



**We Serve**

# **Lions Recycle For Sight**

**On Mayne Island  
look for eyeglass  
drop boxes  
at these locations  
Home Hardware  
Building Centre,  
Recycling Society,  
Thrift Store,  
and Tru Value Foods  
or give them to any  
Mayne Island Lion.**

## **Why Recycle Glasses?**

An estimated 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, contact lenses or refractive surgery.

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

## **The Journey of Recycled Glasses**

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

\*World Health Organization Statistics

