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EYEsee Kicks Off '2012 Campaign'

4th Annual Drive Expands to New Areas with Goal of 12,000 Eyeglasses

EYEsee is kicking off '2012 Campaign'—its fourth annual eyeglasses collection—beginning with a weekend drive on January 21-22 at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Prospect Heights, Illinois. This year's campaign will run 12 weeks, through June 3. '2012 Campaign' has a goal of 12,000 eyeglasses to collect, which will supply health missions this year to some of the poorest countries in Asia, Pacific islands, Caribbean, Central America, and Africa.

Parishes in the northwest Chicago suburbs will be hosting the collection drives. Saint Viator High School students will be at the hosting sites during these weekend drives to receive eyeglasses and to answer questions from

parishioners about EYEsee. The University of Chicago Calvert House and Northwestern University Sheil Catholic Center will be hosting a Sunday collection again. Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette (Illinois) will be running a collection as their Lenten mission this year.

EYEsee will continue to run one-day collections at senior homes. Residents look forward to this annual event and students feel enriched from their involvement with this program.

EYEsee will build on last year's success with public offices by inviting government offices and public libraries to support '2012 Campaign.' This year's campaign will pursue partnerships with eye clinics and stores by involving

them in the mission and work of EYEsee.

'2012 Campaign' will have two areas of special attention. EYEsee will extend invitations to large businesses within and outside Illinois to support the '2012 Campaign' as part of their Earth Day recycling or green program. EYEsee has started to receive inquiries from corporations this year. Evelina Wozniak, a Saint Viator senior, is leading this business outreach.

The formation of EYEsee chapters will be second focus of the '2012

Campaign.' EYEsee chapters are youth teams that replicate the effort of EYEsee in their own churches, schools, and local communities. EYEsee will provide mentoring resources to help the growth of the chapters. Alexandra Glinos, a Saint Viator sophomore, is driving this program.

Chris Santucci, a Saint Viator senior, leads all EYEsee activities at Saint Viator High School as Chapter President. Chris was instrumental in organizing the EYEsee Michigan Chapter at the First Lutheran Church Gladstone in Michigan.

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'2012 Campaign' will supply several health missions this year to countries in Asia, Pacific Islands, Caribbean, Central America, and Africa.

January 25 – February 10, Cambodia

This mission will be led by the Cambodian Health Professional Association of America (CHPAA), a U.S. non-profit humanitarian organization that provides

ongoing service and education to medically underserved Cambodians living in the U.S. and Cambodia. CHPAA's team of healthcare professionals will hold a two-week medical mission



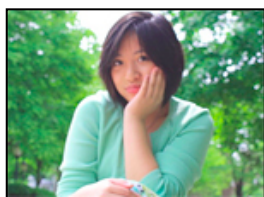
to Cambodia. As part of the mission, they will be providing much needed eyeglasses to their patients. Last year's medical mission saw about 5,000 patients but they were only able to provide about 300 eyeglasses due to their limited supplies. EYEsee's donation will ensure that they will distribute more eyeglasses during the mission.

May 21 – 25, Pampanga Province, Philippines

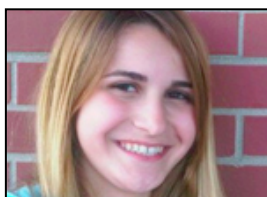
This mission will be led by EyeCare WeCare, which runs twice a year vision medical missions to the impoverished areas in the Philippines (cont on pg 4)



EYEsee's 2012 Leadership Team



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Founder & President



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EYEsee Leader for Chapter
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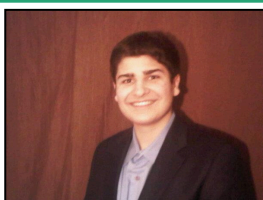


