

Northwest Lions Foundation Report

Report by: Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson
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It is with great pleasure that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for the 1st Quarter 2016.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth with over 3,048 corneal transplants this quarter, setting a new record which is triple our volume from two years ago. In addition, we will provide thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife has completed its merger with The Northwest Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank in Allentown, PA. The Lions in that area have formed a new Lions Foundation and will be providing community services similar to ours. The Northwest Lions Foundation will consult in that project.

In 2016, SightLife received the National Non-Profit Time Magazine's Annual best Place to Work Award. This is the sixth year in a row to win this honor.

We are very pleased that the Northwest Lions Foundation's quarterly community service programs included screening over 3,000 school children across the MD19 service area, as well as, dozens of other low income people and non-profit organizations benefitting by various Northwest Lions Foundation grants. Over \$40,000 in hearing aids, grants and additional \$50,000 in Lions sponsored Project Support Grants were funded this quarter.

The Northwest Lions Foundation Board is excited to announce that we have joined forces with Group Health Cooperative to expand our community screening programs. The pilot of this endeavor will begin in District C and expand to other MD19 Districts during the next 12 to 18 months.

In closing, the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Your support this spring and summer is a critical funding source for our community support programs.

Thanks you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.