



Eyeglass Recycling & VOSH  
Report to the Lions OH-7 Cabinet  
February 10, 2019

As of February 1, OH 7 Lions Clubs have delivered more than 12,000 additional pairs of eyeglasses to the VOSH Recycling Center in Pandora, Ohio. This was in addition to three donation runs to the VOSH Eyeglass Recycling Center during July, August and October. The total number of eyeglass pairs donated so far during this Lions year now exceeds 27,000. These eyeglasses have been used for mission trips to benefit the vision impaired on five continents, including citizens without adequate healthcare insurance right here in the U.S.A. The eyeglasses donated by citizens, collected and processed at no cost by Lions and other volunteers, and the optometrists, doctors and mission volunteers pay for their own transportation. As a result, VOSH represents one of the most cost-effective ways we Lions can support better eyesight globally, our primary mission since Helen Keller's challenge to our International Convention in 1925. Today, about 22 percent of VOSH missions serve North and Central America, 13 percent serve South America, 9 percent serve Europe and the Holy Land, 38 percent serve Africa and 18 percent serve Asia/South Pacific islands.

VOSH Ohio continues to need our financial support for this worthy humanitarian effort; although most expenses are paid for by mission volunteers, there are expenses related to shipping of instruments and eyeglasses, as well as consumable supplies such as diabetic test strips. Please consider making a small financial donation in support of VOSH, in addition to dropping off used eyeglasses for recycling.

**We will recognize all OH-7 clubs making a donation at/above the level of \$1.00 per club member to VOSH Ohio at the District Convention. If you wish to be recognized, please send your checks (made out to VOSH Ohio) to me, so that we can record them. You may also send donations directly to VOSH at the following address:**

VOSH Ohio  
P.O. Box 414  
Pandora, OH 45877

Don't forget! The working group in Pandora (about 15 minutes north of Lima) is willing to meet with interested clubs who come to Pandora in order to demonstrate their methods and teach club members how to do what they do. Interested clubs who want to make such a visitation should call VOSH at 419-384-3700. Volunteers monitor this number from 9:00 am – noon weekdays, and messages can be left at other times.

If any Zone Chair or club could use a brief (approximately 10-minute) program, just request a date and time for me to share a multimedia educational program about VOSH (videos and a PowerPoint). I most recently gave this presentation at the Marietta Noon Lions Club on January 24, 2019. My thanks go out to Lion Sara Bonnette for the invitation!

Respectfully,

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