it Works:

Patients experiencing vision care delivered via tele-optometry at a partner FQHC



1
Comprehensive Pretesting by GLLF optometric techs



2
Refractions by opticians; consultation with GA licensed optometrists in real time



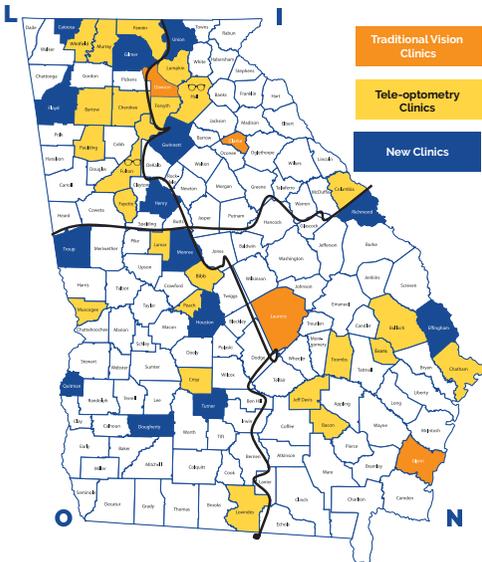
3
Prescription issued, patients choose frames onsite



4
Fitted for glasses; completed at the Chamblee Finishing Lab



2025 Vision Clinics



Tele-optometry by the Numbers



119

clinics
vs. 68 in FY24



1,197

exams
vs. 703 in FY24



1,270

patients
vs. 888 in FY24



1,133

glasses
vs. 615 in FY24

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October 7, 2025 2025 Evening in the End Zone, "A Night of Spectacles," Broke All Records!



Greg Sankey with
Derek Dooley



David Pollack with
Gary Stokan



Dr. Lindsay Marshburn, OD
with Audrey King



Jon Bridges with
Gary Stokan



Derek Dooley, Gary Stokan, Mark Richt, SEC Commissioner
Greg Sankey, David Pollack, Kat Reynolds,
Dr. Lindsay Marshburn, and Kevin Butler

photos by Rob Saye



Paul Madison, Enzu Jeon
with PIP, Jim Ervin



Kat Reynolds with
Kembra Smith



480 Attendees!



Raised over
\$500,000



Projected Net
\$393,400

Congratulations!

Vince Dooley Visionary Leadership
Award Winner:
SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey

Gary Stokan Hero of the Gridiron
Award Winner:
David Pollack

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Dr. Lindsay Marshburn, OD

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2026 Evening in the End Zone,
"A Night of Spectacles!" at the
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Sight For Kids School-based Vision Program (2024-2025)



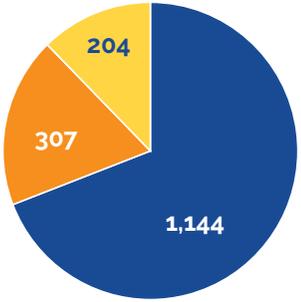
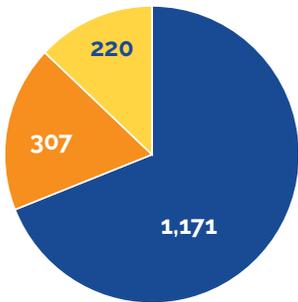
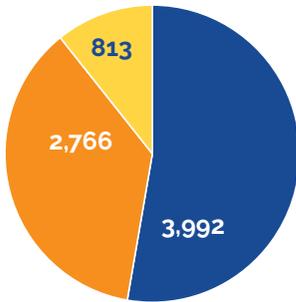
Children Screened



Children Examined

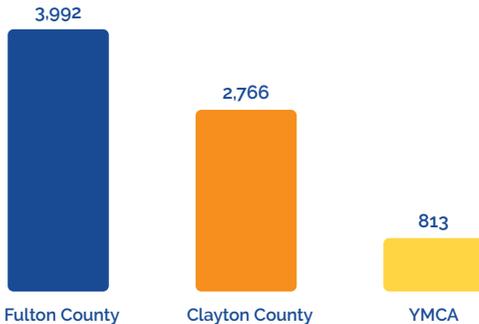


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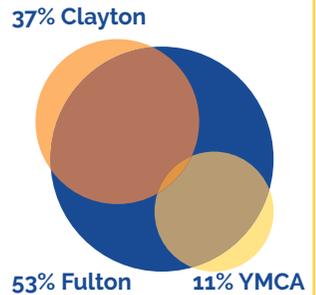


■ Fulton County
 ■ Clayton County
 ■ YMCA

Children Screened by Location



Share of Children Screened



7,571 total children were screened

Advocacy to Transform Vision Care for Children

To move the needle forward and address the changes we have observed in children's vision since the pandemic, we are meeting with legislators to discuss our concerns.

In 2024, Georgia ranked 26th in the nation for reading literacy, a score the schools and legislators would like to see improved. As we discuss and they understand, children who cannot see clearly cannot read. We have a group of Augusta Medical and Emory Ophthalmology students researching how each school district currently screens children for vision.

We advocate for all children preK-12 be screened annually. We advocate for a waiver for our tele-optometry program to allow us to provide services in churches, community centers, etc. because of space issues in some rural licensed clinics.

Lastly, we advocate for funding to expand our optometry staff to serve more school children, ultimately statewide. If you have a legislator in your area that is either on the appropriations committee for education, health or rural services, please reach out to Beth Ehrhardt who would be honored to be introduced and have a meeting with them. •

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2024 GEORGIA REPORT CARD	
SUBJECT	SCORE
Adults with below proficient literacy	16.7%
4th grade students with below proficient literacy	66%
Low income 4th grade students not reading proficiently	79%
High income 4th grade students not reading proficiently	47%
State ranking for 4th grade literacy	#26
State ranking for adult literacy	#45

SOURCE: John Corcoran Foundation, 48+ US Literacy Statistics 2024, Sandra Croft, ThinkImpact (Update August 1, 2024)

Refreshed Frame Kit Program

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation refreshed its frame kit program this year. We have new frames that now can be ordered regularly so we don't face running out of them.



The new frame kits are available for order. There are three different kits available – men's, women's and children's. New forms to order the frames can be found at lionslighthouse.org/lions-resources/#framekit. Each frame kit costs \$55 plus shipping. Because we are now ordering frames, the costs have increased a bit to better reflect the pricing of the frames and lenses. •

Help Transform Vision Care in Georgia Today!

How your dollars are invested to help bring improved sight to Georgians in need:

 \$2,500	Sight Saving Surgery - Covers the average cost of cataract surgery for both eyes
 \$2,000	Provides a full clinic day of tele-optometry exams in areas with no access to vision services
 \$1,750	Vision screenings with eye exam clinic at one school
 \$1,000	Vision screenings at one school
 \$500	Family of five receives glasses and eye exams
 \$100	Provides a full vision exam and a pair of glasses with progressive lenses
 \$60	Provides a child with an eye exam and a pair of glasses
 \$25	Helps defray the cost of the recycling center



Ways you can help bring clear vision to uninsured and underinsured Georgians:

- ✓ Volunteer (groups or individuals)
- ✓ Contracted and volunteer doctors needed
- ✓ Recycle eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids
- ✓ Refer a person who needs services
- ✓ Share our mission with friends, family and co-workers
- ✓ Donate

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