FROM SIGHTLIFE’S CEO

2017 was a year of growth and impact, with more than 33,000 corneas provided for transplant by SightLife and our global partners, representing 10% more than the previous year. In addition to expanding our efforts to China, Mexico and many countries across Greater Asia, we added two critical services to our holistic approach to eliminating corneal blindness by 2040: the launch of our prevention program in Nepal which trained 117 community health workers, and the rollout of SightLife Learning, a program that dramatically opened access to learning for eye bank professionals in developing countries.

“There is nothing more powerful than reshaping the world for the better; to have a hand in eliminating a disease…”

Claire Bonilla
Chief Executive Officer

Front Cover Photo:
Corneal Transplant Recipient Addisu, Age 9
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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As we continue to focus on building sustainable capacity so that countries are able to meet their own demand, I am heartened to see the results as local governments, community health workers, hospitals, eye banks and surgeons join the mission. In 2017, we trained a record-breaking 282 surgeons resulting in 51% growth in corneal transplants year-over-year. We also saw the design, training and launch of the KGMU UP Community Eye Bank resulting in 404 corneal transplants in its first year of operations, making it the largest eye bank in all of Uttar Pradesh, India - the state with the largest population of corneal blind. As we continue working with existing partners and develop new relationships, I am inspired each day to see the effect we have together in eliminating corneal blindness. The progress is encouraging, but there are still 12.7 million people around the world who are corneal blind. The key is joining together in our mission to restore sight and to restore livelihood to the millions who are waiting for a transplant. There is nothing more powerful than reshaping the world for the better; to have a hand in eliminating a disease in our lifetime. Each transplant reshapes a life, a family and a community, ultimately changing our world through changing theirs.

Yours in eliminating corneal blindness,

Claire Bonilla
Chief Executive Officer
2017 HIGHLIGHTS

More than 33,000 corneas provided for transplant.

ADVOCACY

Fostered relationships and grew partnerships in China.

Seven states in India adopted policy proposals to increase access to donors.

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Corneal blindness prevention program launched in Nepal engaging 117 female community health workers serving a population of over 120,000.

20,000 people reached with our National Donate Life Month Facebook campaign promoting eye, organ and tissue donor registration and celebrating the gift of sight.
TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

27 global partners provided 21,294 corneas for transplant.

SightLife Learning conference drew 128 learners and 22 leaders and trainers from 35 different organizations.

Trained 282 surgeons with 51% growth in surgeries year-over-year.

Recoveries from global Hospital Cornea Recovery Programs saw 51% growth year-over-year with Eye Donation Counselor (EDC) productivity reaching an all-time high of 10 transplants per EDC per month.

Cornea Distribution System (CDS) distributed 3,083 tissues to a surgeon base of 250 surgeons across 40+ cities and towns in India.

U.S. EYE BANKING

Provided 12,304 corneas for transplant.

182 recipients wrote their donor families (+18.2%); 77 donor families wrote their recipients.

909 partner and community touch points in 5 states to serve our community partners in hospitals, funeral homes, coroner/medical examiner offices and partner agencies.
A Programmatic Approach to Prevention

In 2017, SightLife - in partnership with Bharatpur Eye Hospital, The Proctor Foundation, Seva Foundation and Himalayan Cataract Project - continued implementation of the Village Integrated Eye Worker (VIEW) program in Nepal. The prevention program helps ensure those who suffer from eye trauma can access care which prevents the need for a corneal transplant. The program engages female community health workers to diagnose and manage corneal abrasions, effectively reducing the burden of corneal blindness.

Last year, 117 community health workers were trained to serve a population of 120,000. In 2018, SightLife will begin expanding the reach beyond the Chitwan Valley in Nepal, scaling this program as a model for similar prevention programs that will be developed in other regions and countries.

Approximately 50% of future cases of corneal blindness can be prevented if patients are given timely access to care.

Training of 117 health workers for the Village Integrated Eye Worker program
Bharatpur, Nepal
Photos © SightLife
Raising Funds to Restore Sight and Restore Lives

SURGEONS HELPING SURGEONS

2017 marked the inaugural year of the Surgeons Helping Surgeons program, which builds on the success of our surgeon training programs by fueling philanthropic support from surgeons to train their peers around the world. $1,100 provides training for one corneal surgeon in a developing country proctored by expert local and international faculty.

