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20/20 FOR ALL: SENATOR JOHN LIU AND TZU CHI FOUNDATION HOST FREE VISION SCREENING AND EYEGLASSES GIVEAWAY IN FLUSHING

Flushing, NY – State Senator John Liu and the Tzu Chi Foundation today hosted a free vision screening service and eyeglasses giveaway for the community. The daylong event took place at NYCHA's Bland Houses Playground at Prince Street and 40th Road in Flushing.

Over 50 New Yorkers received free vision screenings and eyeglasses courtesy of the Tzu Chi Foundation's Vision to Succeed program and Vision Mobile Clinic. The clinic is staffed with licensed optometrists and fully outfitted with ophthalmic equipment and offers comprehensive vision screenings and prescription eyeglasses at no cost, all in one day.

State Senator John Liu stated, "Eyeglasses and vision screenings can be a costly expense for families, and clear vision is essential for learning and living independently. Indeed, some schoolchildren don't even realize they need corrective lenses simply to see their teacher or read their books. No one should go without eyecare just because they can't afford an exam or glasses, so we're proud to bring these services directly to our community so that everyone, no matter their income, can have the chance at a bright future."

Richard Yang, DDS, Tzu Chi Vision Mobile Public Relations Director, stated, "The Tzu Chi Mobile Clinic is committed to providing essential vision services that can dramatically improve quality of life. Good vision is a fundamental need for our daily lives, yet too many in our community go without the proper eyecare due to cost and access barriers. We are happy to bring this service to our community."

Bridget Marachlian, President of Bland Houses Tenant Association, stated, "I am deeply grateful to Senator Liu and the Tzu Chi Foundation for bringing this vital vision mobile clinic to our community. Access to free vision screenings and eyeglasses means more than just clearer sight, it means opportunity, independence, and an improved quality of life for our residents. This event is a shining example of what can be achieved when compassion and community partnership come together to serve those in need."

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