RECYCLING: HEARING AIDS, EYEGLASSES, AND CELL PHONES

Here are three suggestions which give a new twist to the idea of recycling. No cost involved, but these ideas can help some of our sisters and brothers.

HEARING AIDS FOR THE NEEDY

Used hearing aids can be donated to those who might not be able to afford them through New Eyes for the Needy (www.neweyesfortheneedy.org). Used hearing aids cannot be distributed in the United States, because they require a doctor’s prescription. However, this organization refurbishes them and then sends them to hearing-impaired people who live in developing nations.

Send new, good used or broken and in need of repair hearing aids to:

New Eyes for the Needy
Dept. H
549 Milburn Ave.
Short Hills, NJ 07078
Phone (973) 376-4903 / Fax (973) 376-3807

EYEGLASSES

What do you do with eyeglasses which you can no longer wear?

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT: This program is sponsored by the Lions Clubs and LensCrafters. LensCrafters and Ossip will accept your eyeglasses at their stores.

CELL PHONES

The Wireless Foundation and the National Coalition against Domestic Violence have launched a national donate a phone campaign called “Call to Protect.” You can donate your used cell phones which will be recycled, refurbished, and tested, then given to participating wireless carriers, which activate and program the wireless phones to call 911. The phones are donated to domestic violence organizations which distribute them to women in crisis to use for emergencies.

You can find more information at www.wirelessfoundation.org. You can also call 1-888-901-SAFE and press 1 or your local battered women’s shelter.

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