

Northwest Lions Foundation Report

By: Bill Lundin - Board of Trustees - Chairman

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The Year 2019 was a positive year for the Northwest Lions Foundation (NLF). We are honored to again be reporting the work we have accomplished in coordination with the Lions and their respective clubs, throughout MD19.

To that end, we are pleased to report that this last year SightLife gave the gift of sight to over 13,000 people in America. They trained over 300 Community Health Workers in Asia, in a first of its kind prevention program, as well as, training over 1,000 surgeons to provide corneal services in developing countries.

The Northwest Lions Foundation and The Northwest Lions Endowment had a very busy year with the following accomplishments:

We screened thousands of children throughout the state via our Mini-Screening Units and got a Wilson Trust grant to build a fifth unit. Hopefully, we will have a part-time driver in 2020.

NLF has approved and trained screening teams for our four Mini-Screening Units located in Whitman, Spokane, Pierce, Snohomish and King Counties. We are pleased to report that The Board approved a new Mini-Unit in District G.

Again, a special thanks to Dave Risley for his outstanding efforts in managing the Mini Unit Training Program.

The Lions Foundation gave \$150,000 in Matching Grants for Hearing Aids and introduced a new state of the art Digital Hearing Aids, manufactured by The Starkey Hearing Company. The highlight of the year was sponsoring The USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane. Both the Northwest Lions Foundation and SightLife received outstanding exposure with Lions from across the Globe and all The Lions International Leadership. We need to offer a special thanks to The Northwest Lions Endowment Board of Trustees for awarding the funds to sponsor this event and many of our local projects.

Finally, none of these accomplishments could have been achieved without the volunteers on our various Boards and in our communities. Your service and the many donations you provide in White Cane Days are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bill Lundin
Board Chair,
Northwest Lions Foundation