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Press Release

COOPERVISION RENEWS GLOBAL GOLD SPONSORSHIP OF OPTOMETRY GIVING SIGHT

SYDNEY, OCTOBER 4, 2016—Optometry Giving Sight is pleased to announce that CooperVision, Inc. has renewed its commitment as a Global Gold Sponsor for another three years, effective from 1 January 2017.

"We are delighted that CooperVision will continue to partner with us in this way," said Clive Miller, CEO of Optometry Giving Sight. "This kind of charitable financial support enables us to plan for the future and ensures that we are able to continue funding key program areas including Optometry Development and Child Eye Health through Our Children's Vision."

Mr. Miller noted that CooperVision's cumulative support for vision care projects that are helping to eliminate uncorrected refractive error is expected to exceed USD\$2 million by the end of 2016. In addition to its charitable donation, the company also contributes funding through a patient rebate donation program in the United States, now in its fifth year with more than 80,000 patients having participated; the One Bright Vision cause-related marketing program in Europe, and its global Fight for Sight employee fundraising campaign with matching support from The Cooper Companies in support of the World Sight Day Challenge.

CooperVision also supports a number of specific programs in partnership with Optometry Giving Sight, providing funding as well as sending experts on site for professional guidance and observation. The aforementioned One Bright Vision initiative will screen 30,000 children ages 7-12 in the Chennai region of India during 2016, following a similar effort that screened 100,000 children in Tanzania from 2013 to 2015. Another initiative funded in part by CooperVision is helping introduce optometry as a course of study in Vietnam.

"The goals and mission of Optometry Giving Sight are directly aligned with our CooperVision purpose to help improve the way people see each day," said Daniel G. McBride, President of CooperVision. "It's inspiring to know that hundreds of thousands of individuals are benefitting from initiatives funded in whole or part by our commitment."

"Our partnership with CooperVision is really the gold standard when it comes to engagement with industry leaders to help ensure that everyone in the world, regardless of their means, has access to quality vision and eye care," said Mr. Miller. "The support we receive from CooperVision around the world is truly outstanding."

CooperVision employees hear from children participating in the One Bright Vision initiative. September 2016. To download this image and additional high-resolution photos, please visit http://bit.ly/OneBrightVision

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Optometry Giving Sight is the only global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error (URE) – simply the need for an eye examination and glasses. It was established in 2003 by the Brien Holden Vision Institute, World Council of Optometry, and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness as a means of mobilizing support from the global eye care profession and industry to help eliminate the backlog of people who are needlessly blind or vision impaired – currently estimated at more than 600 million worldwide. It is a registered charity in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Ireland, and Italy. In the UK we work in partnership with Vision Aid Overseas. www.givingsight.org