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giving

sight to the needy

Poor eyesight contributes to poverty

Poor eyesight is a contributory factor to poverty in the third-world countries. Poor vision reduces productivity, employability, and quality of life. Uncorrected eyesight for adults can lead to unemployment and the inability to support a family. Poor eyesight holds people from breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Vision loss for children can lead to delays in development and learning disabilities and can contribute to juvenile delinquency. Children who are visually impaired do poorly in school because they cannot see the board or read their books clearly. Seniors with vision loss are hampered from performing their daily activities, undermining their ability to live an independent lifestyle. The 'gift of sight' from your donation can alleviate some of the poverty in the world!

Our Board of Advisors



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President of Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He was the Provincial Superior of the Viatorian Community in the United States for many years.



Rev. Corey Brost, C.S.V.

A member of the Clerics of Saint Viator for more than 20 years. Father Corey is also a lawyer and currently teaches freshman religion at Saint Viator High School.



Mr. Tom Nall

A teacher at Saint Viator High School for the past 25 years. He has won numerous teaching awards and has been identified multiple times in Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Our Partners

Canvasback Missions, Inc. conducts medical missions in the Pacific Islands (Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia).

EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc. conducts medical missions in the Philippines.

Physicians for Peace provides medical education and care to worldwide missions in 50 countries.

**Annual Used Eyeglasses
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EYEsee

Vision for the World

Alleviating World
Poverty
through recycled
eyeglasses



**NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION**

Who We Are

EYEsee was founded by a group of students from Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. These students share the same desire to reach out to the world's poor in order to alleviate some of their poverty. Undeterred by their lack of financial means, this group of idealists decided that the best way to accomplish this goal is through recycling used eyeglasses. These students are committed to helping the world's poor experience corrected vision with recycled eyeglasses.

Our Mission

EYEsee's mission is to contribute towards improving the vision of the needy in poorer countries, and in so doing alleviate some of the poverty in the world. We achieve this goal by collecting used eyeglasses in North America and then recycling them for distribution to the disadvantaged in the poorer areas of the world via overseas religious missions and other qualified charitable organizations.

EYEsee is partnering with the following international humanitarian organizations to reach out to the poorest segments of the world's population: Canvasback Missions, EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc., and Physicians *for* Peace.



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donate Old or unwanted glasses



“Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.”

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Why donate my old eyeglasses?

The World Health Organization estimates that 138 million people with uncorrected refractive errors live in African, Asian, and Latin American countries. This is because in many of these countries people are unable to afford or obtain basic eye care and eyeglasses due to poverty and lack of basic eye care services.

For a family of four or more that makes four dollars a day, eye care and eyeglasses are simply beyond their reach. An eye exam can cost as much as one month's salary. A pair of eyeglasses can be the equivalent of a year's salary.

Yet, more than 4 million pairs of eyeglasses end up in the garbage in North America each year because they have been replaced and are no longer needed. Despite collection efforts by several non-profit organizations, it is estimated that more than 3.8 million pairs of these eyeglasses remain uncollected.

What can I donate?

You can donate any used or unwanted prescription or non-prescription pairs of old eyeglasses, plastic and metal frames, single-vision, bifocals, progressive lenses, children's glasses, and sunglasses.

Where will my eyeglasses go?

Your donated eyeglasses will be sent to the poorest countries of the world where our partner humanitarian organizations have identified segments of the country's population that cannot afford the cost of a simple pair of eyeglasses. Presently, our beneficiaries reside in Haiti, the Philippines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the West Bank.

Where do I send my eyeglasses?

You can send them in a padded envelope or box to:

EYEsee – Vision for the World

P.O. Box 957384

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

What else can I do to help?

Join our annual eyeglasses collection campaign. Spread the word about EYEsee. Tell your friends and family to send us their used eyeglasses. Run collection drives at schools and workplaces. Ask optical stores for eyeglasses that they are willing to dispose. We can never use too much help.