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## OFVA Newsletter - August 2023

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### OFVA rolls out welcome mat

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#### Who are we?

The Oregon Foundation for Vision Awareness [OFVA] is a non-profit, charitable organization whose mission and goals are to provide education and charitable services related to eye care to various segments of the general population and underprivileged individuals. The Foundation serves as a clearinghouse for future financial assistance programs, charitable contributions, and grant programs for low income and indigent care

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#### What have we been up to?

This year, OFVA has received 12 requests for services in Oregon. The OFVA aims to find a local optometrist to assist with the patient's request so they can receive an eye examination and eyeglasses at no charge to the patient.

Dr. Laura Ozuna works as an associate in Woodburn and Canby and has seen three OFVA patients this year and four patients the previous year. "The patients I have seen have been incredibly grateful to receive services. They have arrived at their appointments on time and all of them truly need an eye examination. One patient was in tears because it had been four years since her last eye examination and her glasses were so scratched and broken, she could barely see through them. She was so happy when she came to pick up her new glasses. I would gladly see as many patients as I can, however, many patients have difficulty with

transportation and aren't able to see me in Woodburn or Canby. I would love it if we could have more providers sign up to help with these requests!"

The OFVA is particularly in need of providers in the Salem area and we encourage more providers all throughout Oregon to sign up to help their local community. Once we receive a request in your area, we will reach out to see if you are able to see the patient and have them coordinate with your staff at an appointment time. Providers are able to see as many patients in the year as they would like and can specify this on our sign up form (example 1-2/year or 1/month). We are thankful for all the providers that have signed up in their areas and to those that have seen OFVA patients. We look forward to having our program grow.

## Silent Auction

OFVA held their first silent auction in April at Oregon's annual meeting. Thanks to the great donations made in part by leaders in the eyecare industry, examples such as MacuHealth, MODO and many more, OFVA was able to raise \$2560. These donations will be used to provide payment for glasses for those in need. We appreciate all the doctors who participated in the silent auction!



**Dr. Emilee Nehring and  
Kelly Asbra**



## How do OFVA patient's get eyeglasses after the exam?

You might be wondering, once the OFVA patient gets an exam how do they get their glasses? We have a few options for you!

### LIONS Eyeglass Kit-

This kit was designed by the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) to give to providers who assist Lions clients or KEX kids in their community. The kit has 15 frame choices and a sheet that shows the other color option for each frame, providing a total of 30 choices. Your staff will use an order form from the Lions and fax or email the order to the Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) lab.



OLSHF has their own lab to help Lions clients and community partners by offering high quality, inexpensive eyewear. Once the order is completed, the eyeglasses will be sent back to your office to dispense to the patient. When you use the LEAP lab, you can designate CR39 or Polycarbonate at no additional cost to OFVA. The cost to OFVA is \$30 for single vision, \$40 for a lined bifocal and \$50 for a lined trifocal. The provider does not pay for the glasses, OFVA does.



The LEAP lab does offer a one year warranty on the frames as well as one doctor redo within the first two months. If you already help Lions clients or KEX, you might already have a kit. If you do not, we can connect you with the Lions to get a kit.

### VSP Vouchers-

If you are a provider who takes VSP, you can utilize a VSP voucher. This voucher will allow you to utilize a frame in your office that falls within VSP's guidelines of what will be covered. OFVA can help you obtain a VSP voucher that you can redeem.

### Changing Lives Through Lenses - Essilor Program

This program is through Essilor's ONESIGHT foundation. Providers can register for a free kit and ability to order no cost eyeglasses for people at or below the poverty level who have no insurance for glasses.

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## Become an OFVA provider in your community

We are always in need of doctors throughout the state of Oregon. Please join us in helping our efforts of serving those adults in need of eyecare that cannot afford or access it. At this time, exams are donated by the provider by using a VSP voucher. Glasses are paid for by the OFVA (or VSP voucher) and will utilize Lions Club frame kit VSP frame kits.

OFVA utilizes doctors who are a member of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association and the American Optometric Association to provide eye health care and vision assistance. Have Questions?? [Click here to read Information for participating doctors.](#) [Click here to become an OFVA provider.](#)

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