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AMIGOS EYE CARE: STUDENT-RUN VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRIC SERVICES FOR HUMANITY

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COSTA RICA 2013

The Amigos Eye Care Costa Rica team provided eye exams, eyeglasses, sunglasses and medicines for over 746 patients in 4 days of clinic. This was our fourth trip to Costa Rica and our fourth year working with Children Well Being Foundation.

The Costa Rica team consisted of:
3 First-Year Optometry Students
4 Second-Year Students
3 Third-Year Students
1 Staff Optician and 1 volunteer
2 Faculty Optometrists

Amigos Eye Care will return to Costa Rica for a fifth time in March of 2014 to continue sustainable care for the patients of all ages who are in need.

Thailand 2013

The Amigos Eye Care Thailand team saw 800 patients in 3.5 clinic days. They worked with the Father Ray Foundation in Pattaya, Thailand.

The Thailand team consisted of:
4 Second-Year Students
4 Third-Year Students
2 Optometrists
1 Family member

COSTA RICA 2013

The Amigos Eye Care Peru team saw over 1,050 patients in 3 clinic days. They worked with VOSH Peru and students of optometry in Peru.

The Peru team consisted of:
3 First-Year Optometry Students
1 Second-Year Student
5 Third-Year Students
1 Optometrist

Amigos Eye Care will return to Peru in December of 2013 to provide eye care in the Northern part of the country.

Founded in 1975, Amigos Eye Care is a humanitarian organization run by the students of Pacific University College of Optometry. The students pay 90% of their own transportation and housing costs do not receive course credit, but gain valuable experience while helping those in need. Amigos welcomes your financial donations or in-kind donations, and is always looking for optometrists to volunteer.

Amigos Eye Care screened 141 patients at a Project Homeless Connect event in Sumner, Washington. 113 patients received glasses with the help of frames and lens donations.

The Project Homeless team consisted of:
4 Second-Year Students
11 Third-Year Student
1 Fourth-Year Student
4 Optometrists
4 Optometrists

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