

## "I can give back to a community that gave me so much."

Karen Fortman, OD

After graduation, Karen Fortman returned to her hometown of Fort Loramie, Ohio and a job with the practice she had gone to as a child. It provided just what she had wanted for both career and family. But it also provided things she never expected.

"Service and giving back to my community weren't things that I thought were important at the time," Fortman says. "But I soon realized I loved getting that knock on the door with someone who lives down the road saying, 'Hey, I was just out mowing. I've got something in my eye.' And instead of going to the office, I'll have him lie on my recliner and take it out in my living room. I like being available. I like giving people relief for their eye pain and their vision problems."



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