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## AMIGOS EYE CARE: STUDENT-RUN VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRIC SERVICES FOR HUMANITY

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The Belize team saw 800 patients over 4 days of clinic. The Belize team consisted of:
- 2 First-Year Optometry Students
- 4 Second-Year Students
- 5 Third-Year Students
- 4 Optometrists

Amigos Eye Care will return to Costa Rica for a fourth time in March of 2013 to continue sustainable care for the patients of all ages who are in need.

In our third trip to San José and Guanacaste, Amigos Eye Care provided eye exams, eyeglasses, sunglasses and medicines for over 1000 patients over 4 days of clinic.

The Costa Rica team consisted of:
- 3 First-Year Optometry Students
- 4 Second-Year Students
- 3 Third-Year Students
- 1 Staff Optician
- 1 Faculty Optometrist

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The Honduras team saw over 600 patients in 4 clinic days, and distributed over 450 pairs of prescription eyeglasses.

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- 2 Optometrists
- 2 Family Members

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The Nicaragua team consisted of:
- 2 First-Year Optometry Students
- 4 Second-Year Students
- 1 Third-Year Student
- 1 Fourth-Year Student
- 1 Optometrist
- 2 Rotary Club Members

The Amigos Eye Care cared for 820 patients in Nicaragua with 970 pairs of prescription eyeglasses and 66 surgical referrals made.

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