

# ONE

Lions Gift of Sight was first eye bank in North Dakota

# %99%

Percent success rate for cornea transplants with  
Lions Gift of Sight tissue

# 107

Oldest Lions Gift of Sight eye donor to-date

# 1960

Lions Gift of Sight opened its doors

# 39,000

Lions Gift of Sight Eye Donors To-date

# \$ 117 MILLION

annual economic benefit  
from transplants using Lions Gift of Sight corneas



# ON A MISSION FOR VISION

**Restoring sight and ending blindness is our sole mission.**

Lions Gift of Sight works to end blindness through its support of corneal transplants and ophthalmology research. A full-service, non-profit eye bank, Lions Gift of Sight has helped restore sight to more than 43,000 people since 1960. A partnership of **Lions club members** and the **University of Minnesota**, Lions Gift of Sight exemplifies the objectives of both institutions: service, research, education, and community outreach.



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## COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

- Stringent eye bank QA program audits all aspects of operations, consistently leading to **excellent tissue quality**
- **Best tissue imaging award** in a nation-wide study
- **Continuous accreditation** (three-year, highest level) by the Eye Bank Association of America
- **Successful Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** inspections with no negative findings
- **99% cornea transplant success rate** with corneas recovered, evaluated, and prepared by Lions Gift of Sight

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## COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH

- **Customized dissections** and retinal imaging, according to precise researcher specifications
- **Research performed on site** by eye bank scientists
- Active in national and international levels of **research and clinical studies** and in publishing and presenting scientific results

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## COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

- Provide donor eye tissue to **communities we serve**
- Provide eye donor **family care and services**, including outcome of eye donation and donor and family recognition
- **Support and partner** with local community hospitals, donation partners, Lions, and others to promote donation

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## COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

- Liaisons **dedicated to assisting** hospital donation programs
- **Donation education** for hospital staff and community about donation
- **Consultant** about state and federal laws, regulatory requirements, and accreditation standards related to donation to **assist hospitals** in development of best-practice policies and procedures

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## COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION

- **Innovation leader** through local, national, and international **research partnerships**
- **Eye tissue** for all types of cornea transplant surgery, customized to surgeon specifications, for **use within local communities and on global missions**
- **Leader** in national and local eye bank and coalition donation organizations, on eye bank industry committees, and on donation industry collaborative teams
- **MNSert™** (pre-loaded, peeled, dye-stained) DMEK corneas for transplant prepared for surgeons