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## **Santa Barbara Vision Care Veterans Day Vision Clinic with Sansum Clinic**

**November 9, 2018, Santa Barbara, CA** – Santa Barbara Vision Care (SBVC), a local health program that serves as part of nonprofit SEE International’s domestic programs, hosted its annual Veterans Day Vision Clinic with Sansum Clinic on November 9, 2018. The event provided vision screenings to 56 in-need patients at the new Sansum Clinic Eye Center. Of those patients screened at the clinic, 43 people received vouchers for free glasses from Goleta Valley Optical, and 16 people with more serious vision conditions were referred for follow-up care with SEE’s SBVC healthcare providers.

At the Veterans Day Vision Clinic, six Sansum Clinic doctors performed eye exams. Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC) joined in the event and provided information about low-cost health services and proper dental care to attendees. Blue Planet Eyewear, a longtime SEE partner, also donated over 100 pairs of sunglasses to the clinic’s attendees to help keep their eyes healthy.

This annual community clinic has served hundreds of patients since it began as a partnership between SEE and Sansum Clinic to serve patients in-need and raise awareness of the importance of vision care in our home community.

More information on this event can be found at [www.seeintl.org/sbvcp/](http://www.seeintl.org/sbvcp/)

### **About SEE International**

SEE International is a global organization dedicated to ending avoidable blindness everywhere. SEE’s heroic medical volunteers work in more than 40 countries every year, providing critical vision care to underserved populations, free of charge to the patient. Since 1974, SEE has examined more than 4 million patients, and performed over half a million sight-restoring surgeries. [www.seeintl.org](http://www.seeintl.org)

Santa Barbara Vision Care provides underinsured individuals in Santa Barbara County, and its surrounding areas, with free comprehensive eye exams, glasses, medicine, and essential eye surgeries for eye conditions such as cataracts and pterygium. [www.seeintl.org/sbvcp/](http://www.seeintl.org/sbvcp/)

### **About Sansum Clinic**

Since its founding in 1921, Sansum Clinic has been improving the overall health of our patients by providing the latest innovations in equipment, technology, procedures and treatments. Sansum Clinic is the largest independent nonprofit healthcare organization between the Los Angeles Basin and the San Francisco Bay Area. With more than 220 affiliated physicians, Sansum Clinic serves more than 130,000 patients annually (800,000 visits) at our 22 patient care facilities in south Santa Barbara County. To learn more, please visit [www.sansumclinic.org](http://www.sansumclinic.org)