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The Impact Clarity Can Have

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For about 6 years, active 16-year-old Amy Gatewood had been looking at life through a blurry pair of glasses, laced with scratches accumulated throughout the years.

Gatewood, who will be a junior at Arroyo Valley High School in San Bernardino during the coming academic year, said, as she anxiously was awaiting the unveiling of her new glasses, "It's nice to get new glasses because they will help me see better."

On Friday, June 3rd Gatewood's excitement drew to a high point as she placed her new glasses with the black and maroon-patterned rims on for the first time. The

impact of the clarity of vision she experienced was apparent as she released a powerful "WOW!"

There were many people who helped this happen for Amy and they were on hand to see the excitement in her eyes and heart as she tried on her new glasses; Kelly Raabe and Naomi Kuhlman, Corps Ministry Assistants with the Salvation Army, along with John Lops President of 2nd Chance Kids (2CK), Vice President of 2CK Jimmy McDougald, and Dr. Lien T.K. Nguyen.



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Pictured above Dr. Lien T.K. Nguyen, Naomi Kuhlman, 2CK VP Jimmy McDougald, Amy Gatewood, and Kelly Raabe celebrate after Gatewood receives her new glasses.



It had been about 6 years since Amy Gatewood received new glasses, and she could not believe her eyes as she placed them on for the first time.

Dr. Lien T.K. Nguyen, is an independent optometrist with a practice located in the Colton Wal-Mart and is an affiliate of First Sight. She is part of a network of optometrists who have signed a contract with 2CK to help change the lives and circumstances of kids who may not otherwise have had the opportunity of good sight. The network and 2CK provide

discounted eye exams and glasses to disadvantaged children. Of the delivery of Gatewood's glasses, Nguyen said, "It's breathtaking. I'm happy just to be a part of this; giving kids a chance is what 2nd Chance Kids is all about."

2nd Chance Kids is a non-profit organization based in Colton that strives to provide medical aid and life enrichment to children who may not have had the medical opportunities offered to other young people.

With the assistance of San Bernardino based- Salvation Army, 2CK identifies youth who are struggling with medical needs. Through hard work and with compassion, 2CK works with dedicated individuals like

Corps Ministry Assistant Kelly Raabe, children in need of medical assistance are located and provided help in the areas of optometry, audiology, and many more. This affords countless children the opportunity to receive assistance otherwise not available.

If you would like more information on 2nd Chance Kids and would like to learn how you can contribute to improving the lives of children, please visit their website: www.2ndchancekids.org or call (909) 264-1602.

Thanks to her new glasses, Gatewood looks forward to continuing to do the things she loves, like reading books, playing with her new dog, and pushing forth in her education.