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LATEST NEWS

Vision for Vision attends World Glaucoma Congress 09, Boston, MA.



Above: David Mittelstein and Joanne Yang at the Vision for Vision booth, World Glaucoma Congress, Boston, MA on the 8th July 2009.

This month, the Vision for Vision program had the honor and the privilege of presenting at the 2009 World Glaucoma Congress in Boston, a conference of international ophthalmic corporations and non-profit organizations. At this conference, lasting from July 8 to July 12, the Vision for Vision program presented its unique method of raising awareness of glaucoma to the various doctors and attendees of the conference.

Vision for Vision is honored for this special privilege to collaborate with the leading authorities in the field of glaucoma and the honor of participating in WGC. The conference included leading glaucoma specialists and ophthalmic corporations that presented latest findings in the treatment of glaucoma worldwide. The World Glaucoma Congress institution graciously offered Vision for Vision this opportunity.

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FROM the PRESIDENT Greetings!



Alex Smith
 SMCHS Vision For Vision, President

I would like to begin by saying that it has been an honor to work with Vision for Vision since coming aboard last year. Now, as the founders of the organization begin their lives away from home in colleges and universities, the Santa Margarita Catholic High School branch of Vision for Vision has welcomed a few veteran members to newly appointed officer positions.

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Vision for Vision was able to gain exposure not only across the United States, but also to regions across the world interested in the student-based approach to raising awareness about glaucoma. As we spread to several different universities across the nation, the Vision for Vision program was able to speak to doctors from many doctors from universities within the nation as well, who welcomed an idea of a student based awareness organization.

The Vision for Vision program has always been unique. This organization had pioneered an original approach to most effectively reach demographically at risk individuals through a student based framework. At this meeting, our organization had the chance to share its experiences and successes with the world and other major businesses. Vision for Vision's attendance of this conference has allowed our organization to continue its shift from a localized service organization to a more widespread effort for raising awareness for the importance of eye care and annual eye checkups.

FEATURE

EyeCare America Reminds Seniors: "Don't Lose Sight of Your Independence"



EVENTS



Vision for Vision will be attending the American Association of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting in San Francisco which is to be held at the Moscone Center from the 24-27 October, 2009.

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Our Mission

To spread awareness about treatable eye diseases such as glaucoma, and provide any assistance we can to ensure that at-risk individuals for these diseases receive tests and treatments before their vision is lost.

Our Vision

To ensure that everyone can enjoy their precious gift of vision throughout their entire life. Vision is an essential sense for living an enjoyable and productive life, and we would like to see that no one has that opportunity stolen from them by a preventable disease.

EyeCare America is reminding seniors, "Don't Lose Sight of Your Independence." The national health campaign is intended to remind the senior community about the value of eyesight and encourage seniors 65 and older to call EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program to see if they qualify for an eye exam and care, often at no-cost.

EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, operates one of the largest programs of its kind in American medicine. All eligible callers receive a referral to one of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Volunteer physicians agree to accept Medicare or other insurance as payment in full, resulting in no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. Individuals without insurance are seen at no charge.

EyeCare America's 3-month promotional campaign runs June 1 through August 31. The program provides a comprehensive eye exam and care for any disease detected in the initial visit for up to one year, at no out-of-pocket cost, for seniors who are without an ophthalmologist (a medical eye doctor).

To see if you, a loved one or a friend, 65 and older, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, call 1-800-222-EYES (3937), available 24 hours, 7 days a week, year round.

Donations Needed

Vision for Vision is a non-profit California corporation and is solely dependent on the kind and generous support of people who donate to its cause. We would most gladly welcome any kind of contribution including monetary, services or goods.

A Dollar, one minivan for an afternoon, cups of coffee and muffins, anything you think might help us to continue our efforts to reach to those who are most in need. Thank you for your support.



FROM the PRESIDENT

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Alongside the entire Vision for Vision family, it is our duty to move the Santa Margarita Catholic High School branch of Vision for Vision forward and continue the vision our founders have for vision. To those that may be unfamiliar with our goals, our collaborative vision is to ensure that everyone may enjoy the gift of life and vision to the fullest by truly making a difference in our community through spreading awareness about treatable eye diseases.

Over the next year, it is my hope that through hard work and dedication, the students at Santa Margarita High School will continue Vision for Vision's legacy by providing presentations to the community in order to raise awareness about the seriousness of eye care. Our new officer panel consists of seven positions: Alex Smith (President), Paya Sarraf (Vice President), Matthew Klados (Secretary), Justin Lee (Publicist), Connor Bohuslavizki (Recruiting Officer), Blaine Rieger (Multimedia Expert), and Omar Ascha (Service Hours Manager). Equipped with a strong foundation and some new faces, we can make this year the most fun and productive yet.

Alex Smith
SMCHS Vision For Vision
President



(Left) David Mittelstein, Founder and former President and (right) Alex Smith, current President

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