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### **PQMD Welcomes RestoringVision to Its Global Network of Health and Humanitarian Partners**

**Annapolis, MD – May 20, 2026** - The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) is proud to announce that RestoringVision has joined the PQMD network as a member, reflecting a strong and shared commitment to advancing equitable, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare access worldwide.

A global nonprofit, RestoringVision is dedicated to solving one of the world's most pervasive vision challenges, presbyopia, the age-related deterioration of near vision. RestoringVision works to expand access to eyeglasses and vision services for underserved communities around the globe. Since 2003, the organization has helped transform more than 40 million lives across 150 countries through partnerships that restore vision and enable people to work, learn, and participate fully in their communities.

RestoringVision's mission - *to empower lives by restoring vision for millions of people in need* - closely aligns with PQMD's dedication to improving health outcomes and strengthening access to care for underserved communities around the world.

"We are thrilled to welcome RestoringVision to the PQMD network," said Elizabeth Ashbourne, Executive Director of PQMD. "Their work demonstrates the profound impact that access to vision care can have on individuals, families, and communities. We look forward to learning alongside RestoringVision and collaborating to further advance sustainable, people-centered healthcare solutions across the globe."

Through its membership in PQMD, RestoringVision will engage with a diverse network of nonprofit, corporate, and institutional partners dedicated to strengthening healthcare access, advancing responsible practices, and fostering shared learning across the global health and development community.

"Joining PQMD represents an exciting opportunity to deepen collaboration with organizations across the global health and humanitarian sectors that share our commitment to expanding access to care," said Anne-Marie Grey, Interim Chief Executive Officer of RestoringVision. "At RestoringVision, we believe clear vision is foundational to health, education, economic opportunity, and human potential. We look forward to contributing our expertise, learning from fellow members, and working together to increase access to quality vision care for communities around the world."

PQMD looks forward to partnering with RestoringVision to advance shared priorities around access, sustainability, and impact - and to building on the many collaborations already underway across our network.

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#### **About PQMD**

*The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) is a leading international alliance of organizations committed to advancing responsible, high-quality medical donations to improve access to quality health care in underserved communities and populations in crisis. Through shared standards, collaboration, and learning, PQMD works to strengthen medical donation practices and promote sustainable, ethical global health engagement. Learn more at [www.pqmd.org](http://www.pqmd.org).*

**About RestoringVision**

*RestoringVision is a global nonprofit tackling the vision crisis head-on. We focus on addressing presbyopia – the age-related deterioration of near vision that is the most common cause of vision impairment worldwide. By providing access to vision screening and near-vision eyeglasses, RestoringVision transforms lives by empowering people to work, learn, and participate fully in their communities. Since its founding in 2003, RestoringVision has reached 40 million people in more than 150 countries, working with a broad range of partner NGOs, governments, and social enterprises. The organization also serves as a leading voice and advocate for the global prioritization of eye health and access to eyeglasses in partnership with the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. For more information, visit [www.restoringvision.org](http://www.restoringvision.org).*

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