

Northwest Lions Foundation

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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 4th Quarter and calendar year of 2016.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth with over 30,421 corneal transplants this calendar year. This is a 24% increase from 2015 and includes thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife raised over \$2million to support our growth and global programs, in addition to raising funds to accelerate our shared mission to eliminate corneal blindness by 2040.

In 2016, SightLife completed the integration of Ocular Systems and The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank. Our local Foundation Trustees worked with the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation to help them develop programs that are similar to programs provided here in MD-19.

SightLife growth has significantly helped our Foundation. This year, SightLife's financial support increased to over \$480,000. These funds go directly to our Lions community service programs.

The Foundation Board completed the development of a comprehensive network of Hearing Care professionals across Washington State and Northern Idaho. This new hearing program has reduced the cost to local Lions Clubs and allowed us to deliver over \$400,000 in modern digital hearing aids.

We expanded our relationship with Group Health Co-Operative (soon to be Kaiser Health). Our Tacoma program in District C has improved our ability to expand the scope of our community services in that area. Based on that success, Group Health has committed to fund two new projects in Everett and Spokane Washington, with a value of \$80,000.

Our Health Screening Program has served over 35,000 individuals (mostly children). We also worked with the Washington State Board of Health to formally include health screening into the Washington Statues. This gives our Foundation some additional liability protections.

Finally, The Foundation distributed over \$150,000 in organizational and individual grants to those providing sight or hearing services to low-income patients in local Washington State communities.

In closing, The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD-19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Our totals for the year exceeded \$100,000. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.