



EyeCare America: Who We Are and What We Do

Founded in 1985, EyeCare America, the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is committed to the preservation of sight, accomplishing its mission through public service and education. EyeCare America's public service programs provide eye care services to the medically underserved and for those at increased risk for eye disease through its corps of 7,500 volunteer ophthalmologists dedicated to serving their communities. More than 90 percent of the care made available is provided with no out-of-pocket cost to the patients. Public service includes programs for seniors, glaucoma, diabetes and children, and is the largest program of its kind in American medicine. Since its inception, EyeCare America has helped more than 700,000 people and treated more than 200,000 cases of eye disease.

EyeCare America is a non-profit organization whose success is made possible through charitable contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.

In 2003, EyeCare America provided services to more than 32,000 people and reached millions of households across the country with eye care messages.