



  
**NEW EYES**  
glasses for those in need

2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT  
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***The more we do, the more we can do.***

***- William Hazlitt***

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our 2015-16 fiscal year brought lots of work and excitement thanks to the enormous effort and support of so many: individual donors, foundations, corporations, and New Eyes' devoted staff and volunteers. It was a year that allowed New Eyes to provide over 9,900 new prescription eyeglasses to United States residents living at or below the federal poverty level, a 50% increase from last fiscal year. In addition, New Eyes shipped over 245,000 pairs of used glasses to our partner missions for distribution to the poor in developing countries. Our results tell us a lot about the vibrancy of New Eyes; the work ethic of our board, staff and volunteers; and the commitment of all our supporters. Most of all, it tells us about the enormous need for our services, the need for the basic necessity of clear vision for so many disadvantaged people both here in the U.S. and abroad.

As New Eyes approaches its 85th anniversary next year, we remember our founder, Julia Lawrence Terry, and how her personal mission to provide clear vision to society's most vulnerable has helped over 8.5 million individuals since 1932. There's still so much work to be done and our challenges for next year inspire us to create, innovate and do more. As the English writer and philosopher William Hazlitt said, "The more we do, the more we can do".

New Eyes will do more.

  
Jean Gajano  
Executive Director



# THE CHALLENGE

- A pair of eyeglasses could correct the vision of 2.5 billion individuals living with poor vision, including 4.5 million at risk Americans who cannot afford eyeglasses.
- 80% of all learning occurs through vision, putting 239 million children with poor vision at risk. Eyeglasses could improve the vision of 11 million Americans 12 years and older.
- The potential annual global productivity loss due to unclear vision is \$272 billion. In the U.S. the loss is estimated at \$26 billion.
- Studies show that correcting near-vision loss with glasses results in an immediate increase in productivity of up to 34%.
- Among illiterate adults, 74% have failed one or more parts of a vision screening.
- 50% of vision impairment is due to refractive error (blurred vision) and almost always correctable by eyeglasses.
- Up to 70% of juvenile offenders in the U.S. have undiagnosed vision problems.

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## OUR MISSION

New Eyes for the Needy purchases new prescription eyeglasses through a voucher program for children and adults in the United States who cannot afford glasses on their own.

New Eyes accepts, recycles and distributes donated glasses for poor people overseas.



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## OUR VISION

Empower children and adults in the United States and overseas with the improved vision they need to pursue a better quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities.

**GIVE POWER.  
GIVE SIGHT.**





# NEW EYES BY THE NUMBERS

8,705,637



People whose vision has improved since 1932 thanks to New Eyes



412,516



Eyeglasses purchased since the U.S. since 1932

9,910



People in the U.S. who received glasses in 2015-16



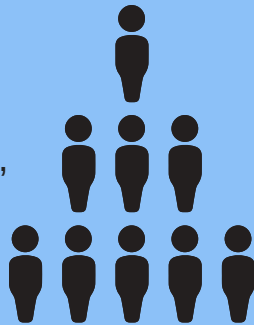
248,945



Used eyeglasses distributed overseas in 2015-16

325

Volunteers: sorters, admins, acknowledgers, jewelry pricers, jewelry sales, high school students, corporate groups



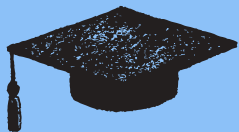
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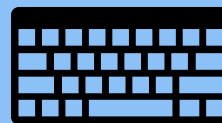
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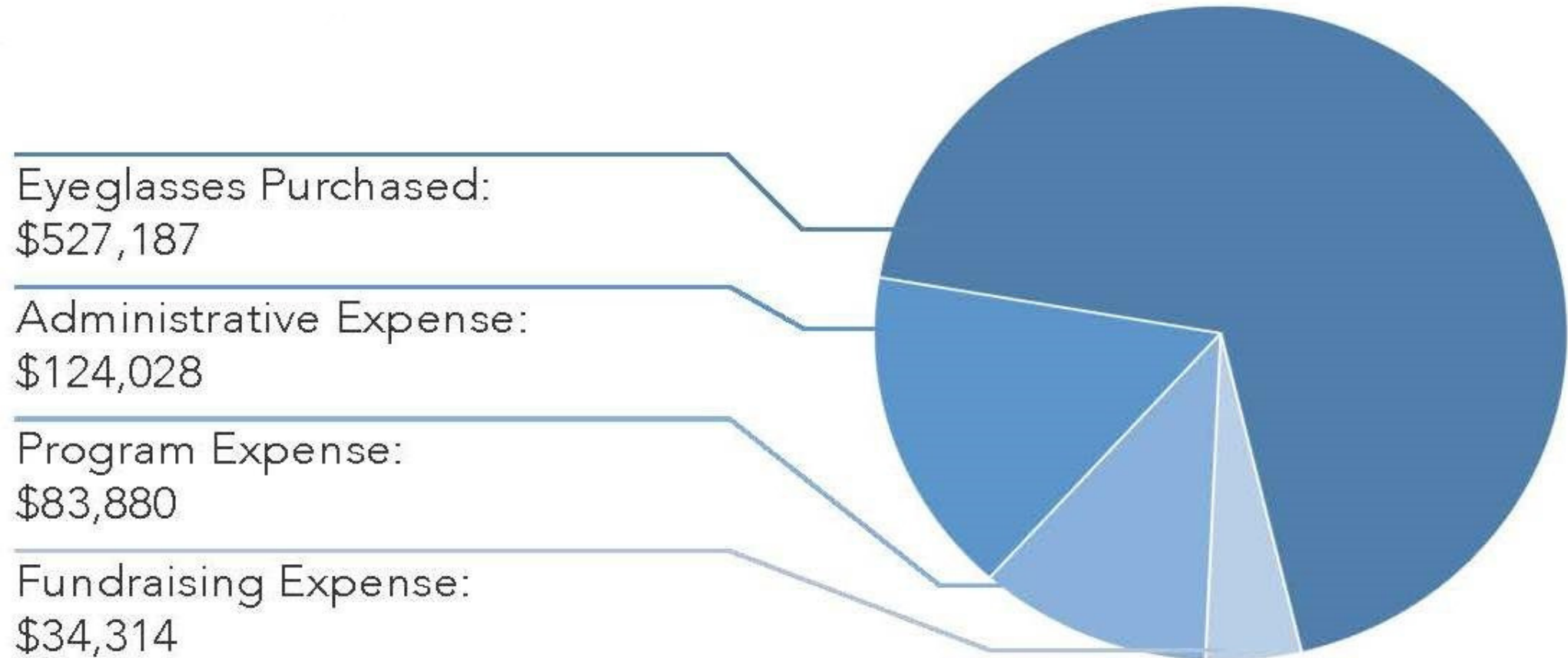
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Mission: Eyeglasses





