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Season for Sight Nets 6,600 Pair of Glasses

January 5, 2009...St. Louis, MO- Patients donated more than 6,600 pair of used eyeglasses from Thanksgiving until New Years to Lions Club International through the Clarkson Eyecare Foundation annual "Season for Sight" campaign at the company's St. Louis and Illinois offices.

The Lions Club will now distribute the glasses world-wide to people who cannot afford or otherwise cannot obtain corrective eye glasses.

For the past 6 years, the Clarkson Eyecare Foundation has run its "Season for Sight" program through the holiday season, encouraging patients to bring their usable eyeglasses and place them in the Season for Sight containers when they buy new glasses. The Foundation has collected more than 30,000 pair of eyeglasses since the program began.

"This is a terrific addition to the Lions Club International program of collecting used eye glasses for the needy around the world," said a Lions spokesperson. "Imagine the difference in the life of a person who needs glasses, but doesn't have them, then receives a pair. Work life, school life, family life, even a person's outlook or personality is sometimes changed by an improvement in sight."

The Lions Club reminds everyone they can drop off used eyeglasses all year long at the 40 Clarkson Eyecare offices and other eye care provider locations.

Eye care patients should look for the Lions Club International box at eye care locations, and the "Season for Sight" boxes at Clarkson Eyecare.

Founded in 1979 by Dr. Lawrence Jehling, Clarkson Eyecare currently offers comprehensive medical eye care services at 40 metro St. Louis locations: 79 Crossing-St. Peters, 141 and Olive, Arnold, Ballwin, Brentwood, Chesterfield, Chesterfield Valley, Creve Coeur, Ellisville, Eureka, Fenton, Festus, Florissant Dunn Rd., Florissant Hwy 67, Harvester, High Ridge, House Springs, Kirkwood, Maplewood, Mid Rivers, Oakville, O'Fallon-North, O'Fallon-South, Pacific, Rock Hill, South County, Town & Country Mason, Town & Country Crossing, Troy, Union, Warrenton, Washington, Webster Groves, Wentzville, Wildwood, MO, Belleville, Columbia, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights and Shiloh, IL, and LASIK Surgery Center in Chesterfield Valley and Fairview Heights. Go to www.ClarksonEyecare.com or call 888-EYECARE for more information.

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