



# EYEsee

Vision for the World

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## NEW EYEsee BENEFICIARY

### Physicians for Peace

Physicians *for* Peace is an international, humanitarian, non-profit, medical education organization dedicated to furthering the cause of world peace and international goodwill by providing quality medical education and care to those in need.

Physicians *for* Peace was founded in 1989 by Dr. Charles E. Horton, Sr., an internationally-acclaimed humanitarian, who said, 'If you heal someone, you help one person. If you teach someone to heal, you help many.' This is the ideology upon which the organization's missions



Patients await medical treatment at a clinic run by the healthcare professionals of Physicians *for* Peace.

are based the world by holding Not only does Physicians medical education and *for* Peace provide treatment training programs within for the poor, it also seeks to the developing areas. ensure lasting aid to Physicians *for* Peace has poverty-stricken regions of reached out to the poor in

fifty countries around the world, and they continue to send teams of medical volunteers to places where medical care is needed most.

According to the United Nations Foundation, the developing nations carry 90% of the global disease burden, yet these nations have only 10% of the medical resources. Physicians *for* Peace strives to reverse this imbalance.

Physicians *for* Peace and EYEsee have found a common cause in their work of alleviating poverty in the developing nations. (continued on page 3...)

## EYEsee Establishes Board of Advisors

EYEsee has recently organized its Board of Advisors. The Board's role is to guide EYEsee in achieving its stated mission and vision. Members of the Board share their wisdom, knowledge, experience, and professional expertise during the planning and execution of EYEsee's many projects.

EYEsee is proud to announce that **Fr. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V., and Mr. Tom Nall** have joined our Board of Advisors. The main duties of the Advisors include providing guidance, offering helpful suggestions, assisting EYEsee in communicating its mission to

the general public, and interacting with our partners to promote mutual interests. EYEsee will consult with its Board of Advisors on a regular basis. Advisors will receive periodic updates on EYEsee's on going projects and future plans. (BOA profiles on page 2)

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# EYEsee's Mission & Vision

EYEsee's mission is to contribute towards improving the vision of the needy in poorer countries, and in so doing alleviate some of the poverties 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's vision is to grow from a small core team of dedicated volunteers to a non-profit organization with many volunteers, national chapters, and overseas missions in the long term.

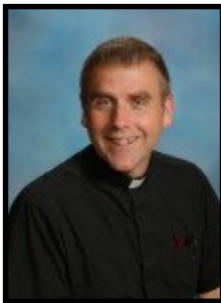
"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."  
-- Winston Churchill

## EYEsee Establishes Board of Advisors (cont.)



### Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V.

Fr. Robert Egan was born in Chicago and grew up in Wheeling, Illinois and is a graduate of Saint Viator High School, the Class of 1969. He has been a member of the Viatorians for 38 years and a priest for 30 years. Over the years his ministry has included that of high school teacher, Athletic Director, Provincial Superior of the Viatorian Community here in the United States, Pastor of Saint Viator Parish in Chicago and is currently serving as President of Saint Viator High School. Fr. Egan has a B.A. in Political Science from Loyola University in Chicago, an M.Div. from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago and a M. Ed. in Educational Administration from Loyola University of Chicago.



### Rev. Corey Brost, C.S.V.

Fr. Corey Brost has been a Viatorian for more than 20 years. He has worked in youth ministry and in social justice ministry. Fr. Corey helped found an agency that served homeless families in Las Vegas by providing shelter for them in churches. He is a lawyer as well, and he has worked briefly in the 1990s for low-income women who needed protection from abusive men. Fr. Corey currently teaches freshman religion at Saint Viator High School.



### Mr. Tom Nall

Tom Nall was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin with a B.A. in History. Tom has been a high school educator for thirty-seven years, the past twenty-five years at Saint Viator High School. He has won numerous teaching awards, and he has been identified multiple times in 'Who's Who Among American Teachers.' In 1981 he was named 'Man of the Year' by the Chicago Catholic League Coaches' Association. Tom and his wife of over thirty years, Barbara, reside in Schaumburg, Illinois.

## EyeCare WeCare Provides Group With Lensometer

EYEsee has received a manual lensometer thanks to the generosity of Dr. Weyrich, founder and president of EyeCareWeCare Foundation, Inc. This is extremely exciting for the group because the lensometer will enable volun-

teers to determine the prescription of collected eyeglasses. The lensometer will allow for accurate readings, which will allow recipients to be fitted with eyeglasses of the closest possible grade.

