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Colorado Lions Clubs Recycle for Sight



Usable Glasses Can Make A Difference!

Lions and Leos help
to conserve sight by
providing usable
eyeglasses to children
and adults throughout
the world.



Why Recycle Glasses?

The World Health Organization estimates 120 million people are visually impaired because of uncorrected refractive errors (far and near sightedness). Almost all cases can be corrected and normal vision can be restored with eyeglasses.

The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults opportunities for education, employment, and a better quality of life.

The Journey of Recycled Glasses

1. Colorado Lions collect used eyeglasses at various community locations.
2. The glasses are sorted and shipped to the Colorado Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (COLERC) where trained volunteers clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.
3. Volunteers carefully package the prepared glasses until they are required for eyeglass-dispensing missions. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with the earnings supporting COLERC.
4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lion volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.





Do You Know...

COLERC/Denver operates with four lensometers for calibrating glasses. Pueblo Lions process glasses with two lensometers and Gill is using one. Both Pueblo and Gill act as COLERC satellites employing the same standards. Processed glasses from the satellites are brought to COLERC/Denver for packaging and distribution.

Your Efforts Count!

COLERC operates with VOLUNTEERS! Recycle for Sight in Colorado will only be sustainable with a robust roster of trained volunteers serving at COLERC on a regular basis. Please consider signing-up today: your club, church, neighbors, workplace, family.



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Are you aware....

Lions Clubs have been involved in sight programs since 1925 when Hellen Keller challenged the Lions “to become the knights of the blind”. The used eyeglass program was officially named “Recycle for Sight” in 1994. Each year, Lions collect about 30 million pairs of glasses. Over the past decade, more than 3.5 million pairs of eyeglasses from Lions eyeglass recycling centers have been shipped to locations around the world.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

“WeServe” The Lions Clubs of Colorado can provide the gift of sight through volunteer support.



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