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Focus

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“Changing Lives. One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time”

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LERC thanks new sign donors

Pictured at the Ribbon cutting ceremony at the May 2024 board meeting are, from the left: District “N” Director PDG Steve Staudinger, Mission Coordinator Malena Hine, Lion Anne Lyse, QC Coordinator PDG Ed Taylor, NWLERC President PZC Suzanne Gayda, Garry Sparks, District “I” Director PDG Patti Sparks, Past and Future President Kerby Kee, Senior Advisor Pat Bar-on, NWLERC Secretary Jacqueline Nelson.



At left are District “I” NWLERC Director PDG Patti and Garry Sparks with their “Thank You” cake at our May board meeting.

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Mission Report

1,000 fitted with eyeglasses in March mission to Peru

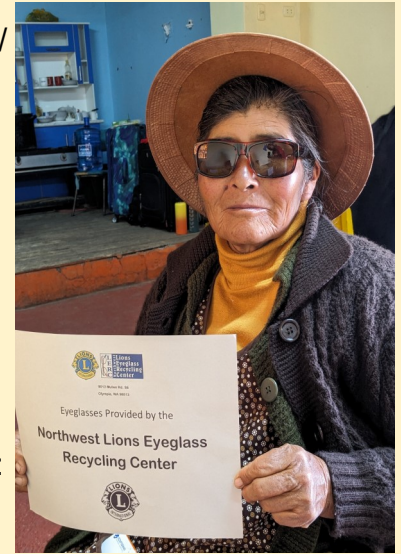


Name of Organization: Chehalis SDA Church /
Maranatha Volunteers International

Location/Country of mission: Juliaca, Peru

Mission dates: March 19 – April 1

- Total number of individuals served during mission: 1000
- Total number of individuals fitted with eyeglasses: 1000.
- Number of Lions club members on mission: None



Did you have any unused eyeglasses? Not really. All glasses that were not useful with the current lenses were donated to patients who could get a financial break by taking the recycled frames to get their new lenses.

This was a complete medical clinic with general medicine, vision and dental. We served about 1000 people over the days that we were there. Every patient received eye health information and one pair of glasses. The older patients got reading glasses, while the younger patients got a pair of sunglasses. Some distance glasses were given, but most of those were donated to patients who would recycle the frames and have their own prescription put into the donated frames.

Comments or suggestions: We really can't thank you all enough for this gift. You can't imagine how wonderful it feels to get huge hugs, big smiles and squeals of joy when a person puts on a pair of these glasses. The amount of love and gratitude is impossible to express. This work that you are doing is making lives better and easier. Because of you people are able to have better quality of life. Many of them only make money by the handicrafts that they are able to sell. Without reading glasses their ability to provide for themselves is impaired. Thanks so very much for doing what you do! Blessings!

Submitted by:

Lisa Wearer and Paul Chung MD

Date: 4/28/24



Nearly 4,000 pairs of used glasses were collected, sorted and packed for delivery by the Lions in District 19 I-7.

— Sent by proud Director Patti Sparks



Peace Health | PazSalud sets new one-day record in May mission

At our mission on May 25, we set a new PazSalud single-day patient record of 327! (Our previous record was 304). We're gearing up to shoot for a 400 patient day one day soon, we'll see.

(We're headed in the right direction: on June 8 we reached another new record of 335 patients)

Name of organization: PeaceHealth | PazSalud

- Location/Country of mission: Ciudad Arce (May 11), Lourdes (May 25), El Salvador, Central America
- Mission dates: May 11 and May 25, 2024
- Total number of individuals served during missions: 237 (May 11), 327 (May 25)
- Total number of individuals fitted with eyeglasses: 223 (May 11), 302 (May 25)
- Number of Lions Club members on mission: 0

- Did you have any unused eyeglasses? YES
- If yes, what is the disposition of the unused eyeglasses? PazSalud is storing the unused eyeglasses in its secure warehouse in El Salvador for future missions. We conduct approximately two optometry missions per month.

Thank You for providing this essential support to the economically marginalized seniors of El Salvador.

Submitted By: Darren Streff, PeaceHealth | PazSalud

Date: May 27, 2024



As of June 30, 2024			
NW LERC Key Statistics			
	June, 2024	This Year 2023-24	Totals
Volunteer Hours	561 Hours	6,726 Hours	158,618 Hours
Hours Reading Prescriptions for Mission Ready Glasses	37 Hours	686 Hours	2,621 (Since Feb. 2021)
Glasses Processed for Missions	1,888 Pairs	10,662 Pairs	25,292 (Since Feb. 2021)
Raw Glasses Information			
Raw Glasses Received	9,541	210,661	3,649,165
Raw Glasses Recycled	0	145,150	2,198,670
Mission Information			
Eye Glasses to Missions/Events	1,795	23,584	319,606
Missions Supported	3	17	382
Mission Ready Inventory	15,100	As of 6/30/24	



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