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EYEsee Leader for Small &
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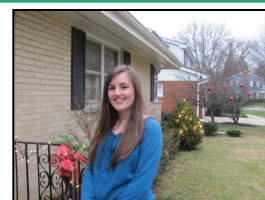
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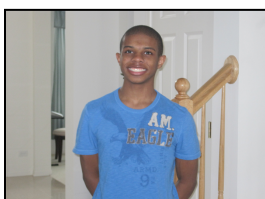
Chris Santucci
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Chapter Lead for Churches



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Paul Lewis
Chapter Lead for Optical Clinics



Kristen Yi
Chapter Lead for Senior Homes

EYEsee First Lutheran Church Chapter

In September 2011, First Lutheran Church in Gladstone Michigan adopted EYEsee as a new ministry for their middle school kids. Church youth ministry members Cooper Koski, Shelby Martinucci, Jacob Siedlecki, Charlotte Strom, and Matt Swanson signed up as EYEsee Michigan Chapter founding members.

First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This synod consists of Lutherans in the Upper Peninsula of

Michigan and Northeast Wisconsin. Pastor Jonathan M. Schmidt leads the First Lutheran Gladstone Church. Bishop Thomas Skrenes is the Bishop of the synod. During the team's initial weekend drive on September 18, 2011, they collected their first 100 eyeglasses. They concluded their September drive with 200 eyeglasses collected.

The EYEsee Michigan Team then travelled to Faith Lutheran Church in Rock, Michigan in October and then to Christ the King Lutheran Church in

Escanaba, Michigan, in November. During these visits, they spoke before the church congregation about their EYEsee ministry and how a group of kids seeking to live faithfully is making a difference in the world.

As the 'Upper Peninsula branch' of EYEsee, this new ministry will be collecting eyeglasses in their own congregation and then

moving out to other area congregations. This team delivered 235 eyeglasses to EYEsee last October.



First Lutheran Church Gladstone, Michigan, is EYEsee's 'Upper Peninsula' branch.

After a pause in December, the EYEsee Michigan Team will

head to Bethany Lutheran Church in Perkins, Michigan, in January as they continue to lead effort to collect used eyeglasses on behalf of the poor in the Third World countries.

News from the Missions

In 2011, EYEsee supplied eyeglasses to the following health missions. Patients seen during these missions simply cannot afford the vision care and eyeglasses they desperately need. Working together, EYEsee and its partners are making a remarkable difference in alleviating global poverty.

Surigao del Sur Province, Philippines

EYEsee supported the Physicians for Peace's *Seeing Clearly* program with a donation of 3,000 recycled eyeglasses in 2011. Physicians for Peace has volunteer healthcare teams in some of the world's most desperate regions. In 2011, they deployed 159 volunteers on 48 missions to 16 countries in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America. Their *Seeing Clearly* program helps people who cannot afford vision care and the cost of eyeglasses.



Batangas Province, Philippines

EYEsee supported the EyeCare WeCare Foundation's medical missions to the Philippines with a donation of over 2,000 recycled eyeglasses in 2011. This foundation operates a mobile clinic manned by volunteers who provide free eye care, ophthalmic surgery,

medication, and eyeglasses to the indigent people in the Philippines.

On June 1-6, 2011, EyeCare WeCare held their medical mission in Lemery/Tall, Province of Batangas in the northern island of Luzon, Philippines. This mission set a record for the number of lives changed: 1,703 received free vision care, 1,688 were fitted with free graded eyeglasses, and over 70 were scheduled for eye surgeries.



Ebeye Island, Republic of Marshall Islands

EYEsee supported the Canvasback Missions' health missions to the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia with a donation of 500 recycled eyeglasses in 2011.

In October 2011, Canvasback conducted a health mission in Ebeye Island, a tiny atoll in a remote part of the Pacific Ocean, where residents go without access to eye care, even if it means that they go blind. This island has a population of more than 15,000. With crowded living conditions, an inadequate school system, and scarce clean water, Ebeye has been known by the unofficial title of "Slum of the Pacific." Physician volunteers performed 207 eye surgeries, which mean



207 Ebeye Islanders now have the gift of sight. Other people received improved vision from the free eyeglasses they were fitted.

Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Uganda and Bunagana, Congo

EYEsee supported the PeopleWeaver's medical mission to Uganda and Congo with a donation of 100 recycled eyeglasses in 2011. PeopleWeaver is a non-profit organization established to provide economic assistance, such as microcredit loans, to impoverished women in developing countries. Currently, their efforts are focused on the women refugees living in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda. In May 2011, PeopleWeaver traveled to Uganda and to Bunagana in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Campamento, Olancho, Honduras

EYEsee supported the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church's June 7-14, 2011 health mission to their

sister parish in Campamento, Olancho, Honduras, with a donation of 500 recycled eyeglasses. This mission was St. Philip's 15th visit with the Santa Parish. Fr. Abelardo Huanaca, associate pastor of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, led a group of St. Philip volunteers on this mission. This mission distributed over 650 pairs of eyeglasses. Nearly all were handed directly to people in remote and impoverished villages.



Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic

EYEsee supported the Latino Medical Association's (LMSA) December 18-22, 2011 health Mission to the mountains of Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic with a donation of 405 recycled eyeglasses. LMSA is a non-profit student-run organization at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. This health mission was LMSA's second annual trip to Jarabacoa.

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using a 'mobile clinic' to serve patients in remote places in the islands. Pampanga was one of the hardest hit provinces during the three consecutive typhoons that caused flooding and landslides in September 2009. The residents of this province are still in the process of rebuilding their lives from those calamities. This year's medical mission will be EyeCare WeCare's second mission to this province. In May 2010, they saw 1,411 indigents, averaging 282 patients a day during their 5-day medical mission.

April – June, Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Uganda

This mission trip will be led by PeopleWeaver, a U.S. non-profit organization, which provides microcredit loans to women refugees living at the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda. This refugee camp has 16,000 people. Most of



these women are Congolese widows and orphans caring for other orphans. Although PeopleWeaver's primary focus is microcredit, aid has also included funding for food, schooling, supplies, medicine, communication

tools, and a cooperative grain mill. Last year, they added eyeglasses to their aid list from the eyeglasses donation that EYEsee provided them. They will also travel to Bunagana in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

June 6 – 12, Apayao Province, Philippines

Agkakabsat International Movement (AIM), a U.S. non-profit that supports developmental community services, will lead this mission.

Apayao is the fourth poorest province in the Philippines, where owning a pair of eyeglasses is out of reach to so many who need them due to extreme poverty. This mission will be part of AIM's first homecoming of all sons, daughters, and friends of Apayao, who are now working or living outside of Apayao in order to promote their giving back to the community effort. The beneficiaries of this mission are senior citizens, unemployed parents, and poor students. The Apayao provincial government reviewed the list of 8,000 indigents who are in dire need of prescription eyeglasses.



June, Campamento, Olancho, Honduras

This mission will be led by the Santa Ana Mission, a ministry of St. Philip Catholic Church in Jonesboro, Georgia. Santa Ana Parish in the city of Campamento, Olancho, Honduras, is St. Philips sister parish. This year will be St. Philip's 16th annual mission to Santa Ana Parish.



December, Higos de Hatillo and Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic

This mission will be led by the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA), which is a non-profit student-run organization at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Their medical team provides free acute medical care, health education, and preventive medicine to children and adults, many of whom have never been seen by a physician in their lifetime. As part of their medical services, they provide free eye exams and dispense free eyeglasses. This year's health mission will be LMSA's third annual trip

to Higos de Hatillo and Jarabacoa in the Dominican Republic.

Lome, Togo (West Africa)

Organisation de Developement de la Sante et de la Formation (ONG SAFO): a non-governmental organization in Togo (West Africa).

ONG SAFO has two ophthalmologists available for consultation but they are realizing that people are not buying eyeglasses they need because they are very expensive. In rural areas, some people have been wearing the same eyeglasses for 25 years now. Many people never consult a doctor in their life. While ONG SAFO sometimes received eyeglasses from their donors, the quantity they receive (20 to 50) is very limited.



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