

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Northern Virginia (LERCNOVA)

919 S. Monroe Street Arlington, VA. 22204



This center is a project of Lions of Northern Virginia and Lions Clubs International. Our mission is to send the gift of clear sight to men, women, and children in need worldwide.

LERCNOVA has operated at three different locations in Northern Virginia over the past 25 years. Due to the recent death of the property owner, we must relocate from the 919 S. Monroe Street property.

Can you help us find a new location?

We need approximately 1500 square feet of indoor space. A sink or two with hot running water or a dishwasher is needed to sanitize eyeglasses. We supply shelving, tables, and optical equipment. We are willing to pay our share of utilities. As a charitable group, we cannot afford to pay market rates for space in Northern Virginia.

Since 1998, the center has shipped thousands of glasses to Europe, Asia, Africa, South, and Central America. In the past three years, we provided glasses for missions to Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Uganda as well as the Arlington Free Clinic and the Lamb Center. These recycled eyeglasses have helped thousands of people see.

Why recycle eyeglasses in 2024?

- ❖ Millions of people in the international community need eyeglasses but cannot afford them. Lions clubs fulfill that need by recycling eyeglasses, giving the gift of sight to vision impaired.
- ❖ Each pair of glasses has a profound impact on the recipient and their family.
- ❖ A pair of children's glasses allows a child to attend school.
- ❖ Recycling also reduces landfill waste by reusing frames and supporting metal reclamation and scrap processing.

Can you help?

Is there a nearby vacant building, office space, basement, or house that could be used by LERC and for a tax write off? Is there a church basement that isn't utilized? Does a nearby apartment complex have basement space? Is there commercial space that could be rented at a discounted rate?

We are open to creative ideas to allow LERCNOVA to continue for another 25 years!

Contact us!

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