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**VISTA CENTER PARTNERS WITH LIONS FOR *RECYCLE FOR SIGHT***

COLLECTING AND SORTING THOUSANDS OF GLASSES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOW VISION

SAN JOSE, CA (June 22, 2021) – [Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired](http://www.vistacenter.org) hosted a community event with [West San Jose-Campbell Lions](https://wsjclions.org/) and [Lions in Sight](https://www.lionsinsight.net/)*,* a foundation supported by California and Nevada Lions Clubs, to sort over 118,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses and distribute to people in need of corrective lenses.

“Vista Center values our long-standing partnership with Lions, with a history that includes the Vista Center, San Jose branch office. Our shared mission of serving those who have low vision or are blind is a remarkable partnership, and we are fortunate to have the Lions and Corporate Partners working together for this long-term project,” shared Alice Turner, Vista Center’s Director of Corporate and Community Relations. “Thanks to the Lions, Vista Center’s impact now extends to local communities in need and international organizations.”

“In the last 20 years, I’ve been active with Lions In Sight, the organization that coordinates eye clinic trips to third world countries to provide free eye care and recycled eyeglasses. The partnership between Lions in Sight, local Lions Clubs, and Vista is a huge win-win-win. Vista will continue to receive many thousands of donated eyeglasses from a large corporate source and other smaller collection sites. Volunteer Lions members will periodically hold work parties to clean, sort, verify, and package the eyeglasses to be readied for used overseas,” stated Art Low, O.D. and Lion for 45 years.

With leadership from former District 4-C Governor and current Vista Center Board Member Bob Stewart, Vista Center San Jose officially become a new satellite location for Lions in Sight. Lions Club members from California and Nevada gathered to process and prepare thousands of glasses for distribution to people with low vision, across the globe.

“Our 45 local Lions Clubs are thrilled and excited about strengthening the Lions’ relationship with Vista Center.  This ongoing hands-on service partnership will provide a never-ending supply of eyeglasses for international medical mission distribution.” expressed Bob Stewart.

Vista Center and the Lions will maintain an ongoing partnership for Lions In Sight and partner again for the upcoming Back-to-School Student Spotlight, a virtual talent show in support of Youth Services designed for students who are blind or have low vision. [Visit the website](https://www.vistacenterevents.org/b2s2021) to submit an entry for the talent show, buy a ticket, and learn more about the event!

**About Vista Center**

Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, headquartered in Palo Alto, CA is the premier regional one-stop resource provider for vision loss and rehabilitation. For more than 75 years, serving over 3,000 people annually, Vista Center offers a range of comprehensive services to empower clients to embrace life to the fullest through evaluation, counseling, education and training in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and San Benito counties.

Vista Center empowers individuals who are blind or visually impaired to embrace life to the fullest through skills and self-reliance training. We believe that vision loss need not be a barrier to independent living in the age of technology and heightened diversity and inclusion values in our community.