The program helps raise funds and awareness of one of SightLife’s strategic initiatives which is to address the global challenge that there are not enough care providers worldwide to treat corneal blindness. In 2017, SightLife delivered specialized training for 282 corneal surgeons in underserved countries – 17% more surgeons trained than in the previous year, resulting in a 51% increase year-over-year in surgical volumes by course participants.

“As a surgeon trainer in this program for the past few years I have seen firsthand the immeasurable impact these programs have to people in the developing world.”

Audrey Talley Rostov, M.D.  
Global Medical Director  
Charter Member, Surgeons Helping Surgeons

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Building Partnerships and Capacity

SIGHTLIFE LEARNING PROGRAMS

“True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own.”

Nwikos Kazantzakis

SightLife Learning is a platform to not only open access to learning for eye bankers and surgeons in remote regions, but a forum where they can then reach back to assist others. The curricula focus on competency-based skills development and certifications through varied environments – Online, Classroom, and Conference – to reach more eye banking professionals and result in
more sight-restoring surgeries worldwide. Learning opportunities include e-learning, webinars, in-person courses at eye banks, and conference based courses.

The first SightLife Learning Conference was held in 2017 in New Delhi, India and drew more than 150 eye bank professionals from nine countries to participate in skills training, certification, and industry leadership collaboration. In attendance were Eye Donation Counselors (EDCs), Eye Recovery Technicians (ERTs), Eye Bank Managers (EBMs), Medical Directors, Boards of Directors, and Eye Bank Association leadership; and ultimately SightLife certified 24 EDCs and 19 ERTs, approximately 20% of all EDCs and 9% of all ERTs from those regions.

Prior to attending the conference, participants accessed the learning content on SightLife Online, which included more than 40 technical e-learning modules and 70 other assets, such as videos and articles. Moving forward, SightLife Online is a scalable learning platform for global eye bank professionals providing technical courses, webinars, and community discussion forums.
Rahul "The Hugger"

BILATERAL CORNEAL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT
PUNE, INDIA

Rahul was born with Down Syndrome and lost his eyesight in both eyes at age six due to a childhood infection; but he was fortunate to receive a cornea transplant that restored his sight for 21 years. Rahul was unable to speak, but his warm hugs and delightful nature lit up the lives of all the people he touched.

When his sight once again began to decline Rahul became despondent, suffered from nightmares, and cried silently in his room. Then at age 37, he received a new cornea and immediately his cheerful spirit returned! Being able to smile and see the smile returned to him brings more contentment than one can imagine, and it has made all the difference to Rahul and his family.
Corneal Recipient, Rahul, Age 37
Pune, India
Eye Bank Center of Excellence

UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

190,000 people suffer from corneal blindness in the state of Uttar Pradesh (UP), India. The 5th largest country subdivision in the world, UP didn't have a high performing eye bank that could meet the need in the state. This called for a new approach and as a result a first of its kind, public-private partnership was developed. SightLife, King George Medical University (KGMU), The Hans Foundation, and Sitapur Eye Hospital Trust partnered to create the KGMU UP Community Eye Bank, achieving industry leading eye bank growth in 2017, blazing a new path to ensure access to care for corneal blind people in a historically difficult region.

The eye bank achieved 404 transplants in the first year and 700 transplants are projected for 2018. Equally important, it has served as a proof-of-concept for the role an eye bank can play in catalyzing development across many pillars including tangible state level development of policy, awareness, prevention, surgeon training, and of course, eye banking.
Our First Mandarin Geography Training Event

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Key staff from eye banks in China and Taiwan attended the Eye Banking & Tissue Evaluation Best Practices Workshop at National Eye Bank of Taiwan, Taipei. This was SightLife’s first training event in a Mandarin speaking geography, where more than 2 million can benefit from cornea transplant surgery, laying the groundwork for critical training events in China planned for 2018.
Jason

BILATERAL CORNEAL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT, UNITED STATES

Jason grew up in an active family, playing sports and going to the beach – traditions he hoped to continue with his own children someday. Jason, however, suffered from a condition called Keratoconus in both eyes – a condition he described like peering at a prism through wax paper.

When Jason and his wife made the decision to adopt, he decided to get two corneal transplants so he could see again and be the father he wanted to be. Both his transplants were successful, and so was the adoption – Jason and his wife welcomed two little girls, sisters, into their family. Jason is now also able to continue his career as a guidance counselor at a performing arts high school.
Northwest Lions Foundation

SightLife was originally founded in 1969 by the Lions Clubs of the Pacific Northwest. Since then, SightLife has partnered with more than 250 local Lions service clubs to provide sight and hearing-related programs to low income residents in our regional communities.

