



# SIGHT & SOUND

A Newsletter of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation  
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## NEW OPTICAL CENTER

Georgia residents have a new resource for low-cost eyeglasses, thanks to a partnership between The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation (GLLF) and Grady Health System. The GLLF Optical Center at Grady Hospital is open to any Grady patient with a valid eyeglass prescription. Patients can have their eyeglass prescription filled by GLLF at low cost with the convenience of a one-stop shop at Grady Hospital.

Accessibility to services is a key challenge, and the Grady location helps break down this barrier. "Through this partnership, we're serving patients who would otherwise not have the financial means or access to glasses," according to Chief Program Officer, Lori Miller.

Eyeglasses ordered through the Grady optical center are manufactured by GLLF at our headquarters in Chamblee. Through these services, low-cost prescription eyeglasses are available to thousands of Georgians.

The Grady Optical Center has been funded in part by a generous donation from Covenant Foundation, as well as in-kind donations from Atlanta Office Liquidators and others. The 800 square-foot center began serving patients on July 6. Open to Grady patients Monday – Thursday from 10am to 4pm, the center serves Grady Health System employees on Fridays to complement the partnership.

## SERVICE UPDATE

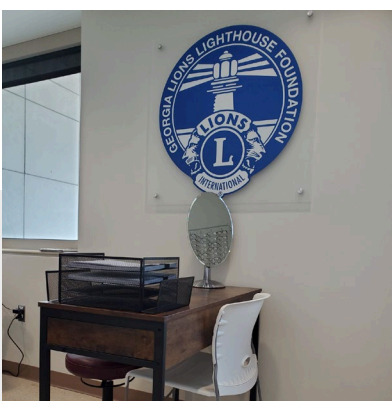
In FY20-21, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation served Georgians with:

- Nearly 1000 hearing aids
- Over 700 eye exams
- Nearly 1500 pairs of eyeglasses
- Over 550 surgical procedures

With FY21-22 just underway, we are striving to reach even more Georgians with:

- More mobile clinic sites and dates
- New regional partnerships
- Expanded Chamblee clinic hours

Stay tuned for more to come!



*Photo 1: The Grady Optical Center prominently displays the GLLF logo at the patient fitting desk (left).*



*Photo 2: A wall display of women's frames, donated by our partner frame manufacturers, gives patients a wide selection to choose from (right).*



# MEET THE GLLF STAFF

## *Meet Kayla Rivera, Clinic Manager for the new Grady Optical Center.*

Kayla is one of two Clinic Managers who manage the Grady Optical Center, styling and fitting patients with beautiful eyewear. An employee of GLLF for two years, Kayla’s favorite part of her job is “the satisfaction of helping someone see the world in a new light, especially patients that have never been able to see. When a patient is able to truly see their loved ones for the first time, it is a beautiful moment.”

Kayla lives in south Atlanta with her spouse and two pit bull “babies.” Besides her work for GLLF, Kayla loves event planning, and has planned graduation parties, showers, wine tastings and more!

What inspires Kayla most about the mission? “After 13 years in the industry I’ve come across so many people that simply could not afford an eye exam or eyewear. So the fact that we can assist those with little to no resources is very gratifying.”

Kayla dreams big for Georgians in need! If given \$5000 to spend on behalf of GLLF, Kayla states, “I would purchase large billboards on the main highways in Georgia to promote GLLF. I think that every Georgian should know who we are and what our mission is all about!”

We are proud to have Kayla on our team of dedicated professionals bringing better sight and sound to Georgia!

