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Vision Care West Leads Eye Camp in Guatemala

From July 1-8, Vision Care West held a Vision Eye Camp in Clínica Médica Bethesda (Hospital Bethesda) in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Through this Eye Camp, 679 people were screened and 78 sight-restoring surgeries were performed.

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful medical volunteers for their hard work, Dr. Edward Lee, Dr. Andrew Chang and Dr. Calvin Eng for their dedicated leadership, and Dr. Edgar and his local team for partnering with us!

Featuring: Vision Care Volunteers' Next Steps

We continue to share stories about recent medical school graduates who have volunteered with Vision Care in the past. In this month's e-newsletter, we feature **Eliott Kim** who had participated in the Guatemala and Peru Eye Camps.
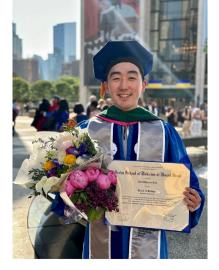

How has your experience with Vision Care shaped your decision to go into medicine?

Volunteering with Vision Care was one of the key experiences that sparked my interest in ophthalmology. As a young volunteer in international Eye Camps in Peru and Guatemala, I learned to appreciate the truly life-changing impact ophthalmic surgeries and services had on patients and their families – grandparents who could now function independently, parents who could now return to work, children who were now free to explore the world around them. Juxtaposed with my amazement was the realization that many communities around the globe needed greater access to vision-restoring services.

Throughout medical school, volunteering at free clinics for the underserved in the Greater New York area with Vision Care showed me that the need for philanthropic vision services existed locally too. While I am now only beginning my residency training, Vision Care has instilled in me the desire to give back to the community. I look forward to continuing to work with Vision Care in their domestic and international efforts to prevent blindness.

Dr. Eliott Kim is an incoming first-year intern joining the New York Eye and Ear at Mount Sinai Ophthalmology Residency Program. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University and completed medical school at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai with a Distinction in Research.

Congratulations Eliott on your achievements, and wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

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