The Northwest Lions Foundation – the SightLife division responsible for the mission of “Restoring Sight, Hope and Hearing” – had a banner year in 2017, working with Washington State regulators on early testing for sight or hearing loss in children, expanding mobile health screening programs to cover more than 34,000 children, providing hundreds of low income individuals with state-of-the-art digital hearing aids, and awarding grants to dozens of local sight and hearing organizations.

IN 2017, SIGHTLIFE GAVE MORE THAN $380,000 TO SUPPORT THE LIONS' COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, WHILE THE REGIONAL LIONS CLUBS RAISED ANOTHER $150,000.
2017 Leadership

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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1969 and based in Seattle, Washington, SightLife is a non-profit global health organization working to prevent and eliminate corneal blindness worldwide by 2040. Approximately 12.7 million people around the world suffer from corneal blindness, 98% of whom live in developing countries. SightLife’s efforts are focused internationally on prevention, community outreach, training and capacity building, policy, and advocacy; and in the U.S. on eye bank operations, educating and counseling grieving families, and working closely with hospitals and other donation partners to give the gift of sight.

Through our programs and partners, SightLife’s goal is to create sustainable eye care systems that help prevent sight loss and ensure that no one must wait for a sight-restoring surgery.

Corneal Transplant Recipients
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Financial Report

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

REVENUES, GAINS, & OTHER SUPPORT

$23.4 Million

- 88.5% Eye Bank Operations
  $20.7 Million
- 9.8% Contributions and Other Revenue
  $2.3 Million
- 1.3% Investment Return
  $0.3 Million
- 0.4% Lions Programs
  $0.1 Million

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

$24.5 Million

- 70.2% Eye Bank Operations
  $17.2 Million
- 17.5% General Administration and Fundraising
  $4.3 Million
- 9.4% Global Programs
  $2.3 Million
- 2.9% Lions Programs
  $0.7 Million

*For full financial information, please see SightLife’s 2017 Form 990.
We Are
Grateful for Your
Tremendous Support

THE GORADIA FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of the Vijay and Marie Goradia Charitable Foundation, all philanthropic gifts made to support SightLife’s work in India will continue to be matched 1-to-1, up to $1 million in 2018. This means your impact will be doubled as we work together to raise the necessary funds to ensure that all corneal blind patients in India can see the world through new eyes. In total, the Goradia family has committed more than $6M to support the SightLife mission in India.
Vijay and Marie Goradia
Charitable Foundation

Northwest Lions Endowment

The Alcon Foundation
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Ashwini Bajaj
Atul Kapoor
Auburn Noon Lions Club
Bernardino and Pinar Iliakis
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Chewelah Valley Lions Club
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Edmonds Lions Club
Ephrata Lions Club
Eric Schoenecker and Katherine Gardner
Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Geuder AG
Grangeville Lions Club
Hazel Dell Lions Club
Jai Parekh
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Sandpoint Lions Club
The Seattle Foundation
Seattle Lake City Lions Club
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Solomon Eye Associates

Physicians & Surgeons
Spokane Central Lions Club
Spokane Manito Lions Club
Spokane Shadle Lions Club
Stanwood Lions Club
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Brian Washburn
Brian Wright
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Caroline Hoover
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Concrete Lions Club
The Davis Family
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Everson Lions Club
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Longview-Kelso Earlybird Lions Club
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Lyle Lions Club
Mark Swatzell
Mercer Island Lions Club
Napavine Newaukum Lions Club
North Clark Lions Club
Olympia Host Lions Club
Orcas Island Lions Club
Othello Lions Club
Port Orchard Lions Club
Post Falls Lions Club
Poulsbo Lions Club
Priest River Lioness Club
Pullman Lions Club
Quilcene Lions Club
Rainier Lions Club
Ritzville Lions Club
Roger and Rosemary Richert
Sandy Jeghers
Scott Davis
Seattle First Hill Lions Club
Sedro Woolley Lions Club
Shelton Lions Club
Sidney Lions Club
Spokane Hillyard Lions Club
Spokane Valley Lions Club
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Amarpreet Sethi
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Bellefonte Lions Club
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Brenda Wolsey
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