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Health Care for the Homeless - Baltimore

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Maryland Society for Sight



Partnership assists Baltimore homeless

For the homeless population in Baltimore, Maryland Society for Sight and Health Care for the Homeless are exceptional resources. Both offer free health services and are able to multiply the effect of their services with the contributions of various partners. Through a partnership with Davis Vision launched in 2008, over \$120,000 worth of eyewear has been provided.

“Our patients are thrilled not only to be able to receive glasses, but to have a choice of contemporary eyeglass frames,” says Sherry Roe, Maryland Society for Sight’s director of adult eye health programs. “Attractive eyewear has a big effect on a patient’s self-esteem. Adult patients have cried when they put their glasses on for the first time.”

Health Care for the Homeless is the only program of its type in Maryland, and about 75% of its clients are uninsured. “This partnership allows us to increase the range of comprehensive services that we can offer,” says Kevin Lindamood, vice president of external affairs for Health Care for the Homeless. “Vision services are critically important to the mix.”