

Venezuela looks ahead

The earthquake of July 24 reminded us that our work as optometrists transcends the patient examination. Beyond glasses, prescriptions and diagnoses, we are an active part of the comprehensive health care of people, providing human and professional support. This moment invites us to reflect on how we can contribute from our professional field, through prevention, rehabilitation and providing optical solutions, in addition to the creation of community support networks to meet the needs of the population affected by this natural disaster.

Currently, groups in Venezuelan universities, made up of optometry graduates and students, are getting organized to examine and care for those who, due to trauma or the disaster, have eye injuries or changes in their vision. There are two SVOSH chapters in Venezuela, one at the University of Health Sciences and the former Institute of Optometry.

May this tragic event mobilize us to strengthen professional solidarity and to turn empathy into concrete action. Let's build together a more resilient optometry, approachable and committed to those who need it most. This is just the beginning of a long road towards the reconstruction of our country.

An important example of local action related to eye health is the Aweyu Programme (@programa.aweyu/). This initiative offers optometric and ophthalmological care, donating glasses and medicines to vulnerable communities and people affected by emergencies.

Created six years ago, it focused on children's visual health; it has extended its humanitarian work and special operations for earthquake victims. They are currently organizing the second clinic, where optometry students will be involved as with the first one.

Volunteers and optometrists participate.

We deeply appreciate the international support received one month after the double earthquake that hit Venezuela. There is still much to be done; therefore, we invite all national and international optometrists and students to join this great work.

VOSH/International will continue to coordinate with our chapters in Venezuela to support them at the most appropriate time.

The poster is for the 'Programa AWEYU' and is titled 'JORNADA DE ATENCIÓN PRIMARIA DE LA SALUD VISUAL'. It features logos for 'SUCESOS DE LA GUERRA VENEZUELA', the 'Programa AWEYU' (with a sun and eye icon), and the 'Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de Caraballeda'. The event dates are 'VIERNES 24 Y SÁBADO 25 DE JULIO' from '9:00 AM A 5:00 PM' at the 'TEMPLO EN CONSTRUCCIÓN NUESTRA SRA. DE LA CANDELARIA DE CARABALLEDA'. A list of services includes: 'Evaluación visual completa', 'Detección de problemas visuales', 'Orientación y educación en salud visual', 'Entrega de lentes (según disponibilidad)', and 'Atención para niños, jóvenes y adultos'. A 'SERVICIO GRATUITO' badge is present. The poster includes photos of people at an eye exam and a smiling girl with glasses. The slogan '¡Ver bien es vivir mejor!' is at the top, and 'Cuidamos tu visión' is in a heart shape. The bottom text reads 'CUIDAMOS TU VISIÓN, ILUMINAMOS TU FUTURO.' and 'Unidos por una visión clara y un futuro mejor.' with the Instagram handle '@programa.aweyu'.

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