

C.L.E.R.C. Report

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Lions keep collecting eyeglasses, more and more keep coming from all over B.C. then off to Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Center Calgary, via our shippers that ship them free of charge. Lions do such a great job of collecting glasses this easiest of all service projects, and the most effective service Lions do for the world.

Since the last Cabinet meeting we have shipped in excess of 80 apple boxes from BC with approximately 40,000 pairs of glasses to CLERC Calgary. This does not include all the glasses shipped from the north of BC with other carriers which I estimate to be 20,000 or more.

Lately there have been some questions about what kind of glasses, we ship.

First we take all types of glasses, readers, bifocal, trifocals, sunglasses, broken glasses, separate loose lenses. Do not include in the boxes glass cases and cleaning clothes unfortunately they unless you can find a use for them they go in the garbage. They cannot be shipped in liquor boxes due to interprovincial shipping rules/laws. The best boxes are apple boxes or McDonalds French fry boxes which they will give you free, just ask at the restaurants and or stores.

This simple project has resulted in the last ten years Lions from BC and Alberta giving more than 5 Million glasses to those in need all around the world.

One of our biggest problems collecting glasses is stores that when they have a line change breaking them in half, throwing them in the garbage, refusing to give them to Lions. My guess is they fear we are going to sell them but that will never happen, we do it all for free. If there is anyone with contacts with "Loblaw's" and could approach them with the idea of bring them into the eyeglass collection program. It would be a great thing. Thanks

Submitted with respect

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