

Northwest Lions Foundation

Report by: Bill Lundin - Board of Trustees -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 2017.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible annual domestic growth, with over 20,000 corneal transplants and 3,600 in the Pacific Northwest.

In addition, we will provide an additional 18,000 thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program. Many of these International programs are collaborated with Lions in India. Of particular interest is the growing physician and community health worker training program. These programs greatly improve follow-up care in rural areas.

SightLife completed an operating agreement with the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine (LEBT). We will be working with The Lions in the Houston metro area.

SightLife's growth has significantly helped our Foundation. This year, SightLife's financial support exceeded \$400,000. These funds go directly to our Lions community service programs.

The Northwest Lions Foundation major accomplishments for 2017:

- Washington State Board of Health approves NLF recommendations for child health screenings.
- Over 40,000 children and 1,200 adults in Washington and Northern Idaho screened for Sight and Hearing Loss.
- New Mini-Mobile screening units launched in Districts B & E.
- We have hired Martin Rowland as a part-time driver, to help Mike and Pat Parker on the larger LHSU.
- The Foundation' Patient Care Program helped 11 people with Vision Therapy & Cataract Surgeries
- Kaiser Permanente awarded an additional \$40,000 grant to NLF for community health screenings.
- \$120,000 in grants was awarded to Non-Profit Sight and Hearing related organizations in Washington State.
- Hundreds of low income patients given state of the art digital hearings aides, in collaboration with The Starkey Foundation.
- **The NLF the first time awarded a \$10,000.00 grant to District I for a Diabetes Awareness program.

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 \$115,000. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.