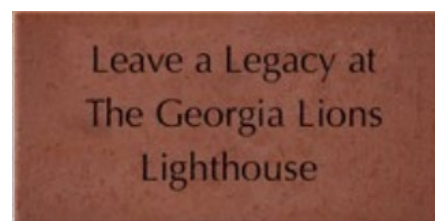


*Photo 3: Kayla Rivera, GLLF Clinic Manager at Grady Optical Center*

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*Photo 4: The Tom and Mildred Bingham Memorial Garden at GLLF’s Chamblee office. The inlaid brick and brick paths will be refreshed with engraved bricks honoring donors and loved ones.*



Show your support and leave a lasting visual legacy with an engraved brick in the Tom and Mildred Bingham Memorial Garden outside our Chamblee headquarters. Your custom, one-of-a-kind brick will help GLLF’s mission to bring Georgians into a world of sight and sound. This is an excellent way to honor yourself or loved ones with something that can be cherished for years to come. For more information contact LaKisha Kenney at 770-738-4677 or [lkenney@lighthousegeorgia.org](mailto:lkenney@lighthousegeorgia.org).



## LIONS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

*We are proud to share the mission with Roswell Lions Club!*

Roswell Lions Club has been serving their community for nearly 60 years. Since 2012, their community outreach project, EyeSight Roswell, has partnered with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation by purchasing eyeglasses from the GLLF optical lab. Through partnership with GLLF, local schools, and other community service organizations, EyeSight Roswell has provided over \$100,000 in vision services to their community over the past 15 years.

Current President, Tim Dunn, leads Roswell's 22 members to continued service in the coming year, continuing EyeSight Roswell's work in the community.

Roswell Lions are generous in their financial support of GLLF through annual gifts and fundraising support.

We are grateful to partner with the Roswell Lions Club and look forward to serving more Georgians together!



*Photo 5: Members of the Roswell Lions Club, including current President Tim Dunn, Cheryl Henleben, PP Barb May, PP Mike Henleben, and Linda Spudic.*

## BE A MISSION PARTNER

### Give

[Donate online](#) at GLLF's website, or send checks to The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, 5582 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341. Be sure to indicate the type of gift in your check's memo: White Cane, Tom Bingham, or General Fund.

TODAY is a great day to donate that car, truck, boat, or RV that you no longer need. Donating a vehicle to GLLF is easy and free. [Give online](#) or over the phone with our Vehicle Donation Support Team at 877-999-8322.

### Volunteer

Did you know our eyeglass recycling center accepts up to 60,000 pairs of eyeglasses a year? Did you know the recycle center operates on volunteer efforts alone? Help us make sure all the used glasses you are collecting make it into the hands of those who need them most— come recycle with us! Sign yourself or your club up through the Lighthouse website or contact Melissa Fisher at 770-738-4675, [mfisher@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:mfisher@lionslighthouse.org).

### Collaborate

How can your club partner more effectively with the Lighthouse? How can you reach more people with our sight-and-sound-saving mission? Join our Lighthouse 101 series of webinars to learn more. Hear what other clubs are doing in support of the mission and how you can be part of the call to service. Coming in August, [sign up](#) for the first of a two-part discussion on vision screenings for your community.



# LEADING THE WAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 AUGUST	2	3	4	5	6	7 Atlanta hearing clinic
8	9	10 Clay County Schools clinic	11 Stewart County clinic	12 Columbus clinic	13	14 Dahlonega clinic Atlanta hearing clinic
15	16	17 Savannah clinic Lighthouse Webinar	18	19	20	21 Decatur hearing clinic
22	23	24	25	26 Lamar County clinic	27 Macon clinic	28
29	30 Dawsonville clinic	31	1 Chamblee clinic SEPTEMBER	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Chamblee clinic	9	10	11
12	13 Dawsonville clinic	14	15 Chamblee clinic	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Chamblee clinic	23	24	25 Healing Bridge Peachtree City clinic
26	27 Athens clinic	28	29 Chamblee clinic	30	Vision Clinics Hearing Clinics GLLF Events	

## Coming Soon

*Lighthouse 101 Webinar*  
August 17, 7pm

Lighthouse 101 continues its webinar series with Vision Screening Part 1. [Sign up to attend live](#), or contact Melissa Fisher for more information ([mfisher@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:mfisher@lionslighthouse.org); 770-738-4675)

*Evening in the End Zone*  
October 28, 2021

Our major fall fundraising event, this year at the College Football Hall of Fame. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Laura French ([lfrench@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:lfrench@lionslighthouse.org); 770-738-4655)

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