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# Help SBPEA Give the Gift of Sight



Your SBPEA Public Relations Committee encourages our membership to participate in the ongoing program by donating your used eyewear. Visit the SBPEA office or the SBPEA Mobile Office (MO) and deposit your used eyeglasses in the collection box provided. SBPEA will ensure that your donation is delivered to an approved collection site in our community. All donated eyewear is then recycled and hand-delivered to underprivileged people in need of vision care.

The *Give the Gift of Sight* program is:

-  The student whose grades improve because he/she can now see to read the blackboard;
-  The tears in a mother's eyes when she sees her child clearly for the first time;
-  The truck driver who can go back to work now that he can see the road signs;
-  The look of gratitude on a parent's face when their son/daughter receives a needed pair of glasses even though they could not afford them; and
-  The privilege of improving lives, one pair of eyes at a time.

Millions of people suffer from poor vision either because they have no access to or they simply cannot afford eye care. Research conducted by *Prevent Blindness America* reveals that one-in-four school-age children have visual disabilities. Children whose vision problems go undetected or untreated are destined to fail in school and, subsequently, in life. Further research indicates approximately 3.4 million Americans ages 40 and older are blind or visually impaired; a number expected to double in the next 30 years. Vision loss robs adults of their independence, mobility and quality of life.

*Give the Gift of Sight* is based on the belief that clear vision is a right, not a luxury. The program is committed to delivering clear vision to those in need. Founded in 1988, *Give the Gift of Sight* is a family of charitable programs providing free vision care and eyewear to underprivileged individuals in North America and in developing countries around the world. Sponsored by *Give the Gift of Sight Foundation* and *Luxottica Group*, these programs have helped six million people on five continents and in hundreds of communities across North America.

For more information on the program, log on to [www.givethegiftofsight.org](http://www.givethegiftofsight.org) or contact the Public Relations Committee Chairperson, Yvette Lama, at [ylama@sbpea.com](mailto:ylama@sbpea.com) or (909)709-2429.