

Dear Lions,

We have a wonderful opportunity to help needy people in our community by partnering with Prevent Blindness. They have unlimited access to eye exams and eyeglasses in all 88 Ohio counties. If our clubs partner with their program, we can invest our limited resources in other areas of vision preservation for which we have no other options such as helping pay for eye surgeries, co-pays and medications.

If you choose to join the Sight and Hearing Committee in partnering with Prevent Blindness to provide individuals who come to your club for help with eye exams and glasses, you have two options:

- 1. Direct Client Access Option: Provide the following telephone number, 800-301-2020, to the needy individual and Prevent Blindness will qualify them over the phone and navigate them through their system of donated vision care. If there is a need for transportation assistance for clients in your area to get to the eye doctor, Prevent Blindness will provide your phone number to the client to help, but your club is under no obligation to do so. As we all know, sometimes transportation is an issue in getting eye care and someone in great need cannot be helped because they have no way to get to the eye doctor.*
- 2. Partner Organization Access Option: This option involves your club as the advocate/helper to the individual receiving the free eye exam and eyeglasses voucher from Prevent Blindness. Using this option, your club will enter a client application on the Prevent Blindness website and when they have qualified the client, all information about the individual's eye doctor appointment options and eyeglasses options will be provided to your club so that you can assure that the individual gets the care they need and help them with transportation if needed.*

If you choose the Partner Organization Access Option, you will work with Prevent Blindness to submit client applications, confirm the eye appointment details with the clients and provide them with a voucher for glasses. For more information about becoming a partner agency, please reach out to Kim Luebke at 614-464-2020, ext. 116 or kiml@pbohio.org

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