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## **SPECTERA DONATES EYEGLASS FRAMES TO SOUTH ASIAN RELIEF**

*Donations and Eyeglass Frames Worth \$500,000 Will Go Far to Support Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity Relief Efforts*

**Dallas, TX. (June 23, 2005)** — Spectera, a UnitedHealth Group company, today pledged \$500,000 worth of eyeglass frames to support Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity (VOSH) relief efforts for people in the tsunami-affected areas of South Asia. Tom Davis, chief marketing officer of Spectera, announced the donation at the American Optometric Association annual meeting, and also presented a cash donation to support other VOSH activities. The donations will significantly improve access to quality eye care services in South Asia and help reduce the devastating personal impact of the tsunami.

“The need for eye care in underdeveloped nations where wages may be less than \$1.00 a day is overwhelming and has only been made more challenging in South Asia following the tsunami,” said Dr. Dale Cole, president, VOSH/International. “These generous and timely gifts from Spectera will facilitate the provision of vision care to people who can neither afford, nor obtain such care.”

VOSH completes nearly 100 missions internationally each year. A VOSH mission arrived in Orissa and Sambalpur, India in early February 2005 within six weeks of the tsunami.

“People and their families are still suffering the effects of the tsunami that devastated the area in December 2004, and VOSH volunteers are true heroes as they reach out to serve the needs of people in these communities,” said Spectera’s Davis. “Our support of VOSH and its efforts will help expand access to quality care and result in a significant improvement in the health of the people living in these communities.”

Spectera provides group vision care benefit plans through a nationwide network of more than 20,000 private practice and retail vision care providers. The company has previously provided eyeglass frames for VOSH chapters in Illinois and at the University of Indiana, as well as providing cash support for VOSH International.

**About Spectera**

Spectera ([www.spectera.com](http://www.spectera.com)) provides affordable, innovative vision care benefits and services for more than 12 million people nationwide. The company was founded in 1964 and today is one of the top vision benefits companies in the United States. Spectera provides group vision care benefit plans through a network of more than 20,000 private practice and retail optical providers across the country. The company operates 54 vision care facilities – including United Optical retail stores – and an optical laboratory that will fill more than 600,000 prescriptions this year. Spectera’s regional offices are located across the nation.

Spectera is part of the UnitedHealth Group family of businesses. UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) is a diversified health and well-being company based in Minneapolis, Minn. that is dedicated to making health care work better. UnitedHealth Group ranks No. 40 on the *Fortune* 100 and serves approximately 55 million individuals nationwide.

**About Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity**

Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) is an organization of optometrists and other interested individuals, who are dedicated to providing vision care to people around the world. VOSH is a humanitarian organization that is separate from any government, religion or service organization. VOSH’s mission is to bring better sight to those communities in the world that have little or no access to vision care.

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