

## **Padres vs. Rockies: 7:05 pm Thursday, April 17, 2008, Petco Park to Benefit UCSD EyeMobile for Children**

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"Good eye!" isn't just a phrase baseball coaches holler when their batter has the good sense not to swing at a bad pitch. Good eyesight is a necessary part of learning anything from science to sports. The UCSD EyeMobile for Children, which provides vision services for more than 10,000 underserved preschool children each year, is aging and needs to be replaced. A portion of ticket sales for the Padres vs. Rockies game on Thursday, April 17 at Petco Park will help fund a new EyeMobile. So grab a glove and come watch the Padres knock the socks off the Rockies and knock a home run for good vision!

When: 7:05 pm Thursday, April 17, 2008, Petco Park

Field Reserved: \$36 (\$43 day of game)

Upper Infield Reserved: \$17 (\$21 day of game)

Upper Reserved: \$13 (\$15 day of game)

To order tickets visit:

[http://sandiego.padres.mlb.com/sd/ticketing/group\\_events.jsp](http://sandiego.padres.mlb.com/sd/ticketing/group_events.jsp)

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### **About the UCSD EyeMobile:**

"Save our Children's Sight" is a program of the Division of Community Ophthalmology, in conjunction with the Anne F. & Abraham Ratner Children's Eye Center, at the UC San Diego Shiley Eye Center, Department of Ophthalmology. The program is dedicated to addressing the access barriers to vision care faced by underserved young children and their families. Its mission is giving low-income children ages 2-6 the vision they need to succeed in school and in life by identifying, treating and preventing vision disorders by means of vision screening, outreach and education, and early child development research. The program's EyeMobile for Children offers vision screening of low-income children in over 190 locations throughout San Diego County. The mobile pediatric clinic on the EyeMobile examines all children who fail the vision screening. This service provides glasses and/or referrals to specialists at no cost to their families.

A recent study by the Department of Ophthalmology at the UC San Diego School of Medicine emphasized the importance of screening at a young age. The study showed that preschoolers with poor vision have lower scores in developmental testing which is indicative of success in school performance. However, those scores improve significantly, within six weeks, when the children are given prescription glasses. The study followed 70 children ages 3-5 whose needs were identified thanks to the UCSD EyeMobile for Children.

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