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# New Eyeglasses for Over 9,900 People!



In 2015-16, New Eyes' voucher program provided 9,910 new prescription eyeglasses for children and adults in financial need living in the United States, an increase of 50% from last year.

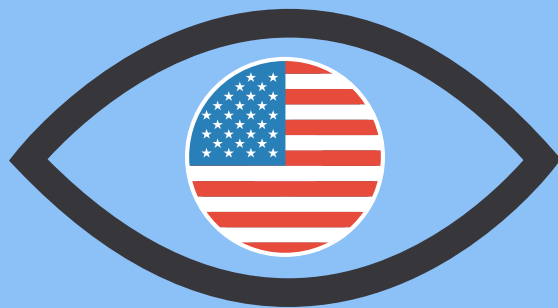
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**50%+**



# 2015-16 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 9,910 new eyeglasses for U.S. residents in 49 states and the District of Columbia
- Partnerships with 402 social service agencies in the United States and 1831 optical dispensers
- Decrease in wait time from 4 weeks to 48 hours for New Eyes clients to receive a voucher thanks to new online eyeglass voucher application
- 248,945 used glasses for distribution overseas in 41 countries
- 134 overseas mission partners in 41 countries.



Thank you for sending me the glasses, I appreciate it. They are comfortable and they helped me because I can see better in class now

First Name Yousif

Age 13

Hometown, State Queens, NY

Having the New glasses was helped me with my new job working in the maintenance department. I don't know what I would have done without you. Because of your organization I have a new job, A new life.

Thank you!!! God Bless You.

First Name

Matthew

Age

Hometown, State

43 Philadelphia, PA 19134

OUR IMPACT

First I would like to Thank you for a very Precious gift of being able to see once again. It really is Amazing, seeing All the things you have missed, by not being able to see. It is kinda like a Child seeing something for their first Time. Again thank you so very much for the gift of sight again.

First Name

Julia

Age

54

Hometown, State

Waurika, OK

I have needed glasses for a few years, but as a member of the Working Poor could not afford them. Thanks to New Eyes, I now see more clearly. This should keep me from squinting and straining my eyes. Please continue helping the Working Poor & those in need. May God Bless you in your efforts to help others!

First Name

Michael

Age

41

Hometown, State

Tazewell, TN.

A world map with 41 countries highlighted in red. The highlighted countries include Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, and the United States. In Europe, the highlighted countries are Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, and Cyprus. In Africa, the highlighted countries are Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Madagascar. In Asia, the highlighted countries are India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. In Oceania, the highlighted countries are Australia and New Zealand.

# Used Eyeglasses for Over 245,000 People Overseas!

New Eyes' overseas program shipped 248,945 used glasses to 41 countries for distribution to the poor overseas.



"From my recent Panama trip with IMR, we distributed reading glasses to indigenous peoples of the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca. This gentleman pictured came in saying that he was nearly blind, so we were concerned that we wouldn't be able to help him. In just a couple of minutes, we were able to find him a suitable pair of reading glasses so that he could at least see up close for day to day tasks! It was an incredibly moving moment when he burst into a grin and said he could read some of the smallest lines on our reading glasses test page! Thank you New Eyes for all you do.!" - Christine, International Medical Relief



**"Please thank all the people at New Eyes that tirelessly collect and sort these glasses so that those less fortunate than us can have something very precious - the ability to see." - Kelly Wheeler in the Rakhine state of Myanmar**

# EYEROCK

Rockin' for New Eyes  EyeRock  Rockin' for New Eyes



New Eyes held its 3rd annual EyeRock concert at Hard Rock to a sold-out crowd of 700 attendees. Many thanks to our special guest performer, Jay Jay French of Twisted Sister and to our sponsors and musicians who made it a great success, providing thousands of glasses to people in need!

