



# Better Life in Sight™ Foundation

## My Neighbor Day

### Summary

Better Life in Sight Foundation is sponsoring Remote Area Medical (RAM) to have a healthcare event in the Angleton community. Remote Area Medical (RAM) is an organization based in Tennessee that provides free pop-up clinics around the country via local sponsorship. Eye care, dental, and medical care will be provided at no charge to the patients in one event.

### Who

The mission of Better Life in Sight™ Foundation is to provide a better quality of life through sight for our neighbors who would otherwise not be able to obtain healthcare education and healthcare. Better Life in Sight Foundation is The Eye Contact, Inc.'s non-profit philanthropic arm. We launched this non-profit to help the underserved and those who need healthcare (in between jobs, etc.).

After over 30 years of practicing in the Eyecare Industry, the Better Life in Sight Foundation was developed in 2022 to be more intentional about supporting healthcare in our community for those who need this support. The two tenets of the Better Life in Sight Foundation are:

#### Healthcare Education

- Quarterly Healthcare Education Roadshows to share information with targeted audiences on healthcare conditions that can be found during a comprehensive eye exam. The Healthcare Education Roadshow focuses on the elderly, school-age youth, and populations with data indicating a higher risk for various healthcare conditions (ex. Diabetes, Hypertension, Glaucoma, etc.)
- Partnership agreement with BISD High School Health Science juniors and seniors – Student shadowing and sponsorship of HIPAA certification

#### Healthcare

Annual care event for comprehensive healthcare. Partnered with Remote Area Medical (RAM) to sponsor a pop-up clinic in the community. Better Life in Sight Foundation's name for the event is My Neighbor Day. The name My Neighbor Day was inspired by *Matthew 22:39 NLT ..Love your neighbor as yourself.*



## **Why?**

**Why develop a healthcare event** - The organization that provided eyecare services to underprivileged people in Lake Jackson and southern Brazoria County can no longer continue and asked if they could pass the baton to the Better Life in Sight Foundation. The partnership with RAM is to reimagine how these services could be brought to the community and be more inclusive of overall health. This event will be open to citizens in Brazoria County. The plan is to have this event annually, if possible. The approximate number of people to be served in this event is 150-200 people.

**Why in Angleton, Texas** – Because we live in Angleton. We have been residents for over 30 years and would like to bring the event to Angleton. Angleton is the county seat for Brazoria County, and we think My Neighbor Day will highlight the heart of Angleton in caring for our community.

As indicated in the 2020 U.S. census link below, Angleton, Texas has 19.4% of persons without health insurance under the age of 65.

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/angletoncitytexas#>

**Why the Angleton Recreation Center Gymnasium** – The Angleton Recreation Gym has the space to hold the event. See the linked video for the RAM clinic setup and breakdown. As noted, RAM provides liability insurance.

See information about Remote Area Medical set up for use of a gym:

<https://ramvolunteertraining.teachable.com/courses/ram-volunteer-training-program/lectures/48302674>

**Why October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 weekend** – Remote Area Medical is available to come to Texas this weekend. See the RAM website (see about RAM link) for the cities and states where the RAM clinics will take place this year.



## **About Remote Area Medical (RAM)**

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is an organization based in Tennessee that provides free pop-up clinics around the country via local sponsorship. Eye care, dental, and medical care will be provided to the patients at no charge in one event. RAM also provides liability insurance for this event. Better Life in Sight Foundation will sponsor their coming to Angleton. See the link to learn more about Remote Area Medical.

<https://www.ramusa.org/about/>

Remote Area Medical only operates free, pop-up clinics in communities that have invited us.

Motivated community members, community leaders, and/or local nonprofits join together to host RAM clinics.

These compassionate coalitions for Community Host Groups (CHGs).



RAM encourages and works closely with the CHG team, who are key players in making clinics a success.

Members of CHG Leadership Team:

- Community Host Group Lead
- Recruitment Chair
- Hospitality Chair
- Promotions Chair



## **When & Where**

Better Life in Sight Foundation is partnering with Remote Area Medical to host the event in the Angleton community on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and morning of Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This event will be a part of the Better Life in Sight Foundation's My Neighbor Day initiative.

We would like to host this event in the Angleton Recreation Center gym. We would need the gym on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. and on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*Dr. William Jackson, O.D.*

*Denese Jackson, President, Better Life in Sight Foundation*

*Better Life in Sight™ was inspired by Mathew 6:22 (The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.)*