

Rotary District 7150 "Gift of Vision" Project
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Rotary District 7150
Attn: Rotary Club Presidents
Assistant Governors
Larry Calabrese, District Governor

Re: Gift of Vision Project

Dear Rotarians and Friends:

The Gift of Vision Committee is pleased to announce this year's recipient will be arriving in Syracuse, NY on November 2, 2008. Our recipient is Mrs. Elica Angol. Mrs. Angol is a resident of the Commonwealth of Dominica. She is referred to us for a cornea transplant by Dr. Shillingford Ricketts. Dr. Sylvia Norton and Dr. Stephen Spitzer will be performing the surgery.

Since Mrs. Angol is an adult, it will not be possible for her to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. We therefore have received a special rate from the Parkview Hotel located at 713 Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13210. The Parkview is located within walking distance of Dr. Norton's Office and the Irving Medical Center where the surgery will be performed.

Once again, the Central New York Eye & Tissue Bank has generously agreed to donate the cornea.

Mrs. Angol will be accompanied by her adult son, Derek Angol. Derek will be providing much needed care and assistance to her following her surgery. We anticipate the surgery occurring on or about November 5, 2008.

Elica and Derek will be staying in an efficiency room at the Parkview. We anticipate their stay will last two (2) weeks. It will be necessary for us to supply them with food while they are here.

To help support the Program, we ask that your Rotary Club agree to contribute \$600. We also ask that your Club appoint a contact person and consider assisting with appropriate food donations to this year's recipient. Naturally, we are always mindful of the various Club sizes and financial abilities and we invite you to put together a program which you feel is appropriate.

District 7150 Club Presidents

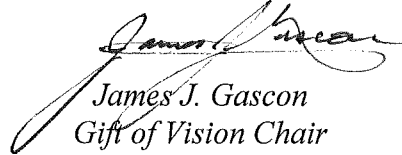
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I am also pleased to report to you that the Gift of Vision Committee has provided a comprehensive contact lens evaluation, along with a pair of ABB Concise PMD rigid gas permeable contact lenses for a local recipient named Cynthia. Cynthia suffers from Keratoconus and PseudoAphakia. The contact lenses have improved her vision enough for Cynthia to return to the work force.

We thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile and rewarding program.

Yours in Rotary,


James J. Gascon
Gift of Vision Chair

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