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It takes a team to create these daily transformations. The pre-op preparation and education by assistants and nurses; the technicians, nurses, surgeons, and anesthesiologists in the operating room; the post-op care by nurses; and the administrative glue that holds it all together from beginning to end at GEA and NCSC. The team creates an environment where everyone enjoys what they do, which is helping to restore sight. "Better vision is essential in a visual world, especially for a better quality of life," Dr. Maulik Zaveri says. "The results of a 20-minute surgery can last a lifetime. This work has made me learn more about myself. Everyone has a story or a struggle, and loss of vision ties into that. I enjoy getting to know Project Access patients. You feel the love from the patients. I feel privileged to be part of their transformation."

Innovations in the field of ophthalmology, such as laser-assisted cataract surgery, minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS), and less invasive corneal surgery, add to this excitement of restoring vision, preventing further sight loss, and reducing spectacle dependency. "All the physicians and staff really care about the patient and their outcome," Dr. Greider says. "This is a great responsibility, but with it comes a great reward."

Photographing volcanoes, the underwater world, and the Milky Way... creating harmonious tones on Tabla drums ... riding waves while wakeboarding ... these physicians have a creative vision at play and at work, reaching the best outcomes for their patients. Seeing is believing.

If you, your practice, or your facility would like to become a member of the Project Access San Diego volunteer network of physicians and surgical centers, please contact Adama Dyoniziak at (858) 300-2780 or Adama.Dyoniziak@championsfh.org. **SDP**

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Seeing Is Believing

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MIX ONE AVID CYCLIST and photographer, one drum guru and world traveler, and one great white shark diver and wake surfer, and what do you get? The dedicated ophthalmologists at Greider Eye Associates (GEA). Since 2013, 42 Project Access San Diego (PASD) patients have received pro bono consultations and vision restoring surgery from GEA. "I always enjoy sharing my skills and talents through Project Access," says Dr. Bradley Greider, who has 35 years of caring under his wing. "The most important sense is sight ... in order to see the world and interact. My universal reward is a patient's smile — that says everything." GEA has expanded from a practice with two people to a team of 45 who reflect the diversity of the patients GEA serves.

North Coast Surgery Center (NCSC), a proud member of Surgical Care Affiliates, partners with Greider Eye Associates for PASD ophthalmology patients. NCSC has provided 42 surgeries pro bono since 2010, which also includes otorhinolaryngology (ENT) patients with other physicians.

When asked why these physicians chose ophthalmology, Dr. Peter Krall said he was introduced to the field by viewing cataract surgery. "I was amazed and knew that this was the field for me," Dr. Krall says. "The immediate gratification of a patient's face lighting up after cataract surgery had a huge impact on me. Project Access patients are a joy to see — they have an amazing attitude. One gentleman was having his second pterygium surgery and he was so