



Lions Clubs International

LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4 MEMORANDUM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL CLUBS

November 14, 2012

VSP Vision Care and the California Vision Foundation have provided all Lions Districts in California with Certificates and Applications for FREE or LOW COST Eye Exams and Prescription Glasses for Children and Members of Low Income Families. Applications MUST meet eligibility requirements. Please see the information below.

Free VSP Vision Care Certificates for the needy are simple to obtain, as long as the applicant meets the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) Patients (child) family income is at or under 200% of the poverty level (this begins at \$21,780 for one family member and increases \$7,640 per household member; for example a typical family of four would require an annual income of \$44,700 or less).
- 2) The patient doesn't have a routine exam or materials coverage through Medicaid or any other vision insurance.
- 3) The patient is a U.S. citizen or documented resident with a SSN (required); a child must be 18 or younger and not have graduated from high school; the child or parent must be a U.S citizen or documented immigrant with a SSN
- 4) The patient hasn't used the VSP Vision Care Program during the last 12 months (lost, stolen or broken glasses aren't covered and can't be replaced.
- 5) The patient (adult or child) is limited to receive one gift certificate during a 12 month period.

The California Vision Foundation requires a \$20.00 fee to accompany the Application Form and the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- 1) There must be at least one adult in the household that is employed and working (full or part-time).
- 2) The applicant and household must qualify as low income (same criteria as VSP Vision Care - above) and unable to pay for eye care.
- 3) The applicant for the exam must not have had an eye exam in the past 2 years.
- 4) The applicant must not have any public or private insurance that covers eye exams or glasses.

If your club knows of a family, adult or child residing within Lions District 4-C4 who meet the eligibility requirements of either plan and who are in need of a free or low cost eye exam and prescription glasses, please have them contact 2nd VDG Lion Jack Van Etten, Burlingame Lions Club, (jackusf74@comcast.net; 650-692-3360) for questions, additional information or to acquire certificates and applications for these programs.