

TRANSFORMING LIVES Rotary Club Presentation | May 2019



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#### A Story From the Field



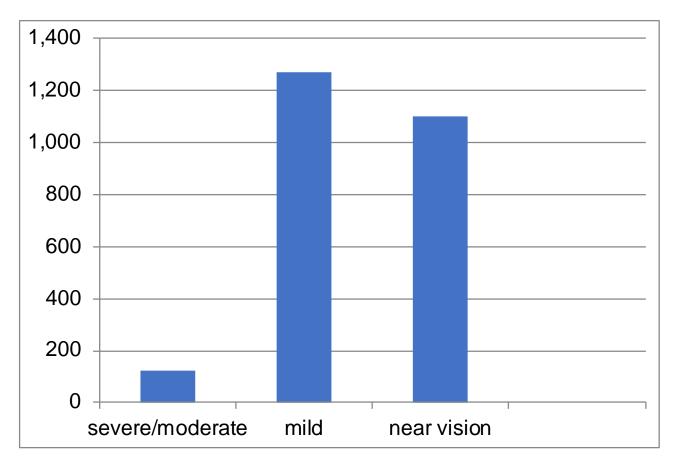


### RestoringVision

- We're the largest, and most efficient, provider of new reading and sunglasses to the developing world
- A 501(c)(3)
- Founded in 2003
- Mission: To empower lives by restoring vision for millions of people in need
- Vision: A world where everyone who needs glasses has them



#### 2.5 Billion People Live with Uncorrected Vision Impairment

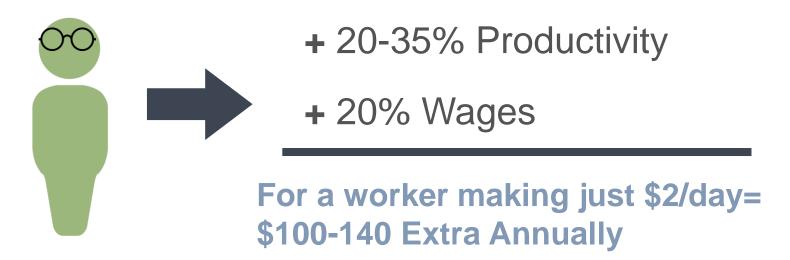


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Source: Vision Impact Institute

#### The Impact of a Pair of Glasses



Source: University of Michigan



#### **Glasses Transform Lives**

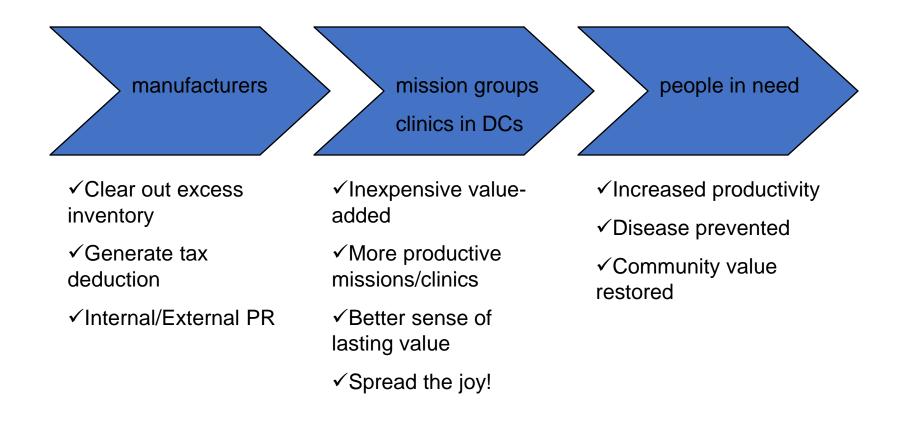




#### We link 3 constituencies



#### **Everyone Wins!**



#### Our Network of Partners

- We work with more than 1,400 US based nonprofit partners and international NGOs who deliver the glasses to people in need
- Adding > 300 new partners a year
- Glasses have been delivered to people in 130 countries
- To date, we've helped over 14 million people see and live better
- This has generated \$1 billion+ income for families around the world



#### How We Work

- We find and vet partners who could add glasses to their existing programs
- We assist with orders determining how many glasses are needed
- We assist with tips on how to best and effectively dispense glasses in the field
- We provide free training and dispensing materials

   Dispensing tips manuals
   Training videos
   Evo charts and roading cards
  - $_{\odot}$  Eye charts and reading cards



#### Dispensing is Easy





#### Anyone Can Do It!





# Summary: Reading Glasses

- Are needed by almost everyone over 40 and many younger as well
- Access in developing countries is very limited
- Add value to a community
  - Restoring jobs
  - Increasing wages
  - Adding dignity
- Are easy to dispense
  - 10 minutes of training
  - No medical equipment or professional are needed
  - $\circ~$  Ideal for a novice volunteer



## Summary: Sunglasses

- Important health product in the developing world
- Access in developing countries is very limited
- Protects eyes from blowing dust and smoke
- Protects eyes from UV light
  - Prevents the early onset of cataracts and other eye diseases
- Are <u>very</u> easy to dispense
  - No power, only style and fit



#### **RestoringVision: Our BHAG**





#### How You Can Help



Take glasses to the field



Support RestoringVision through contributions, volunteer your time or donate



Share our cause with people you know



# Together We can Give the Gift of Sight



