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## In March NWLERC shipped 3,950 pairs of glasses to El Salvador

Glasses were provided for a PazSalud (PeaceHealth) mission. Through collaboration with local organizations in El Salvador, PazSalud continues to serve patients living in poverty by providing Optometry and Cataract Screening (OCS) missions to the most vulnerable. Through an OCS, patients receive eye exams.

prescription glasses, reading glasses, lubricating drops, a cataract screening and when necessary a referral for ophthalmology care.

## THIS IS NWLERC's 354th MISSION







# VOICE student lends a helping hand in his second year of volunteering and learning at NWLERC

NWLERC is proud to be a partner with North Thurston School District in the VOICE program. VOICE stands for <u>V</u>ocation <u>O</u>pportunities for <u>I</u>ndependent <u>C</u>ommunity <u>E</u>mployment program. This program offers a transition opportunity to 18-21 year old students who require extra instruction in vocational and life skills.

Alex is a current VOICE student and a great volunteer. Alex runs the dishwasher, wipes glasses and reads glasses with the lensometer. This is his second year in the program. He is working hard on employee skills and does a great job listening to directions. He is a fast learner and we enjoy having him here. A great bonus for us and for Alex is his Coach — Louise. She is supportive and will jump in and volunteer at LERC as well.

— Suzanne Gayda

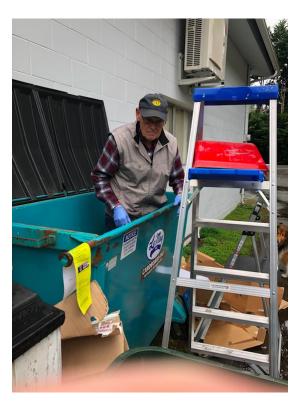


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## Unintended Consequences Hit NWLERC

At LERC, we dutifully recycle all extra cardboard. Someone decided "recycle" included their garbage (a lot) a few weeks ago and the accompanying photo shows the efforts required to remove the unwelcome refuse. We never know what our volunteers are going to be called upon to do!

Thanks, Volunteer Paul, for going above and beyond.



As of March 31, 2022			
NW LERC Key Statistics			
	Mar. 2022	This Year 2021-22	Totals
Volunteer Hours	640 Hours	3,630.5 Hours	144,779 Hours
Hours Reading Prescriptions for Mission Ready Glasses	65 Hours	433.5 Hours	664.2 (Since Feb. 2021)
Glasses Processed for Missions	844 Pairs	5,297 Pairs	<b>9,831</b> (Since Feb. 2021)
Raw Glasses Information			
Raw Glasses Received	18,512	162,759	3,151,567
Raw Glasses Recycled	0	63,360	1,929,076
Mission Information			
Eye Glasses to Missions/Events	3900	4,650	291,774
Missions Supported	1	3	354
Mission Ready Inventory	14,100	As of 3/31/22	

The Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center was named 2009 Recycler of the Year by the Washington State Recyclers Association in recognition of its practice of putting back to productive use or recycling all materials received for its eyeglass program.



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