

# Recycle Michael debuts at Frost Elementary School

FOR THE FROSTBURG EXPRESS

FROSTBURG -- "Recycle Michael" The Trash Can has made his public debut at Frost Elementary School. The can, sponsored by the Frostburg Lions Club, encourages the recycling of used eye glasses.

Lion Marge Nelson-Robinson coordinated the project with Frost elementary and worked out the details for the glasses recycling program.

"We're very proud of the students at Frost," said Kim Smith, principal. "This is a great way for the students to learn to give back to the community."

Students were encouraged to talk with parents and relatives and find old eye glasses for recycling.

"You really don't think of eye glasses as a recyclable," said Nelson-Robinson, "but Lions recycle them for world wide distribution."

The Lions eye glasses recycling program collects used eye glasses, sends them to centers where they are

**"You really don't think of eye glasses as a recyclable, but Lions recycle them for world wide distribution."**

Marge Nelson-Robinson,  
Frostburg Lions

cleaned, repaired, calibrated and packaged for world distribution through Lions International Eye clinics in developing countries. Lions clubs do all the work and the glasses are provided free of charge.

Lions President Bill Munch created "Recycle Michael" as a fun way to collect glasses, and as a gimmick to get the attention of people. "It works. This old trash can stands out in a crowd," he said.

Frostburg Lions estimate there are more than 4,000 pairs of used eye glasses laying around in desk and drawers just in Frostburg. The club goal for the year is to collect 1,500 pairs of used glasses.

Smith indicated that the

community has been good to Frost Elementary, and is very supportive of the school. "We wanted to give something back, and felt this was an excellent way to support our community," she said.

Frostburg Lions have several drop off points in Frostburg for used eye glasses. The Pharma-Care Pharmacy, Hotel Gunter and Frostburg Pizza II, are current locations.

"Vision, and vision programs are focal points for Lions," said Nelson-Robinson. "We live in a vision oriented world, and we do our best to help preserve sight."



"Recycle Michael" the Trash Can recently made its debut at Frost El are Madison Pressman, Abigail Lent and Austin Skidmore. Secor row berger, Christin Walker and Kristina Winner. Third row: Paul-Michael Frost Elementary Principal Kim Smith and Frostburg Lion Edge Deuel.