



LIONS RECYCLE EYE GLASSES

For those of you that are not familiar with the CANADIAN LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTRE:

Abbreviated to: “**CLERC**”

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“CLERC” – is approved by Lions Clubs International

Officially incorporated in Alberta and has been in operation since 1996.

They have a unique partnership with Alberta Justice Dept., Calgary Correctional Centre and the James Fowler High School, that prepare all used eye glasses for shipment to Developing Nations any where in the World.

Both facilities follow the same procedure once glasses are received from any Lions Clubs or organization in Canada; they are sorted into categories, sanitized in an ultrasonic cleaner and hand dried. All glasses are read on a Lensometer, the prescription is printed, glasses are placed in zip lock bags, packed in shipping boxes of 350 pairs according to category – reading, single vision, bi-focal, children, sun glasses, safety glasses. All glasses are shipped to any Lions Club organization within Canada on request, for use on overseas missions.

All glasses are processed by volunteers at the Correctional Centre, Calgary.

Mission/Vision Statement

To provide offenders with an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to the global community through the Lions Eyeglass Recycling program.

Calgary Corrections/the Alberta Government supply the facilities and the manpower.

The Lions fund the program by purchasing all required equipment, etc., and handling the shipping of glasses to Lions and all other organizations throughout Canada involved in out of Country eyeglass distribution project, i.e. if District H were to decide on a distribution project in any developing country we could ask for any number of glasses, already prepared for shipment.

For your info – CLERC does deal directly with any number of organizations that have taken on the collection of used glasses – the Lions in turn are asked to pick them up and ship them with your regular eye glass shipments, i.e. Zeller’s, Wal-mart, Lenscrafters, Shoppers Optical.

For All Lions Clubs involved or would care to get involved in the collections of ‘Used Eye Glasses’ for developing countries, please note:

New shipping arrangements have been made for **All Clubs in B.C.**, Williams Moving & Storage have been leaders in the field of shipping used eyeglasses to CLERC, Calgary, free of charge, as well as, shipping collection boxes free of charge from CLERC to any Community Served by said company.

Williams have made arrangements with other Van Lines for similar service – please see list of St. Georges Moving, B.C., shipping out of 8 major communities; as well as, a page describing service throughout Vancouver Island.

As well, Williams Moving & Storage will continue service to Calgary. Hopefully this info isn’t too complicated.

If you wish to use collection boxes in your Community – they may be ordered direct from CLERC, Calgary in one size only – 9” Wide x 7” Depth x 11” High – at ‘no cost’ to a shipping company nearest to your Community.

Shipping used glasses to Calgary, PLEASE follow this shipping procedure:

Discard all broken frames, loose lenses and hard glass cases; it takes up shipping space, only to be discarded in Calgary. (include soft cases)

Pack glasses in sturdy boxes (liquor boxes are excellent) in layers using newspaper or cardboard between layers – ‘please’ no shredded paper. Seal all boxes with strong packaging tape or sturdy cord.

Please use the following shipping address (very plain)

“Sample” CLERC
c/o St. Georges Moving
6030 3rd St. S.E.
Calgary, Alberta

Attention: Connie Lorenz

Hold for pick-up-contact Bernie – 403-640-1056

Plus your return address and include a phone number.

For more info see web page: <http://www.clerc.ca>

Where a large number of boxes are shipped – 20 or over, please advise P.D.G Bernie by e-mail or if more info is needed – clerc@shaw.ca

You may be asked to pick-up glasses – i.e. Zeller’s, where convenient.

Please do double check with Williams Moving & Storage re shipping. They are a great bunch to deal with.

This is a great humanitarian L.C.I. project, so **please** do include number of glasses shipped and number of hours involved in your VAD month-end report to MD19. As well as in your year-end report to L.C.I.

For local info please call P.Z.C. Ernie Fehler – 604-467-9528 – 19H Used Eyeglasses Chr.

Or e-mail – ebfehler@tleus.net

P.S. The Maple Ridge Lions Club ship over 2,000 glasses per year. We have collection boxes in all Optometrists, opticians center, the Legion, Seniors Center, etc., a great bit of PR with everyone Involved with one purpose in mind.

St. Georges Moving British Columbia

Location:

1505 Hardy Street
Kelowna, B. C. V1Y 7W9
Phone: 250-860-2292 Fax: 250-860-2021
Toll Free: 1-800-561-8580
E-mail: kelowna@stgeorgemoving.com

26 Fawcett Rd.
Coquitlam, B. C. V3K 6X9
Phone: 604-520-7689 Fax: 604-520-7689
E-mail: Vancouver@stgeorgemoving.com

5130 Park Avenue
Terrace, B. C. V8G 5S7
Phone: 250-635-6203 Fax: 250-635-6204
Toll Free: 1-800-772-1125
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1600 Prince Rupert Blvd.
Prince Rupert, B. C. V8J 3R4
Phone: 250-624-6747 Fax: 250-624-9647
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Cranbrook, B. C. VIC 3V3
Phone: 250-489-4163

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Kamloops, B. C. V2C 4J2
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E-mail: kamloops@stgeorgemoving.com

1525 Burgess Street
Masset, B. C. V0T 1M0
Phone: 250-626-5020 Fax: 250-626-3434

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Van Line companies on the Island will take them & send them free of charge to St. Georges in Calgary. The Gold Banner Line on the Island will also ship them free of charge.