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**ESSILOR VISION FOUNDATION PROVIDES FREE GLASSES AND SCREENINGS
AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS SUMMER GAMES**

Opening Eyes Program Promotes Healthy Vision for Special Olympics Athletes

DALLAS – June 10, 2013 – Through their partnership with the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program, the Essilor Vision Foundation provided more than 475 pairs of glasses to athletes at the Special Olympics Texas Summer Games May 24-25, 2013, at the University of Texas at Arlington’s Maverick Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

“The Special Olympics Texas Summer Games is a prime example of Essilor Vision Foundation’s ongoing commitment to the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program,” said Stephen Shawler, president of Essilor Vision Foundation. “We provide glasses at more than 50 Opening Eyes events each year, and we’re excited to help these athletes experience a better life through better sight.”

Since 2002, Essilor Vision Foundation has been the exclusive global supplier of corrective lenses for the Special Olympics-Lions Club International Opening Eyes vision care program, and in 2012, the Foundation committed another 10 years as a global partner. As part of the Healthy Athletes program launched in 1997, Opening Eyes promotes healthy vision for Special Olympic athletes and includes vision screenings, corrective and sports protective eyewear for athletes in need and referrals for athletes requiring follow-up treatment and services.

To learn more about Essilor Vision Foundation and its programs, including details of upcoming events, tips for families and vision facts, or to make a donation, visit essilorvisionfoundation.org.

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About Essilor Vision Foundation

Essilor Vision Foundation is a public non-profit charity established by Dallas-based Essilor of America, the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States. We are a 501 (c) (3) public charity organized with a mission to "eliminate poor vision and its lifelong consequences."

We strive to give children a brighter future by helping them see the world more clearly. Our programs focus on improving the quality of school vision screenings so fewer children slip through the cracks. We provide free vision screenings, eye exams and eyeglasses to children who would not get them otherwise. We also work to educate parents and communities about the importance of children's vision care and the role it plays in literacy, society and the economy. To learn more or to donate, visit Essilor Vision Foundation at www.essilorvisionfoundation.org. Engage with us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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