# KIDS ROCK FOR VISION



Local teen musicians performed at the 8th annual Kids Rock for Vision concert, raising \$8,300 for new eyeglasses for children, bringing the total amount raised since its first concert to an astounding \$55,000- over 1,300 children helped in the U.S.!



# VOLUNTEERS (WORK!)

We couldn't do all we do without them!



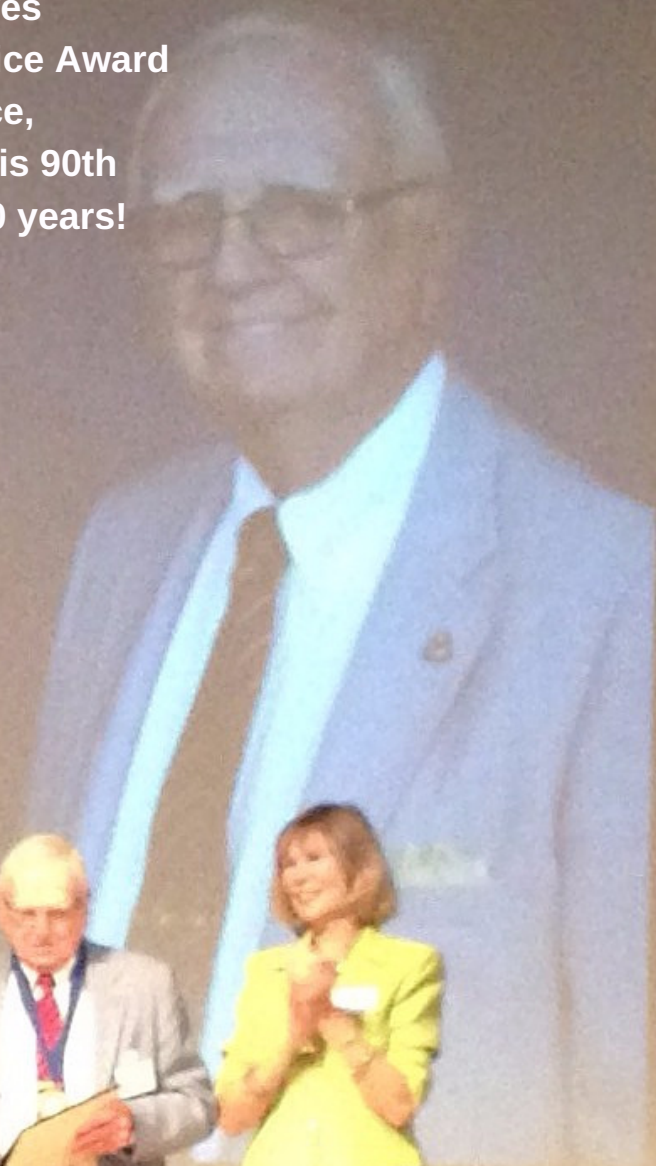
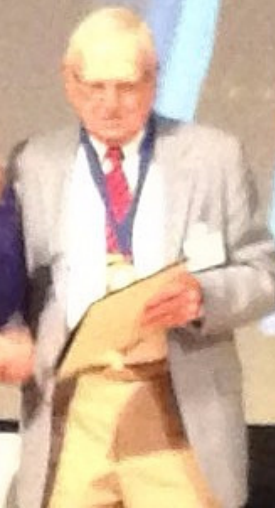
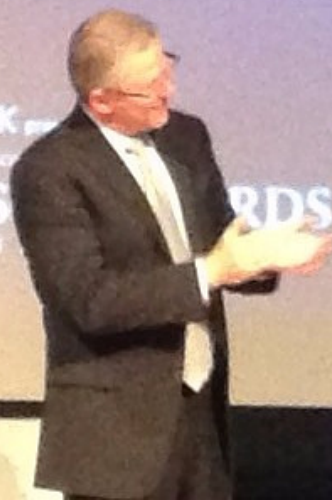
# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Our one and only Jake Dalton, Board Member Emeritus and New Eyes Overseas Program Manager, received the prestigious Lifetime Service Award from the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards for Public Service, considered the Nobel Prize of volunteerism. Jake, who celebrated his 90th birthday in March, has been an integral part of New Eyes for over 20 years!

JOHN "JAKE"  
DALTON  
Lifetime Service



PNC BANK  
New Jersey State Governor  
JEFFERSON AWARDS  
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



# SUPPORT

**New Eyes supporters enable us to serve thousands of children and adults in need. We thank them all for their generosity, advice, guidance and assistance in impacting lives through clear vision.**

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