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Eye doctors help collect donations for Haiti relief

Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute, 1717 Woolbright Road, has been collecting medical supplies and medications related to eye care in response to the crisis in Haiti. All items collected will be delivered to Toussaint L'Ouverture High School, 1325 Gateway Blvd., on a regular basis.

Gwen Cohan, the institute's spokeswoman, said she has been dropping off supplies twice a week to the school since the earthquake struck the country.

She said donations have included eye drops, eye pads and contact lenses.

Dr. Randy Katz, the institute's owner, said that debris and dust from collapsed buildings and rescue efforts can cause a number of eye problems.

As for the institute, Cohan said that the practice was founded in 1975 by Dr. Jonathan Chua, and then bought by Katz and associates in 2004.

In addition to the main practice in Boynton Beach, there are other offices in West Boca, Wellington and

Juno Beach.

"This Boynton office is our main one with the surgery center," Cohan said.

Katz specializes in retinal reattachments that have happened due to trauma or disease. Katz and the other doctors also deal with cancer and other afflictions of the eye.

"It is amazing to me how he can fix someone's blindness in 10 minutes," Cohan said.

The institute has four full-time doctors with two more part time. One of the full-time physicians is Jason Gorscak.

"I got into ophthalmology basically because I entered into medicine when my grandma was sick with cancer," he said. "I went to Miami for school and saw these ladies with bad cataracts who were completely blind. After surgery, they could see again, so I was amazed."

Gorscak said he specializes in certain types of cataract surgery but also handles the medical exams of patients.

Cohan said that Florida



SEEING THROUGH THE TRAGEDY Dr. Jason Gorscak, right, of Comprehensive Ophthalmologic Care, stands in the surgical supply room of the Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute, Inc., in Boynton Beach. The institute has been collecting donated eye-related medical supplies, including eye drops, above, alcohol wipes and cotton gauze, to help with Haitian rescue and relief efforts. STAFF PHOTOS/LINDSAY MOORE

Eye has spearheaded some national clinical trials that are showing positive results for certain types of macular degeneration. She said that they have been and are taking on subjects for the trial, depending on criteria to be chosen.

Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

For information, call 561-737-5500 or visit www.fleyedocs.com.

Items for Haiti can be dropped off at 1717 Woolbright Road in Boynton Beach; 1397 State Road #7, Suite 380, in Wellington; and 9980 Central Park Blvd., Suite 204, in Boca Raton.

