



# Recycle for Sight

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Ann Arbor Host Lions Club  
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## WE APPRECIATE OUR RECYCLING

### PARTNERS!

Ann Arbor Senior Center  
Belleville Vision Center  
Bennett Optometry  
Breneman Optical  
Curves, Plymouth Mall  
Dobbs Opticians, Inc.

First United Methodist  
Church  
Hershey's Ice Cream  
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Reinhart Realtors  
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Taubman Medical Library  
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Urban Planning

TLC Eyecare & Laser Ctr.  
Dr. Paul C. Uslan  
VA Hospital  
Washtenaw Medical Supply  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church

*Help the Ann Arbor Lions collect the  
100,000<sup>th</sup> Pair of Recycled Eyeglasses  
from our Community!*

93,000 pairs and counting! With collection locations all around Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Belleville, the Ann Arbor Host Lions club hopes to collect 7,000 more pairs of eyeglasses in 2009. With your help, we can collect that 100,000<sup>th</sup> pair in no time at all. Thank you for your support!

### *Lions Eyeglass Recycling Facts*

- The World Health Organization estimates that 153 million people around the world have uncorrected refractive errors (more commonly known as near-sightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism).
- There are 17 official Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers in the world; 9 in the USA, 1 each in Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Republic of South Africa, and Spain.
- Nearly 67 million pairs of eyeglasses have been collected internationally over the past 15 years (that's an average of 4.5 million pairs per year).
- Of the eyeglasses collected, 32 million pairs have been distributed in nearly 100 developing nations.

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*Did you know  
we also collect  
hearing aids  
for recycling?*

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*Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 205 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world.*

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Any questions, suggestions, or concerns about eyeglass recycling can be directed to Lion Jeanne Snyder  
734-994-6629

- The Recycle for Sight program is all volunteer and non-profit. Volunteer teams typically pay their own travel and lodging expenses.
- It costs less than 8 cents to provide glasses to a person in a developing nation.
- In developing nations, some people have been known to walk 50 miles because they have heard that they might receive eyeglasses from Lions.
- The Lions also provide recycled sunglasses - prescription as well as regular. In parts of the world where there is a great deal of exposure to the damaging rays of the sun, they are a great help in preventing cataracts, a major cause of blindness in the world.

## *Ann Arbor Host Lions Club Celebrating 80 years of Service*

The Ann Arbor (Host) Lions Club was founded at the outset of the Great Depression and has been serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired for over 80 years.

Through its support of organizations like the Michigan Eye-Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind and numerous others, the Ann Arbor (Host) Lions Club has been a stalwart advocate of those in our community with vision impairments. Not long before the club was formed, Helen Keller, whose own story of triumph over blindness is world-renowned, made a landmark speech at the 1925 Lions International Convention. She implored Lions to take up the fight against vision impairments: "I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Today, the Ann Arbor (Host) Lions continue to serve as Knights of the Blind. In addition to our work with vision and hearing-related charities, we also raise funds and volunteer in support of such local charitable organizations as Wild Swan Theater, C.O.P.E., Washtenaw Intermediate Schools, and Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

To learn how you can become a member of our club, please call President, Lisa Langley at (734) 780-2135 or visit during one of our meetings at 12 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor.