The Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation

OUR MISSION

The Foundation Mission is to raise funds for eye and diabetic research projects and equipment for clinical procedures.

80% OF THE WORLD BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE AND THROUGH RESEARCH WE WILL FIND A CURE.

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 consist of six Lions, two members from each region (west, central and East) in Multiple District 14 (Pennsylvania) and appointed by their respective District Governors and approved the State Council. Each member of the Board of Directors serves a three year term and is eligible to be reappointed by a recommendation of the District Governor and approved by the State Council.

The Foundation and the Lions of Pennsylvania have made major contributions to Wills Eye Hospital (Philadelphia Pa.), the Pennsylvania Lions Laser Center at the Eye and Ear Institute (Pittsburgh Pa.), the Pennsylvania Lions Low Vision and Research Center (Hershey Pa.), the Center for Molecular Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, The Scheie Eye Institute and the Molecular and Regulatory Biology Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania of College Optometry.

GRANTS

Grant requests for research or clinical projects are submitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors The requests are then reviewed by an independent board of Ophthalmology and Optometry Doctors who review each request submitted by the researchers. The doctor's recommendations are then reviewed by the Board of Directors, who meet quarterly to review and approve the grant requests.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Foundation funds are raised by the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in Pennsylvania, a Memorial Endowment Fund and other contributors. Each of the eighteen districts in Pennsylvania has a district chairperson who solicits funds from each club in their district. The funds are forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer.

The Memorial Endowment Fund requires a contribution of \$500.00 or more to honor a Lion, Lions Club or an individual in the community who has been interested in eye research in the club or the community.

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 Pa State Council of Lions Clubs for the name of a board member in your area. 717.564.2586.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE

To make a contribution or a gift in any amount \$_____

Make your check to the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation (PLSCERF) mail it to Robert W. Miller, Treasurer Box 6 Orwigsburg Pa.17961