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**LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS DONATE USED EYEGLASSES TO  
THE HERSHEY LIONS CLUB**

Derry Township, PA – In an unprecedented dual presentation of used eyeglasses by two local organizations, the Hershey Lions Club received almost 2,500 pairs of used eyeglasses at its recent May meeting held at the Hershey History Center.

The Federated Women's Club of Hershey previously donated 130-pairs of used eyeglasses in 2020 and another 176-pairs of used eyeglasses that had been collected during 2021 were currently being presented by Carol Foley, the state and local club chairperson for the project. She noted that initially, the statewide goal of the General Federated Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania was to collect 2,020 pairs of used eyeglasses and that the overall statewide effort greatly exceeded expectations yielding 7,692 pairs of used eyeglasses. Organizations similar to the Hershey Lions Club were recipients of these glasses across the state.

Also donating used eyeglasses was Linda E. Watson, member of the Order of the Eastern Star Hershey Chapter and Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of PA, OES, Inc. Watson has been serving in the 4-year leadership position and has supported used eyeglass collections since 2017. Previously, the OES Hershey Chapter donated over 800-pairs of used eyeglasses and the total amount currently being donated was 2,261 pairs of used eyeglasses collected from Chapters state-wide.

Glasses that are collected locally help needy people around the world. The members of the Hershey Lions Club spent the rest of their meeting sorting the donated used eyeglasses and preparing them for further processing. Residents can learn more about the Federated Women's Club of Hershey on Facebook @FedWomensClubHershey. Residents can also learn more about the OES Hershey Chapter at [www.paoes.org](http://www.paoes.org).

You can help. The Hershey Lions Club is conducting in-person meetings at the Hershey History Center on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 6:15 p.m. The Hershey History Center is located at 40 Northeast Drive, Hershey, PA. Do you have a project idea? Lions Clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information, please visit our websites at [www.hersheylions.org](http://www.hersheylions.org) and [www.facebook.com/hersheylions](https://www.facebook.com/hersheylions).

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