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Calling all do-gooders. We know you don't do good stuff just to get attention, but we think you deserve it. And we'll give it to you on this page. Send photos and news for consideration to Good Works via mail to Washington Business Journal, 1555 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, Va. 22209, fax to 703-258-0802 or e-mail to washingtonbusinessleads@bizjournals.com. Photos cannot be returned.

WHO'S GIVING: Book Wish Foundation in Reston, Northern Virginia Optical Society

WHO'S RECEIVING: Refugees from Sudan's Darfur region who are living in the Bredjing, Treguine and Gaga refugee camps, and Chadian villagers

WHAT'S BEING GIVEN: 1,750 pairs of reading glasses, with protective cases

BACKGROUND: The foundation is providing reading glasses for 70,000 Darfur refugees in the camps. The glasses were donated mostly by U.S. and U.K. optical companies and manufacturers, some private opticians and citizens, including the leadership of the Northern Virginia Optical Society. The foundation also provided textbooks to 1,200 Darfur refugees who are learning English and plans to build libraries in the camps.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE SPONSOR: "We are proud to be involved with the Book Wish Foundation's mission through our Sight From America outreach program," says Tom Davis, executive vice president of Davis Vision Inc. "This donation makes it possible for Darfur refugees in Chad to advance their education."