



**Hawaii Lions are collecting  
YOUR old unused Eyewear &  
Hearing Aids...**

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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Lions in Sight”**  
**Statewide Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection**  
**Saturday January 23, 2021**

Lions clubs **WORLDWIDE** will be performing community service projects as part of the “**Lions In Sight**” initiative to raise public awareness of the vital role Lions clubs play in their communities.

As spring cleaning gets under way, the **Hawaii Lions** are asking people to look through dresser drawers & closets for used eyeglasses & hearing aids and donate them to the **Lions Recycle For Sight** program.

Due to Covid-19 and to keep within CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, **Lions this year will not be present at storefronts as in previous years.** However, we are accepting donations through specially marked **Lions Recycle For Sight** collection boxes located in select Walmart stores at their **Vision Center**. In addition, we have several hundred boxes throughout the state. Both eyeglasses and hearing aids are collected year-round, and **January 23, 2021 is our major collection day.** Visit our website [hawaiilions.org](http://hawaiilions.org) for locations prominently displayed on the homepage.

The glasses will be distributed to those in need within developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible. Most recently, 5000 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed to villagers throughout the mountainous terrain of war-torn Afghanistan by Hawaii Lions Club members. In most developing countries, an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages, and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people.

The glasses will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions, Leos and other groups. According to the World Health Organization, the eyesight of approximately one-fourth of the world's population can be improved through the use of a corrective lens.

In addition to the eyeglasses, **hearing aids** will be also collected, cleaned and tested for local distribution.

Lions are known for their commitment to being “**Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against Darkness,**” a challenging statement made by Helen Keller in 1925. Eyeglass collection is a year round program.

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