The manual lensometer will

also make sorting the eyeglasses at the recycling center much easier because it will enable volunteers to organize eyeglasses by the strength of their prescriptions.

—Diana Wells-English



The manual lensometer from EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc.

## Football Game Fundraiser!

Mrs. JoAnne Francis, Director of Student Affairs at Saint Viator, recently approved two dates for EYEsee to hold fundraisers for the 'By the Bus' Campaign.

At the **October 3** Saint Viator home football game

and the **October 17** Saint Viator homecoming football game, EYEsee members and volunteers will conduct a fundraising campaign. They will set up a tent at the entrance of the Forest View community center's football

field where EYEsee t-shirts will be sold. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a mini-bus to transport handicapped indigents and volunteers during EyeCare WeCare Foundation, Inc.'s medical missions in the Philippines.

During the last three years, over 6,000 indigents in the impoverished rural areas of the Philippines have benefited from free eye care and vision care as a result of the humanitarian work by the Foundation.

## New EYEsee Beneficiary (cont.)

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Through their 'Seeing Clearly' program, Physicians for Peace assists people around the world who cannot afford basic eyeglasses.

Thus, EYEsee and Physicians for Peace have agreed to partner. By supplying the organization with used eyeglasses, EYEsee supports Physicians for Peace's noble mission of 'helping the world see a little better.'

There is a current pressing need for eyeglasses in the Philippines, Haiti, and the West Bank—the areas where the work of 'Seeing Clearly' healthcare volunteers are especially concentrated. 'We are going to need plenty of help in order to support these programs,' said Ken Hudson who is the organization's Gifts-In-Kind Manager.

Mr. Hudson explained that the reason why Physicians for

Peace is currently working in these countries is because they are some of the poorest countries in the world, Haiti

Physicians for Peace embraces the idea that even one person can create a world of hope. The organization

contributions of individuals, Physicians for Peace is able to go where medical training assistance is needed, affecting health concerns in those areas and, ultimately, improving the health and lives of the world's population.

Physicians for Peace has given EYEsee an opportunity to expand its help to the poorer nations of the world and the chance to provide both hope and vision for the world by becoming EYEsee's second beneficiary.

Physicians for Peace and EYEsee have agreed to link both their websites.

EYEsee is very proud to be associated with Physicians for Peace and to contribute to its noble mission.

Learn more about Physicians for Peace at:

[www.physiciansforpeace.org](http://www.physiciansforpeace.org)



A woman is fitted with a pair of eyeglasses at a Physicians for Peace vision clinic.

and the West Bank, or the country has a sponsor that has identified a specific problem, such as a segment of the population that cannot afford the cost of a simple pair of eyeglasses.

recognizes the impact that the generosity of their contributing organizations has had on their mission. Because of the invaluable gifts-in-kind provided by corporations and charitable

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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  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

### 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](mailto:Janice@eyeseemission.org)

## 2008 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 November 2008 to February 2009 we hope to build the largest collection of used eyeglasses 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. Join us for our campaign kick-off on **Sunday, November 16, 2008.**

## EYEsee on iGive.com

Would you like to help EYEsee in a big way? Buy something for yourself! Join [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) at [www.iGive.com/eyesee](http://www.iGive.com/eyesee). When you buy your everyday necessities at the iGive.com Mall, up to 26% of each purchase is donated to EYEsee, at no cost to you!

iGive.com is a free service, and their online mall features over 680 brand-name stores like Barnes & Noble, Staples, and Lands' End with super savings and deals every day, and free donations to EYEsee! Join [www.iGive.com/eyesee](http://www.iGive.com/eyesee), and shop for sight. We'll appreciate it!



## A Worthy Cause

If you have a Facebook account, you are encouraged to be a part of the EYEsee Cause. The networking website Facebook allows users to show their support for a number of charitable organizations by

joining 'Causes'. A Cause is a system like a club where members can find out about a non-profit foundation's purpose and join or give monetary donations should they wish to support its mission. Thanks to Melanie Slawny, EYEsee is now one of these established Facebook Causes. Please show your support by joining, accepting an invitation, or recruiting others to join.



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