

# EyeCare America— A Tribute for Sight

“Helping to Preserve Sight,  
for Those in Need”



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## Grateful Patients

Over the years EyeCare America has received hundreds of letters thanking us for our services. Perhaps the best way to illustrate the impact of our programs on the quality of people's lives is through the words of our grateful patients:

“The first visit, the doctor found I had cataracts in both eyes and one would need immediate attention. Within a month, I was doing fine after surgery. Thank you Eye-Care America. This is an operation I could not have had done without you.”

**Hazel Dalton, Tellico Plains, TN**

“Without your program and the wonderful volunteer services, my life would have grown more and more limited. Thank you so very much.”

**Wanita Gray, Vancouver, WA**

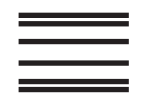
“Thank you all so very much for giving me my eyesight back so that I can do the things I love most, seeing my husband, children, grand children and my great grand children. They are not a blur any more.”

**Melva Rayles, Warner, OK**

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## EyeCare America

Since 1985, EyeCare America, has bridged the gap in access to eye care for the medically underserved. EyeCare America provides free eye health information and facilitates eye exams as well as surgery and medical care for up to one year, often at no cost for those who are eligible. In fact, more than 90 percent of the care provided through EyeCare America has no out-of-pocket cost to the patient – effectively eliminating cost as a barrier to receiving sight-saving eye care.

Our success is made possible by the over 7,000 U.S. ophthalmologists nationwide who donate their services. Because of this volunteer support and the financial contributions we receive from our donors, EyeCare America has been able to help over 1 million people receive the services and resources they need to preserve their sight.

## How you can say ‘Thank you’ with a Gift of Sight

EyeCare America’s **Tribute for Sight** program provides an opportunity for you to recognize colleagues, family, friends, your ophthalmologist or anyone else who has made a difference in your life.

EyeCare America is proud that more than 90 percent of the care it provides is at no cost to the patient and that for every \$1.00 spent on educating people about eye health or helping provide sight-saving treatment, \$7.00 of medical eye care is provided. This means that your gift of \$25 will provide the average EyeCare America patient with \$175 in care.



## Why your gift is needed

According to the National Eye Institute (NEI), more than 3.5 million people in the United States are blind or visually impaired and that number will nearly double by the year 2030 if more is not done to increase early detection and treatment of eye disease.

Lack of awareness about eye disease and cost, including co-payments and deductibles, are the main reasons that the medically underserved do not receive the care they need. Your gift will help EyeCare America preserve sight for those at risk. **Tribute for Sight** gifts of all sizes are welcome and we will be pleased to inform the person you recognized, or their family, of your thoughtfulness.

## Giving is easy

**Tribute for Sight** gifts of any amount are appreciated and help EyeCare America continue to serve communities in need. To make a donation, simply fill out the form and return it to:

**EyeCare America**  
**P.O. Box 7309**  
**San Francisco, CA 94120-9833**

If you have any questions regarding EyeCare America or making a donation, please contact our Development Office at 415.447.0356 or [development@aao.org](mailto:development@aao.org).

**To make a secure gift online, please visit:**  
**[www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org) and click “Donate”**

## Yes! I would like to support EyeCare America!

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000

Other \$

Enclosed is a check payable to: EyeCare America.

**Donor Name(s)**

*(as you would like it acknowledged in the Honor Roll)*

**Address**

**City, State, Zip**

### I would like to charge my gift.

*(using the credit card listed below.)*

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**Signature**

### My gift is a Tribute for Sight

**in Memory of:**

**in Honor of:**

*(please print)*

**Recipient Name**

**Address**

**City, State, Zip**

*(Address of person you wish us to notify about your Tribute Gift, please print)*

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