

DISTRICT 4-C5 LIONS PROJECTS

FOLSOM PROJECT FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

The Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired (FPVI) was established as a community service program in 1989 by the Folsom City Host Lions with the support of public organizations, individuals and the Lions and Lioness of District 4-C5. The program is operated by Folsom Prison correctional staff and inmates. FPVI is dedicated to providing quality services to the blind, visually impaired, hearing impaired and learning disabled.

Founded by Lions Club, FPVI provides several alternate-media services, including:

- Reading of books on tape.
- Closed captioning on VHS for the hearing impaired.
- Gauge and distribute eyeglasses for the visually impaired.
- Braille textbooks for blind children.
- Tactile illustrations and maps for the blind
- Computer assistive technologies that ensure web pages, office documents and other electronic mediums are available to the blind/sight impaired on computer.

FPVI serves the California public free of charge.

**FPVI has the capability to produce recordings in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese. They also offer a selection of recordings in Tagalog.*

Presently there are 12 full time Braille transcribers on the FPVI inmate staff. The on-going nature of the Braille training allows all new employees in the program the opportunity to become fully certified Braille transcribers. These Braille transcribers have been working for the California Department of Education, brailleing children's books and textbooks, for both public and private schools throughout California.

FPVI also Closed Captions over a dozen films each month for the CA Community Colleges and other state agencies. Additionally, FPVI creates ADA-accessible PDF documents and fill-in forms, as well as converting other document types and web pages/sites into formats accessible to the visually disabled.

Working closely with Lions in Sight, FPVI is providing more than 100,000 plus pairs of eyeglasses per year to those in need in the United States and throughout the World.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM & BUY A BOOTH PROGRAM

Individuals and/or organizations are invited to contribute to the FPVI Fellowship Program. The Program is the FPVI way of recognizing all of the generous people and organizations that make them a success.

For a donation of \$500.00, you will receive the

KAY K. FUKUSHIMA plaque

For a donation of \$300.00, you will receive the

DON RING plaque

For a donation of \$150.00, you will receive the

RICHARD MERZ plaque

When a person or group participates in the BUY A BOOTH PROGRAM FOR \$2,500, they are entitled to become a life-time sponsor of a reading room. A plaque, bearing the sponsor's name, will be placed outside the reading room, and a duplicate plaque will be presented to the sponsoring individual or group. And from that time on, each recording that is produced in that reading room will acknowledge the sponsor's generous contribution to the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired.

These sponsorship programs generate the revenue needed for the supplies, repairs and equipment necessary to maintain this rapidly growing program, enabling them to continue providing this critical assistance to people living with disabilities.