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## **OneSight<sup>SM</sup> Improves Vision for Those in Need** **Luxottica Group Foundation Preserves and Restores Vision** **Through Outreach, Research and Education**

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – OneSight, a Luxottica Group Foundation, is a family of charitable vision care programs dedicated to improving vision through outreach, research and education. OneSight combines 20 years of innovation from three former Luxottica charitable programs – Give the Gift of Sight and the Pearle Vision Foundation in North America as well as Community I-Care in Australia – into one, new global foundation. Since 1988, these charitable efforts have provided free vision care and eyewear to more than six million people in need around the world and have granted millions towards research and education.

“The need for vision care around the world is great,” commented Greg Hare, executive director, OneSight. “More than 250 million adults and children worldwide suffer from poor vision because they do not have access to basic vision care and eyewear. To help give the gift of sight to all those in need, Luxottica Group, one of the world’s largest eyewear manufacturer, designer and distributors, has harnessed its vast ophthalmic global business structure and expertise to give back to communities worldwide, providing free vision care and eyewear to those who can not otherwise afford it.”

Poor vision can dramatically affect a child’s academic performance and future. In fact, a study published in the Journal of Optometric Vision Development in 2002 showed that students receiving vision services had a 50 percent greater improvement rate in reading than those who received no services, an almost 100 percent greater improvement rate in math, and close to 200 percent greater improvement rate in reading comprehension. To help children receive the vision care they need, a large focus of the North American OneSight program are the Regional and Vision Van Clinics set up around the country.

OneSight strives to give the gift of sight through four program areas: Global Eye Care, Regional Eye Care, Community Eye Care and Preventative Eye Care.

- **Global Eye Care:** OneSight conducts Global Eye Care Clinics in developing countries where doctors and trained volunteers provide free eye exams and recycled as well as newly manufactured eyewear to thousands of adults and children.
- **Regional Eye Care:** OneSight volunteers work with local charitable partners to provide free vision care and eyewear to those in need in their home countries through organized Regional and Vision Van Clinics. Currently these programs operate across North America, Australia and China and will be expanding into other countries around the world.
- **Community Eye Care:** Local OneSight volunteers help those in need across North America and Australia in local communities through Retail/in-store and outreach programs.
- **Preventative Eye Care:** The OneSight Research Foundation provides research grants to find better treatments and cures for vision-threatening diseases and disorders. OneSight also invests in developing the next generation of optometric professionals through the Dr. Stanley Pearle (Founder of Pearle Vision) Scholarship Fund.

Over the last 20 years, Luxottica employees across North America have been dedicated to restoring and preserving clear vision to those in need through Give the Gift of Sight and the Pearle Vision Foundation.

“Here at home, OneSight will continue the work begun by Give the Gift of Sight and the Pearle Vision Foundation,” continued Mr. Hare. “In 2009, we have scheduled 20 weeks of Regional Clinics and more than 40 stops for our Vision Vans in communities across North America to provide free vision care and new eyewear to children in need. We will also continue to help those in need through Luxottica and other affiliated retail

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stores with our voucher programs for free eyewear and go out into the community to provide eyewear adjustments and screenings in schools and nursing homes. Finally, we will continue to fund research seeking cures for Diabetic Retinopathy – the number one cause of blindness among adults in the US and research in the areas of pediatric eye diseases as well as continue the Dr. Stanley Pearle Scholarship Fund to help those seeking a degree in Optometry.”

**To get involved in OneSight or for more information, visit [www.onesight.org](http://www.onesight.org).**

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### **About OneSight**

OneSight, a Luxottica Group Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the U.S., dedicated to improving vision for those in need worldwide through outreach, research and education. OneSight’s outreach programs include the hand-delivery of vision care and eyewear to those in need. Since 1988, OneSight outreach efforts have helped more than six million people around the world see more clearly through two former programs, Give the Gift of Sight and Community I-Care. OneSight research and education efforts have granted millions towards research and education through the former program, the Pearle Vision Foundation. Luxottica Group employees, affiliated and independent doctors, vendors, donors and other charitable partners worldwide, work together to give the gift of sight to those in need. Luxottica Group, a global leader in eyewear, provides inspiration for OneSight and it is the organization’s main sponsor. **For more information, [www.onesight.org](http://www.onesight.org).**



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