



EYEsee

Vision for the World

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EYEsee's New Beneficiary! Canvasback Missions

Canvasback Missions is a non-profit, Christian, humanitarian organization that was founded in 1981 by Jamie and Jacque Spence to serve remote Pacific Islands with the needed health care and health education. In the mid 1970's, Jamie and Jacque Spence gave up their professional careers and sailed the Pacific for seven years. Looking to the islands as their personal playground, instead they discovered a great deal of misery and suffering. On tiny, isolated islands they found people who knew well the pain of disease



Canvasback Missions serves the people of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands living without medical treatment.

yet were without Spence began the construction of 71-foot high catamaran Canvasback uniquely designed to carry medical, dental, and eye care supplies to remote islands. With help from businesses who donated supplies and equipment, plus more than 200 physicians, dentists and seamen, the vessel was launched in 1986. In 1993, Canvasback opened an even more comprehensive work in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. Canvasback Missions has since brought healing and hope to the indigent people of the remote Pacific Islands.

Jamie and Jacque Spence currently direct Canvasback. In addition to sending medical supplies (continued on page 3...)

October Fundraising at the Games

On October 3, EYEsee held its first fundraising efforts for the 2008 'By the Bus' Campaign. EYEsee members and volunteers braved the bitterly chilly weather at a Saint Viator football game selling EYEsee t-shirts and receiving donations. And on October 17 during the Saint Viator homecoming foot-

ball game, EYEsee members and volunteers faced the cold weather again to raise funds for this campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of the Saint Viator community, EYEsee raised \$350 in cash donations and t-shirt sales from these two events. The proceeds went to the

funds that have been set aside for use towards the purchase of a passenger van that will be used during future medical missions in the Philippines by our partner, EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc. The van will help volunteers and handicapped indigents reach remote clinics. (continued on page 3...)

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EYEsee Gears Up For First Glasses Collection Campaign

During the months of December 2008 through March 2009 EYEsee will be conducting its first annual used eyeglasses collection campaign. EYEsee hopes to build the largest collection of recycled eyeglasses in the northwest suburban-area. This year's campaign will benefit the poor in Haiti, the Philippines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the West Bank.

Letters have been mailed out to the following locations inviting them to host EYEsee's collection campaign at their site. We welcome any help to get these locations sign up to our campaign and be included in our campaign calendar. We also welcome volunteers who can help us with our campaign activities at these locations.

Churches

Church of the Holy Spirit - Schaumburg
 Harvest Bible Chapel – Rolling Meadows
 Holy Family Catholic Church - Inverness
 Immanuel Lutheran Church - Palatine
 Prince of Peace Lutheran -Schaumburg
 Our Lady of Ransom Church - Niles
 Our Lady of the Wayside – Arlington Hts.
 Queen of the Rosary Church – Elk Grove
 St. Alphonsus Liguori - Prospect Hts.
 St. Anne Catholic Church – Barrington
 St. Cecilia Catholic Church – Mt. Prospect
 St. Colette Church – Rolling Meadows
 St. Edna Catholic Church – Arlington Hts.
 St. Emily Catholic Church – Mt. Prospect
 St. Hubert Catholic Church – Hoffman Estates
 St. James Catholic Church – Arlington Hts.
 St. Julian Eymard Church – Elk Grove
 St. Marcelline Church – Schaumburg
 St. Mary Catholic Church – Buffalo Grove
 St. Matthew Catholic Church – Schaumburg
 St. Paul Lutheran Church – Mt. Prospect
 St. Paul of the Cross Church – Park Ridge
 St. Raymond de Penafort – Mt. Prospect
 St. Theresa Catholic Church - Palatine
 St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church – Mt. Prospect
 St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church - Palatine
 Willow Creek Community Church - South Barrington

Senior Homes

Church Creek - Arlington Hts.
 Lutheran Home - Arlington Hts.
 Manor Care Health Services - Arlington Hts.
 Greencastle - Arlington Hts.
 Moorings - Arlington Hts.
 Moorings Health Center - Arlington Hts.
 The Garlands - Barrington
 The Devonshire - Hoffman Estates
 Belmont Village - Buffalo Grove
 Sunrise - Prospect Heights
 Asbury Court - Des Plaines
 Addolorata Villa - Wheeling
 St. Joseph Home - Palatine
 Tamarack Residence - Palatine
 Plum Grove Nursing Home - Palatine
 Lake Barrington Woods – Lake Barrington
 Brighton Gardens – Hoffman Estates
 Friendship Village – Schaumburg
 Sunrise - Schaumburg
 Lexington - Schaumburg
 Brentwood Baptist Manor – Elk Grove
 Sunrise - Barrington
 Villa St. Benedict - Lisle
 Bethany Terrace – Morton Grove
 Saint Andrew Life Center – Niles
 Bridgeway of Bensenville – Bensenville
 The Heritage of Des Plaines – Des Plaines

