2011 Trip to Guanajuato Clinic a success!

VOSH – IU is proud to announce that we served approximately 2,400 patients and dispensed around 1,800 pairs of glasses during our 5 days at the Indiana University School of Optometry Center for Visual Rehabilitation (Centro de Rehabilitacion Visual de la Universidad de Indiana Escuela de Optometria) in Silao, Guanajuato, Mexico.

We arrived at the clinic on Sunday and saw patients through the week until Thursday. 43 out of the 46 villages in the state of Guanajuato were bussed to the clinic and were seen by our group of 25 students. Patients were rotated through stations of Prelims led by 1st and 2nd years, Direct and Retinoscopy led by 2nd and 3rd years, IOP and Disease led by 3rd years, and the Dispensary led by all classes. We also had the expertise and supervision of fourth years, alumni, and faculty doctors throughout all the stations.

Pathology seen during our trip includes: Pterygia, pingueculae, keratoconus, dermoid cysts, skin carcinomas and melanomas, corneal ulcers, posterior subcapsular and nuclear sclerosis cataracts, congenital cataracts, asteroid hyalosis, diabetic retinopathy, glaucomas, pseudoexfoliation syndrome, degenerative myopia and staphyloma, enucleations, stabismus and amblyopia, and nystagmus.

Thursday evening we had a great fiesta of Mexican food and were entertained by a mariachi band! We were privileged to have the Maestra of DIF (the Mexican National Agency for Family Development) speak to us about how much our work affects the communities in their state and how many lives we touch during our time there each year. Friday was our free day around the town of Guanajuato.
2011 participants

4TH YEARS (CLASS OF 2011)
Ashley Burk, Melissa Leniuk, Katie Holnbeck, Jacob Robinson

3RD YEARS (CLASS OF 2012)
Matt Burkart, Jessica Davis, Ashley Hight, David Jones, Jenn Kessler, Amanda LaPlante, Liz Navitsky, Candice Olund, KelLee Rich, Liz Roginski, Cory Samborski, Sunni Stewart, Kara Tison

2ND YEARS (CLASS OF 2013)
Amanda Furr, Meg Guthrie, Christina Kreinest, Karen Lee, JulieAnne Roper, Laura Suppa, Judy Walrath

1ST YEARS (CLASS OF 2014)
Kelly Boucher, Dan Mlnarik, Katie Oster, Tahrim Rahman, Jenna Shields

ALUMNI
Dr. Ann Crisler, Dr. Monique Emmons, Dr. Lori Henderson, Dr. Annie Kilroy, Dr. Amanda Long, Dr. Valerie Sharpe, Dr. Neel Vyas

FACULTY
Dr. Doug Horner, Dr. Monica Kalia, Dr. Vic Malinovsky, Dr. Jennifer Page, Dr. Jeff Perotti

2011-2012 Council and Chairs

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EVENT CHAIRS!

Laura Suppa, President
Amanda Tawadros, Vice President
Kelly Boucher, Secretary
Karen Lee, Treasurer
Dan Mlnarik, Director of Events

Chairs: Judy Walrath, Alex Schuette, Ashley Vukelich, Andrew Kerns, Meg Guthrie, Jillian Geiger, Jami Hager, Laura Steffen, Tony Gish, Tahrim Rahman, Michael Benedict, Cameron Norman, Mollie Myers, Jenna Shields, Kim Hunt, Adrian Bazua, Shawn Sammons

THANK YOU TO THE 2010-2011 COUNCIL!

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Sunni Stewart, Vice President
KelLee Rich, Secretary
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Alex Schuette, Director of Events
How can you help VOSH?

**Volunteer with us!**

VOSH will have many opportunities coming up in the 2011-2012 year! Watch the bulletin board on the first floor across from Room 105 for updates!

There will be walks, glasses verification sessions, nursing home and school science fair outings, and many other activities!

**Donate!**

VOSH will have many fundraising opportunities throughout the upcoming year.

Please donate or make purchases from our pizza sales on the 3rd floor, coffee sales on the 1st floor, and our Silent Auction in November!

VOSH is also continually collecting glasses, especially non-prescription sunglasses and over-the-counter readers. Donations may be taken to the Atwater Eye Care Clinic, the Community Eye Care Clinic, or the Indianapolis Eye Care Clinic.

And monetary donations are always welcome! Checks may be made payable to VOSH and dropped off or mailed to 800 E. Atwater Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405.
About the Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity

The Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity chapter of the Indiana University School of Optometry (IUSO-VOSH) was established in 1980. The organization serves the community of Bloomington and surrounding areas as well as any other underserved areas of the world in need of quality optometric services.

The organization visits local nursing homes one to two times per semester to adjust, repair and clean glasses for the residents. We also attend community health fairs to provide education on the benefits of yearly eye exams and the diseases and problems that can be detected by doing so. As a group, IUSO-VOSH chapter walks yearly in multiple 5K walk/runs for charity. The chapter also visits the Indianapolis School for the Blind once a year.

IUSO-VOSH's largest humanitarian effort is an annual mission trip to Guanajuato, Mexico in the Spring semester. IUSO-VOSH fundraises throughout the school year in order to raise fund for approximately 30 students to travel to Mexico with 10 optometrists. IUSO-VOSH works with the Department of Infants & Families (DIF) in Guanajuato to execute a weeklong campaign where approximately 2,500 people receive free eye exams and donated glasses.