

What To Do With Those Shoebox Treasures?

We can't help you with those keys, jackknives and pens.



But those old eyeglasses? Just look at what we can do with those.

We'll take your eyeglasses on a remarkable journey to far-away places to accomplish near-miracles for thousands of people throughout the world who now suffer disabling vision problems.

To start the journey you'll need to drop your old glasses in a recycle box at any of hundreds of locations. They'll look like this...



This is how we manage to collect the large quantity of eyeglasses we need to serve so many missions around the world. For box locations in your area please go to www.lionsnwl-erc.org/donations and open the PDF file.

We will take any eyeglasses – including reading & sunglasses, broken or like new – children's glasses are especially needed. So, drop off whatever you have. Members of your local Lions Club will empty the collection boxes, clean & sort the donations and get them to the recycling center in Lacey, Washington.

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NWLERC)

This is where the eyeglasses are processed and boxed for distribution. The process is critical to the successful distribution of needed eyeglasses throughout the world, and our small force of volunteers are really fussy about their reputation for accuracy and thoroughness.

1: SORT



2: CLEAN

3: READ



4: CLASSIFY



5: SHIP



NWLERC accepts volunteers from within Lions as well as the communities

A World Awaits—NWLERC Doesn't Disappoint

So, where and how do your refurbished eyeglasses find new life? While we at NWLERC don't run missions ourselves, we do supply the glasses to the many missions that request our support. Eye doctors and other volunteers, many of whom are Lions, travel as part of the Lions Sight First Program, Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity (VOSH), World Vision, EyeCare WeCare Foundation, optometry college groups, military-civil assistance groups and numerous religious organizations to developing countries to save the eyesight of young and old alike.



Each mission differs by location and numbers of indigents served. NWLERC has provided from 500 to 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses to individual missions. We produce write-ups of some of these missions and make them available on our website: www.lionsnwl-erc.org.

There you can learn more about us and find more answers to any questions you may have. The more you learn, the more your interest will grow for answering our needs for volunteers.

Changing Lives - One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time.

The Spirit of Lionism

In 1925, at a Lions Clubs convention, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the battle against darkness".

Since then, the prevention of blindness and the improvement of vision have been among the major objectives of Lions Clubs International.

As said by Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs International, "You can't get very far without doing something for someone else."

And So, Along Came NWLERC

Founded in 2004, the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is now an officially endorsed project of Lions Multiple District 19. Through the NWLERC, Lions of the Pacific Northwest continue the fight against blindness worldwide.

How Can You Help ?

- Recycle your used eyeglasses, sunglasses and reading glasses. Donate them through a Lions member or Lions Club recycling box.
- Volunteer at the center or with a Lions Club sorting glasses in your community.
- Make a financial donation. NWLERC is supported entirely by donations from Lions Clubs, businesses, foundations and individuals.

Please contact us today — you can help make NWLERC more successful than ever!

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From Boots on the Ground...

"Your organization is to be commended on the quality of the eyeglasses you donated to EyeCare WeCare Foundation as well as the accurate labeling of the powers."

James H Weyrich, O.D.
President/Founder
EyeCare WeCare Foundation

"Greetings to the NWLERC staff and volunteers from Thailand.

We saw 800 in two days last week up in the northern mountains near Laos and the glasses were really appreciated. ...you can not understand how much a simple gift of used eyewear can make to some individuals' lives. One of the weavers just sat there looking at her hands in disbelief that she could see her fingerprints."

Joe Dolezal, O.D.
Centralia, WA Lions Club

NWLERC a Leader in Total Recycling

NWLERC has been honored as the "2009 Recycler of the Year" by the Washington State Recyclers Association in recognition of its practice of putting back to productive use or recycling all materials received for its Eyeglass program.

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers A program of Lions Clubs International



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www.lionsclubs.org



What's in Your Shoebox?
Old keys? Can't throw those away.
Pocket knife? Might need that.
Pens? Never too many pens.
Eyeglasses? Hmmm...
What to do with old glasses?
Ah Hah! Give a deserving person a better life?
Great Idea!