Schools

Saint Viator High School - Arlington Hts.
 Notre Dame High School - Niles
 Buffalo Grove High School - Buffalo Grove
 Elk Grove High School - Elk Grove Village
 John Hersey High School - Arlington Hts.
 Prospect High School - Mt. Prospect
 Rolling Meadows High School - Rolling Meadows
 Vanguard School - Arlington Hts.
 Wheeling High School - Wheeling
 William Fremd High School - Palatine
 Palatine High School - Palatine
 James B. Conant High School - Hoffman Estates
 Schaumburg High School - Schaumburg
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EYEsee's Mission & Vision

EYEsee was founded by a group of juniors and seniors from Saint Viator High School in the summer of 2008. Undeterred by their lack of financial resources, they decided to reach out to the world's poor in order to alleviate some of their poverty. EYEsee is committed to helping the world's poor experience corrected vision with recycled eyeglasses.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
—Winston Churchill

New Beneficiary (cont.)

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comes as a side effect of the high rates in diabetes. They have asked for EYEsee's help in meeting their current need for eyeglasses for their missions.

Canvasback Missions has a



A Canvasback doctor treats baby Tod for a severe case of dehydration.

Canvasback's specialties include ophthalmology, orthopedics, E.N.T., OB/GYN, and urology; and the organization has coordinated specialty teams in cataract, retinopathy, orthopedic, and ENT surgery for their diabetes reversal program.

Canvasback has given more than \$9.5 million in medical and dental services, health

provides to the islands is donated by big-hearted businesses. Aside from a small staff, Canvasback is run entirely by volunteers, and

high need for eyeglasses because Pacific Islanders face the major public health problem of cataracts from extreme sun exposure and the deteriorating eyesight that

EYEsee is very proud to be associated with Canvasback Missions and to partner with them in their mission of bringing healing and hope to the poor in the Pacific Islands.

Learn more about Canvasback Missions at:

<http://canvasback.org>

Fundraising at the Games (cont.)

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Dr. Jim Weyrich, President of EyeCare We Care Foundation wrote in his acknowledgement letter to EYEsee, "We are very proud of your EYEsee organization, your high school students, and your families." He has also listed 'Saint Viator High School Students' as sponsors on the EyeCare WeCare Foundation's website.

EYEsee gratefully acknowledges the following students who volunteered their time during these two events: Melody Aiello, Clare Burke, Beth Chin, Carolyn Jones, Lauren McNeela, Amanda Presslak, Callie Romanesko, John Romanucci, Emily Spahn, Hannah Tibbetts, Maeve Tibbetts, Diana Wells-English, and Janice Guzon.



Maeve Tibbetts manages the fundraising booth.

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3 Ways to Help Us:

1.) Donate your old and unused pair of eyeglasses

Send your eyeglasses in a padded envelope or box to:

P.O. Box 957384
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2.) Donate cash to our ongoing fundraiser

"By the Bus Campaign"

Visit our website for more information about our efforts to raise money to help purchase a mini-bus for EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc. This mini-bus will be used to transport volunteers and indigents with physical disabilities to and from vision clinics.

3.) Donate your talents by becoming a volunteer

Contact Janice Guzon to sign up at:
Janice@eyeseemission.org

2008-2009 Used Eyeglasses Collection Campaign

Be part of EYEsee's first collection drive for used eyeglasses and share the gift of sight. During the months of December 2008 to March 2009 we hope to build the largest collection of used eyeglasses in the northwest suburban area for distribution to the needy in the poorer countries of the world. We're setting up drop off points in Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Prospect Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Barrington, Inverness, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, and Elk Grove Village.

EYEsee T-shirts Now Spiritwear

Mrs. JoAnn Francis, Director of Student Affairs at Saint Viator High School, has recently approved the EYEsee t-shirts as spiritwear.

The shirts are available in ten colors (Sapphire, Tangerine, Azalea, Kiwi, Iris, Daisy, Violet, Cedar, Black, and Kelly Green) and come in sizes small to extra large. On the front of the shirts is a cartoon globe with eyeglasses

which was designed by EYEsee artist Beth Chin. The globe represents EYEsee's efforts to alleviate poverty around the world through a recycling of used eyeglasses. On the back of each t-shirt are the words "Saint Viator High School".

Each shirt is \$15 and shirts can be purchased by emailing an order to glasses@eyeseemission.org.



L to R from top: Black, Azalea, Violet, Kelly Green, Iris, Daisy, Tangerine, Sapphire, Kiwi, Cedar

All proceeds go towards the purchase of a passenger van that will be used during future medical missions in the Philippines by our partner, EyeCare WeCare Foundation. The van will help both volunteers and physically handicapped indigents reach remote clinics. Please support this fundraising drive by sporting EYEsee t-shirts on spiritwear days.