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**Public Works and Transportation to Join
Lions Club in Recycle for Sight Program**

Leonardtown, MD - Lions Club International changes lives one pair of glasses at a time through its Recycle for Sight program. The public can donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids to the humanitarian group at official collection points across the United States.

The St. Mary's County Department Public Works & Transportation has worked with the local Lions Club to add the six convenience centers and St. Andrews Landfill as additional collection points. Lions Club donation boxes can now be found in the attendant's shelters with signage to help promote this program. The Lions Clubs will now collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids at over 35 locations around the county.

Lions Club volunteers collect used eyeglasses from official donation locations and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people and organizations in need around the world free of charge. The Recycle for Sight program accepts donated prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses, as well as plastic and metal eyeglass frames. As a part of the program, hearing aids are also collected and refurbished, if possible.

Imagine helping a child to read, an adult succeed at his/her job, a senior maintain their independence, and provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive.

For more information regarding the Lions eyeglass and hearing aid recycling program visit:

<http://saintmaryslionzonexhairman.weebly.com/> or
<http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/Recycleprograms.asp>

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