

## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

To make a contribution or gift to the Foundation in any amount:

Make your check payable to:

Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation (PLSCERF).

Mail to:

Lion Robert W. Miller, Treasurer  
P. O. Box 6  
Orwigsburg, PA 17961

## WHAT YOUR DONATION CAN ACCOMPLISH

Donations to the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation provide the means to make donations to Pennsylvania researchers who are doing cutting edge investigations into eliminating blindness in our world.

As a small foundation it is not our intent to fund major studies. Our part in the world of funding research is to provide the seed money for preliminary studies and equipment development in order for our researchers to acquire the data and methodology descriptions to apply for major grants from organizations such as the National Institute of Health. Without foundations such as ours and support from caring individuals like Lions and you, the miracles that are just around the corner might never be funded.

## GRANTS OF MORE THAN \$1,000,000 OVER 10 YEARS COMBAT:

- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Macular Degeneration
- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Infectious Eye Disease
- Low Vision in Children
- Diabetic Eye Disease
- Retinal Degeneration
- Detached Retinas



***WE SERVE  
SO OTHERS  
WILL SEE.***

***Making Grants  
to Save Sight  
Since 1959***

## OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Foundation is to raise funds for eye and diabetic research projects and for equipment to be used in clinical procedures.

In the world 80% of blindness is preventable or reversible. It is only through research that someday we will find a cure for blindness.

## SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Foundation Board members and the District Chairpersons are available to present a program on eye research or diabetes to your Lions club or organization.

Contact the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs for the name of a board member in your area at 1-717-564-2586.

## GRANTS

Grant requests for research or clinical projects to be conducted in PA are submitted to the chairperson of the board of directors of the Foundation. Each request is then reviewed by an independent board of ophthalmologic or optometric doctors depending on the nature of the request. The recommendations of the doctors are then reviewed by the Foundation Board of Directors. The board meets quarterly to review and approve the grant requests. Board members serve without compensation in keeping with the motto of Lions Clubs International, "We Serve."

## OUR HISTORY

The Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation was founded in 1959 by a unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs.

The Board of Directors consists of six Lions, two members from each region (West, Central and East) in Multiple District 14 (Pennsylvania). Board members are appointed by their respective District Governors and approved by the PA State Council.

The Foundation and the Lions of Pennsylvania have made major contributions to:

- Wills Eye Institute; Philadelphia, PA
- Pennsylvania Lions Laser Center at the UPMC Eye and Ear Institute; Pittsburgh, PA
- Pennsylvania Lions Low Vision and Research Center; Hershey, PA
- Center for Molecular Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania
- Scheie Eye Institute
- Molecular and Regulatory Biology Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Salus University

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The Foundation funds are raised by the members of Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in Pennsylvania. Each of the eighteen districts in Pennsylvania has a district chairperson who solicits funds from each club in his or her district. The funds are forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer.

The board of directors of the Foundation has established a Memorial Endowment Fund. Only the interest from this fund is used for eye research; the principal remains intact. The Memorial Endowment Fund requires a contribution of \$500 or more to honor a Lion, Lioness, Leo, Lions Club or an individual in the community who has been interested in eye research.

***Your donation now  
might help  
Your Grandchild see  
in the future***

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A blue certificate will be awarded to any club or individual making a contribution between \$500 and \$999.

A gold certificate will be awarded to any club or individual making a contribution of \$1,000 or more.

The above criteria apply to both the General Fund and the Memorial Endowment Fund.