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# Press Release

## LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT AND HEARING

### STANTON LIONS' ANNUAL EYEGLASS ROUNDUP

STANTON CA, April 20, 2007: As spring cleaning gets underway, the Stanton Lions are asking people to look through their dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

The Stanton Lions have found that the greatest opportunity for collection is in spring. Families run across unused spectacles and hearing aids when they give their home a *spring cleaning* or when they are preparing to move. The used prescription glasses are part of the Lions unique recycling programs. They will be cleaned, evaluated, and sorted for distribution in less developed countries where eye care is often too expensive for low income families. Hearing Aids are also evaluated recycled.

Stanton Lion President Bill Sandoval explained how the program has become so successful. "We just need to get the word out. Prescriptions change over the years and a lot of people are saving old eyeglasses or hearing aids just because they don't know what to do with them. They are expensive, and people feel guilty about tossing them in the trash can. But these Lion's programs put them to good use. Many people would have to do without vision care or hearing aids if not for these programs."

Most of the glasses donated to Lions Clubs in the Southern California are given to residents of rural Mexico. For many of them, it's their first pair of glasses. Lions clubs volunteer to clean the glasses and sort them by prescription strength. Volunteer doctors give eye exams and prescribe glasses. Because there are thousands of donated pairs, it is possible in most cases to find glasses with a matching prescription. Thus the cost of making a new pair of glasses is eliminated.

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Lion Keith Campbell, Huntington Beach Host Lions, runs the hearing aid program that provides reconditioned hearing aids to those in need and consultations with an audiologist for little or no costs. Most of the hearing aids are given to needy people in Southern California. If you have a hearing aid you would like to donate, or you know someone who cannot afford a hearing aid, contact Mr. Campbell at 714-536-9813 or [kcampbell5@socal.rr.com](mailto:kcampbell5@socal.rr.com).

Lion David Parikh explains that it's easy to recycle. "If you live or work in the Anaheim or Stanton area, just drop them off at the Boys and Girls Club, at 11050 Cedar Street, Stanton, CA 90680. (The club is near Beach and Katella next to the *Food for Less*.) Your un-used eyeglasses and hearing aids can improve the quality of life of someone with poor vision or hearing." For more information about our location or the Stanton Lions visit our website [www.stantonlions.org](http://www.stantonlions.org).