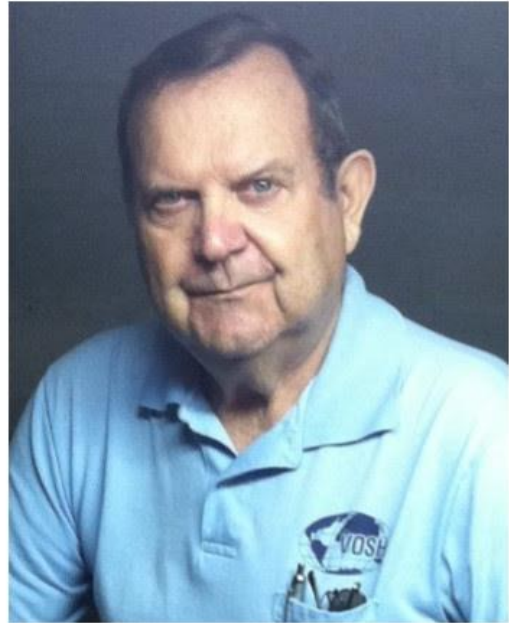


## **An extraordinary friend has left us, but his legacy remains**

It is with great sadness that we learned about the passing of Max Bruss. Max was a loyal friend of VOSH/International and a key member of VOSH-Southeast as Vice President of Operations.

It is hard to describe the degree of commitment and love shown by Max in all his humanitarian work. For over three decades, he organized the collection and distribution of glasses and equipment to facilitate the humanitarian work of VOSH chapters and other organizations worldwide. Max was the ideal partner of our Technology Transfer Program team supporting schools of optometry and hospitals with equipment and devices. His work helped many VOSH chapters further the goals of VOSH/International.

Max participated in at least 25 VOSH humanitarian clinics throughout the world. One of his last plans was to collect essential equipment for new graduates of schools of optometry in low and middle-income countries. He inspired others to continue giving the gift of sight. A great team of fellow volunteers worked with him at the famous Tin Hut in Florida.



Max Bruss, forever VOSHer.

Max received the 2019 VOSH/International Harry Zeltzer Lifetime Achievement Award for his remarkable humanitarian work.

Max was equally loved and respected. His departure leaves a gap in our hearts. We send our sincere condolences to his family and colleagues of VOSH-Southeast.

Thank you, Max, your legacy remains.

If you want to honor the legacy of Max, you can make a donation to his beloved chapter VOSH-Southeast here: <https://voshsoutheast.org/how-can-i-help/donations/>