

毅信之家服務使用者獲安排免費驗眼服務

Free-of-charge Eye Tests Provided for users of Ngai Shun Home

對我們來說，到眼鏡舖驗眼及配眼鏡是一件普通不過的事，但對於理解及表達能力較弱的智障人士來說，卻是一件十分困難的事，他們往往因溝通上出現阻礙而放棄。本年4月4日，毅信之家30位服務使用者有幸獲一視瞳仁慈善基金有限公司免費提供視力健康講座及驗眼服務。驗眼前一天，該公司特意提早將工具及器材運送到中心，當日義務視光師除了教導服務使用者如何保護他們的「靈魂之窗」外，在驗眼時亦耐心詢問及等候服務使用者的回應；服務使用者於驗眼過程中對器材表現好奇，在選擇自己喜歡的眼鏡框時亦表現雀躍。最後，該公司為6位有需要的服務使用者安排免費配製眼鏡，他們在試戴的過程雖有些緊張，但仍自發向在場的義務視光師連聲說「多謝」。在合照後，服務使用者即時要求看照片，在看到自己戴眼鏡的樣子後，她們都對自己的新形象露出滿意的笑容。

For us, it is an easy and usual thing to visit an optical boutique, get an eye test and order a new pair of glasses; but for persons with intellectual disabilities who have trouble in understanding others and expressing themselves properly, it is a difficult task. Very often they would give up when communication issues arise. On 4 April this year, 30 Ngai Shun Home service users had the honour to be offered free-of-charge eye health talks and eye tests by Eyeglass Vision Friendly Foundation Limited, which even made an effort to transport all the equipment and apparatuses to the Home on the day before. On the day of the eye tests, not only did the volunteer optometrists teach the service users on how to protect their "windows to their souls", they also inquired and waited for the service users' responses with patience; the service users showed curiosity towards the apparatuses they used during the eye tests and displayed excitement when they got to choose their favourite frames. Eventually, the company prescribed glasses for six service users in need for free. The service users might have shown slight anxiety when they tried the glasses on but they still took the initiative to say "thank you" to the volunteer optometrists. After a group photo was taken, the service users immediately asked to view the picture. When they saw their new images - themselves with the glasses on, they all cracked a satisfactory smile.

