

# Recycle for Sight is Focus for SWOSU Queen

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Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen Natalie Yadon of Woodward is on a mission to promote one very simple, yet specific act of kindness that can transform lives and communities worldwide.

Yadon's platform "Recycle for Sight" is promoting the importance of eyeglass recycling, and Yadon has set up eyeglass collection boxes at sites in Woodward and Weatherford.

According to the World Health Organization, 153 million people have uncorrected refractive vision impairments. Most of these impairments can be quickly diagnosed and are easily treated with corrective lenses. It costs less than \$0.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses to change someone's life. Still, millions of people in developing countries are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they do not have glasses, according to Yadon. For children, clear vision means a better education, healthier development and a better quality of life. For adults, it means greater employment opportunities and economic strength. And for seniors, it means greater independence.

Yadon would like to motivate western Oklahoma to take the time to gather their used eyeglasses and donate them to an eyeglass recycling program box. Her goal is to collect over 500 before she leaves to attend the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant the first week of June.

Drop boxes in Weatherford are at: SWOSU Hays Administration Building first floor; Weatherford City Hall Water Department; and Weatherford Eyecare Center located at 1545 N Washington.

A drop box in Woodward is located at the southeast corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma Streets in the First Christian Church parking lot.

The collected eyeglasses will be distributed worldwide through Lions Club International.