WE SERVE AS A GLOBAL LEADER AND PARTNER TO ELIMINATE CORNEAL BLINDNESS WORLDWIDE BY 2040
FROM SIGHTLIFE’S CEO

Imagine a world where no one suffered needlessly from corneal blindness – the world we are working toward. 2018 was a year of accomplishments and growth demonstrating that our mission of eliminating corneal blindness by 2040 is achievable with proper scaling. With a record 36,294 corneas provided for transplant by SightLife and our global partners in 2018, we are seeing incredible progress toward our goal.

As we move forward, our work will continue to focus on sustainability and capacity building to transform health systems. Moving the needle toward systems that are self-sufficient and able to meet the needs of their population requires a comprehensive approach. It means government policies and partnerships are in place so that the entire health system can thrive. Preventative treatments and awareness programs are integrated in our health and school systems. Specialized health care providers are available to treat patients who need transplant surgery. Eye banks are implementing best practices and functioning at high efficiency rates to provide tissue for transplantation. Together, with access to affordable and innovative solutions, these components are critical to building a sustainable future for eye health and we are making strides towards reaching this goal.
In 2018, SightLife expanded its impact across several program areas and regions. Introducing our Hospital Cornea Recovery Program (HCRP) in China along with new partnerships in Latin America have helped grow our number of transplants by 13%. Clinical Training programs have seen a 12% year-over-year growth in the number of corneal surgeons and ophthalmologists trained. Our prevention work also grew by 57% with 410 female community health workers in India and Nepal participating in volunteer training.

In the US, we continue to improve upon our best practices in eye banking. This year we launched the Medicolegal Death Investigation (MDI) Log system and a new partnership with LifeSource, an Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) in Minnesota, to increase the number of quality corneas available for transplant across the US, totaling 12,155 in 2018.
As we head into 2019, our focus will be on building internal infrastructure to help guide our path to 2040, exploring new innovations in our sector and further developing key partnerships, particularly in China and Latin America to continue to build capacity to eliminate preventable blindness in these regions.

With your support, we are confident we can continue to grow our programs to transform more lives around the world and reach our goal of eliminating corneal blindness by 2040.

Yours truly,

Claire Bonilla
Chief Executive Officer
Our Work

Worldwide there are currently **12.7 million** people suffering from corneal blindness. With **half** of the world’s population having no access to a corneal transplant, SightLife is dedicated to transforming lives by preventing blindness and restoring sight.

As a leader in global health, we see an opportunity to share our expertise around the world with the goal of eliminating corneal blindness by 2040. Having established a health systems approach, we’ve built partnerships to implement programs that focus on breaking down barriers to health care access, creating opportunities for communities around the world to thrive.

Building on our decades of eye banking leadership in the US, we are developing programs focused on sustainability through the transformation of health care systems to ensure that countries are self-sufficient and able to meet the needs of their populations. Through our programs and with our partners, we focus on these key areas in our approach: Advocacy and Policy, Prevention, Clinical Training and Eye Bank Development.
Our Impact

ADVOCACY & POLICY


• Advocacy efforts continued with policy proposals in key regions including, adoption of standards in Mexico, national standards adoption and distribution policies in China, and integration of primary eye care into primary health care in India.

CLINICAL TRAINING

• Since the program’s inception in 2013, there have been more than 1,100 surgeons trained from 15 countries.

• Clinical Training programs expanded in China and developed a new format—the symposium—helping SightLife provide training to more care providers.
EYE BANK DEVELOPMENT

- 12,155 corneas directly provided for transplant in the US.
- Launched new OPO partnership with LifeSource, ensuring more quality tissue is available for those who need it.
- Provided eye bank training to more than 20 partners across Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- 13 partners received SightLife Quality certification.

PREVENTION

- More than 5,000 patients screened, resulting in over 2,000 corneal abrasions treated.
Advocating to Improve Health Systems

SightLife advocates for the elevation of eye care on local government agendas to ensure that barriers to successful health systems are removed. By advocating to governments and working with them to create actionable policies that support sustainable systems, more communities can receive proper eye care. Influencing policy makers, key opinion leaders and other important stakeholders toward a system inclusive of corneal care is critical to ensuring successful treatment and prevention of corneal blindness.

