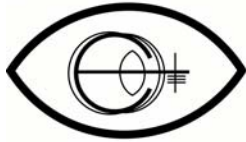


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Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in the JSEI Affiliates Community Outreach programs! Organized in 1990, the JSEI Affiliates is a broad-based volunteer network which supports the Jules Stein Eye Institute. The Affiliates' mission is to "provide outreach to the Greater Los Angeles community through vision science education and services."

The successes of the JSEI Affiliates' programs are a result of its volunteer's dedication. Currently, volunteers are being recruited for the following programs; training is provided. The volunteer commitment is a minimum of ten hours per year. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete and return the Volunteer Interest form to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Preschool Vision Screening, Screening Assistant:

The program: Eye care professionals visit preschools to conduct eye health screenings.

The facts: Eighty percent of all the information received by the brain comes in through our eyes. Vision problems affect 1 in 20 preschoolers, most of who do not realize they are not seeing properly. Therefore, vision screening for preschool children is extremely important. If a child is not seeing properly, his/her capacity to learn can be impaired. Undiagnosed early childhood vision problems can result in developmental problems, learning disabilities, and can cause irreparable damage to the visual system.

How can you help? Before eye care professionals screen the preschoolers, you'll lead the children through the Lea Symbol chart, to make sure that they can identify each of the symbols, and you'll help them color their occluder. As the doctor checks a child's vision, you'll hold their hand. After the exam, you'll help the child color a picture, and you'll reward their bravery with a sticker.

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours (mornings)

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Vision IN-School Instructor:

The program: This popular program targets fourth-through sixth-grade students. The curriculum, originally designed by the National Eye Institute (NEI) in cooperation with the Association for Research in Vision Ophthalmology (ARVO), is a fun and informative learning experience for students, teachers, and instructors.

The facts: Ninety percent of eye injuries in children can be prevented. In this program, children learn the importance of eye health and eye safety, and they learn how their eyes work and how to protect their eyes.

How can you help? You, along with an eye care professional, will go into local classrooms and provide an hour of interactive education! You'll teach students about the anatomy of the eye, the mechanics of vision, problems that interfere with vision, and eye health and safety. You'll lead activities to illustrate depth perception, optical illusions, and impaired vision, and for your finale, you'll help students dissect a cow's eye!

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours

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Shared Vision Program, Eyeglass Collection Drive Leader:

The program: Shared Vision is an eyeglass recycling program which benefits those in need.

The facts: The World Health Organization estimates that 153 million people around the world have uncorrected refractive errors (more commonly known as near-sightedness, far-sightedness, and astigmatism). Refractive errors can be easily diagnosed, measured and corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions of people do not have access to these basic services.

How can you help? Organize an eyeglass collection drive and donate the used glasses to a recycling program which benefits those in need; children's glasses are especially needed. Send donated eyewear to: JSEI Affiliates 100 Stein Plaza, 3-219, Los Angeles, California 90095-7000.

Time commitment: Perfect for those looking for a one-time or an on-going community service project

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Vision Rehabilitation Center, Office Assistant:

Non-student volunteers are needed to help with front-office tasks in the Vision Rehabilitation Center. Volunteers are especially needed for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, for one 4-hour block of time.

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Other Volunteer Opportunities:

For people who want to volunteer, but not on a regular basis, please consider one of the following volunteer opportunities that frequently arise at the Jules Stein Eye Institute:

- o JSEI Development Office, Mailing Assistant
- o JSEI Affiliates and JSEI Development Office, Special Events Volunteer
- o *Make Surgery Bearable* Teddy Bear Tagger

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