



Lions Clubs International

# Hearing Aid Recycling

Lions Hearing Aid Recycling enables Lions to provide affordable hearing aids for hard-of-hearing individuals who have limited financial resources.





Women

## WHY RECYCLE HEARING AIDS?

The World Health Organization estimates that 278 million people worldwide have moderate to profound hearing loss in both ears. Yet, current annual production of hearing aids is estimated to meet less than 10% of global need. The poor are especially affected because they are unable to afford the preventative care necessary to avoid hearing loss, or hearing aids to improve their hearing.



Children

Hearing impairment and deafness are serious disabilities that can impose heavy social and economic burdens on individuals, families, communities and countries.

Children with hearing impairment often experience delayed development of speech and language skills, which may result in slow learning and difficulty in school. Adults who are hard of hearing often experience difficulty in obtaining and keeping employment. Both children and adults may suffer from social isolation as a result of hearing impairment.



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World Health Organization 2008

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“Deafness still remains isolating – even more so than blindness. When you’re blind, you lose touch with things, but when you’re deaf, you lose touch with people.”

Helen Keller

## **DONATE A HEARING AID TO HELP**

Lions collect hearing aids and send them to regional Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Centers. The centers utilize donated hearing aids in various ways:

- Lions may partner with participating hearing care professionals who refurbish donated hearing aids to fit the individual needs of the recipient;
- Lions may provide a team of hearing care professionals or volunteers with a supply of donated hearing aids that have been repaired and refurbished for use during a health care mission to a developing nation;
- Lions may give donated hearing aids to participating manufacturers who issue credit to the Lions for all useful parts. This credit value is then applied towards the purchase of new hearing aids for persons who have limited ability to pay.

## **HOW TO DONATE**

Carefully wrap and place used hearing aids in a Lions hearing aid collection container found at various community locations, such as the local library, village administrative center, senior center, or audiologist or optometrist’s office. Hearing aids may also be sent to the nearest Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Center. Visit the Lions Clubs International Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to find a center near you.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Lions clubs and Lions hearing foundations collect thousands of hearing aids each year.

Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Centers utilize donated hearing aids in various ways as a means to provide hearing aids for those in need.

Lions operate voluntarily with the support of public donations, individual member contributions, and Lions Clubs International Foundation grants.

100% of public donations to Lions clubs is used for charitable causes – no money goes towards administrative expenses.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
or contact your local Lions club.



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