In 2018, SightLife published its first Policy Guidebook, a framework for community leaders to advocate for adoption of policies supportive of eye bank development and growth. The guidebook provided a comprehensive overview of policies affecting eye banking, an outline of stakeholder analysis and steps for putting these elements together to form an advocacy campaign that will affect policy change. Already downloaded in 16 countries, the guidebook aims to accelerate policy change to ensure that the proper guidelines and partnerships are in place so that the entire health system can thrive.
Increasing Access to Care Through Clinical Training

Increasing the skills of our partners is critical to ensuring that enough care providers are available for communities that need it most. Working with the entire corneal care team, our approach focuses on achieving clinical excellence through training. By empowering our partners, care providers can implement better quality patient care standards, improve clinical efficiency and ultimately ensure better quality outcomes. In 2018, the clinical training team developed a new two-day training model that allowed a more flexible format to reach corneal care providers in underserved regions.

Following a successful launch of training programs in eye banking, tissue evaluation and clinical training, SightLife continued to expand its work in China to address the critical need for more trained corneal care providers. Programs conducted confirmed the need for continued investment in the region with three-times more attendees than expected. With more than 2 million people waiting for a corneal transplant and only an estimated 8,000 surgeries done per year, the need for intervention in China is clear.
Preventing Blindness through Empowerment

Early intervention ensures that eye trauma does not lead to blindness. By empowering people to access care locally, even in the most remote regions, and understand how to treat these traumas, we can prevent new corneal blindness cases from happening. In 2018, SightLife successfully scaled its prevention program - training more than 400 local female community health workers in Nepal and India who screened more than 3,700 patients and provided half of those seen with preventative eye care as treatment for corneal abrasions. 96% of cases were resolved after four days of antibiotic treatment.

Costing just $1 USD to treat a corneal abrasion by a trained community health worker, the prevention program is proving to be one of the most cost-effective health care interventions available. SightLife’s prevention work creates access to care in local communities and empowers women to serve as the primary care providers for eye injuries in their communities to prevent blindness.
Nepal Women Advocates Trip

Six women leaders in ophthalmology from the U.S. joined SightLife programs in Nepal to meet with health care workers, partner eye hospitals, corneal surgeons and recipients of corneal care and transplants. The first Women Advocates Trip focused on prevention and raising awareness and funds to expand prevention programs in Nepal and India.

Visiting Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, the Nepal Eye Bank, and Bharatpur Eye Hospital, the women leaders had the opportunity to witness prevention programs and participate in a refresher training for female community health workers. The Nepal Women Advocates Trip raised more than $66,000 in 2018 which went toward funding prevention work in Nepal and developing similar blindness prevention programs in other regions and countries, including India, China and Africa.

“Prevention programs are mission critical for the elimination of corneal blindness.”
Dr. Audrey Talley Rostov
Director of Cornea, Cataract, and Refractive Surgery, Northwest Eye Surgeons; Global Medical Director, SightLife
Partnering to Improve Eye Banking

Strengthening eye banking systems means ensuring they are operating at optimal capacity to provide high-quality corneal tissue for transplantation. Through partnerships, we offered leadership training, donor operations training, systems for quality assurance and operations management consulting. In 2018, 31 partners across Asia and Africa were supported through eye bank training, and partners provided 24,115 corneas for transplant.

SightLife shared its decades of experience with eye bank partners around the world by providing training to implement the hospital cornea recovery program (HCRP). The program focuses on working with hospital and mortuary partners to improve processes to ensure timely notification and recovery, ultimately increasing the number of quality corneas available for transplant. Following successful results in India and Nepal, training for HCRP was launched in China in 2018 with two partners: Wenzhou Eye Hospital and Xi’an Eye Bank. Adoption of the program in China has led to initial success with partners demonstrating more than 70% year-over-year growth of donations and transplants in 2018.
A Major Milestone
Toward 2040

In 2018, SightLife’s global partners reached 100,000 transplants since the inception of our global programs in 2009. By providing training in eye bank development focused on incorporating industry best practices and the implementation of proven systems, our partners have seen a dramatic increase in the number of quality corneal tissue available for transplant in their respective regions. With additional partnerships underway across China, India and the US, our goal is to continue to build the capacity of eye banks around the world to become self-sufficient and scale to meet the needs of their communities.

