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## **Media Release**

### **HIF 'specs appeal' to benefit hundreds in Tanzania**

Burswood company, Pre-Paid Legal Services, is launching a 'specs amnesty', in conjunction with the Western Australia health provider, HIF, which will see unneeded pairs of glasses sent to Tanzania to be distributed to local villagers who cannot afford glasses and would otherwise have no access to eye care.

Managing Director Geoff Puttick, says he hopes many local people will drop their old glasses into the office so that they can be shipped to the small Tanzanian village known as Kahama District.

"We're hoping that locals will dig out their old glasses which they may have forgotten about, and bring them into the office so that we can arrange for them to be sent to HIF's opticians in Perth", he says.

"It's a great initiative and we hope to help bring about a whole new lease of life to many hundreds of visually impaired in Tanzania as a result of the program.

The office will have a collection box display for the duration of the campaign and people can simply drop off their old glasses during office hours.

Pre-Paid Legal provides services such as legal advice, information by phone, office consultations, preparation and review of legal documents, trial representation, property advice and settlement, negotiation, mediation services, a free Will, a 24 hr legal emergency service and much more.

Pre-Paid Legal provides affordable access to the legal system for all Australians from less than a dollar a day.

# Spectacular way to help

A BURSWOOD business and health insurance provider have their eyes on your spectacles, as part of a charity campaign launched last week.

Pre-Paid Legal Services, in Burswood Road, launched a “specs amnesty” to encourage residents to drop off their old spectacles so they can be sent to Tanzania and distributed to villagers.

“We're hoping locals will dig out their old glasses which they may have forgotten about and bring them into the office so we can arrange for them to be sent to HIF's opticians in Perth,” manager Geoff Puttick said.

“It's a great initiative and we hope to help bring about a whole new lease of life to many hundreds of visually impaired people in Tanzania.”

People can donate their old specs at Suite 1, 160 Burswood Road during office hours.



**Iona Augustine and Pamela Bedford want spectacles**



**Richard Moore (Rotary Club of Como), volunteers Geoff Puttick and Kyra Kingi, Margaret Dawkins (Department of Community Development) and June Wade (Rotary Club of Burswood) promoting Thank a Volunteer Day at McCallum Park.**

## Tribute to helpers

LOCAL volunteers will be recognised for their contributions to the community as part of Thank a Volunteer Day.

Residents of the cities of Belmont and South Perth and the Town of Victoria Park will be recognised at an event hosted by Rotary and the Department of Community Development.

Guests will enjoy entertainment and get certificates of appreciation from Community Services Minister Sheila McHale.

The event will be at McCallum Park, Victoria Park, on Sunday, December 5, starting at 9.30 am.

For more information call Rory Campbell on 9263 1812.