Corneal transplant recipient at R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS
New Dehli, India
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Leslie’s Legacy

An avid gardener, consummate chef and adventurous soul, Leslie Jensen passed away on November 2, 2018. When her partner Robert (Bob) Bodkin, was contacted by SightLife he said he didn’t immediately recognize who was calling and the nature of the call, but “once it was clear to me, I was delighted because that would be very much like Leslie to share. I was really excited to be able to have the opportunity to fulfill her wishes.”

Thanks to Leslie’s generous donation, two women in Syria were able to have their sight restored via a corneal transplant. Days after Leslie passed something amazing happened, “her Christmas Cactus, as well as a ton of other plants began to bloom!” described Bob. That’s when the idea of sharing their beauty with Leslie one last time came to him. Through SightLife, Bob was able to connect with two recipients who received Leslie’s cornea in Syria. Sharing photos of the cactus plants with the recipients, he was thrilled to know he could share their beauty with Leslie one last time. They had finally been seen in full bloom through her eyes.
Northwest Lions Foundation

Founded with a vision to address a local need, SightLife was originally founded as the Northwest Lions Eye Bank and eventually renamed to The Northwest Lions Foundation. SightLife continues to partner with the foundation through its “Restoring Sight, Hope and Hearing” program aimed at providing sight and hearing-related programs to low income residents in our regional communities.

In 2018, the Northwest Lions Foundation provided vision and hearing screenings for 25,000 children in the region, gave $150,000 in matching grants for hearing aids and supported sight-related treatments for low income patients through an additional $60,000 in matching grants.
Who We Are

Founded in 1969 and based in Seattle, Washington, SightLife is a nonprofit global health organization dedicated to eliminating corneal blindness worldwide by 2040. Preventing and treating corneal blindness through early intervention and corneal transplant has a profound impact on patients, their families and their communities – everyone should be able to experience the joy and possibilities that vision brings. With partners in more than 30 countries, SightLife is changing millions of lives around the globe by preventing blindness and restoring sight.

www.sightlife.org

Photos (Clockwise from Top Left): Corneal transplant recipient and nurse, Joyce, visits a patient © SightLife; Community Health Worker Training, Nepal © SightLife; Post-op patient at Dr. Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital © James Lehman, M.D.
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Financial Report

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

REVENUES, GAINS, & OTHER SUPPORT

$23.1 Million

- **88.8%** Eye Bank Operations
  - $20.5 Million
- **10.8%** Contributions and Other Revenue
  - $2.5 Million
- **-0.2%** Investment Return
  - $0.0 Million
- **0.6%** Lions Programs
  - $0.1 Million

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

$24.2 Million

- **69.4%** Eye Bank Operations
  - $16.8 Million
- **19.2%** General Administration and Fundraising
  - $4.6 Million
- **8.9%** Global Programs
  - $2.2 Million
- **2.5%** Lions Programs
  - $0.6 Million

*For full financial information, please see Form 990 for 2018.
*Includes non-cash depreciation expense.
Partners in Eliminating Corneal Blindness

THE ALCON FOUNDATION

At SightLife, the support of a generous global community—individual donors, charitable foundations and associations, and corporate partners—fuels every aspect of our mission. Our contributors are investors in this vital work, valued partners in all we do. One of these distinguished partners is the Alcon Foundation.

SightLife and the Alcon Foundation are aligned in their belief in creating sustainable, self-sufficient health systems to accelerate the elimination of corneal blindness. The generosity of the Foundation has powered SightLife’s programs across the globe—in India, Nepal, China, Africa and Latin America—and brought new hope to thousands affected by this disease.

In total, the Alcon Foundation has dedicated nearly $500,000 to SightLife’s mission. We are grateful for their vision and commitment and thank them for their partnership.

Melissa Thompson, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and President of the Alcon Foundation, visits the Sitapur Eye Hospital in Uttar Pradesh, India © SightLife
With gratitude to The Vijay and Marie Goradia Charitable Foundation, for their dedication to eliminating preventable blindness in India.

The Foundation’s leadership and generosity through their match challenge has resulted in $12 million in actionable funds since 2013 to support SightLife’s global mission.

$500,000+
Vijay and Marie Goradia
Charitable Foundation

$100,000 - $449,999
CorneaGen
The Alcon Foundation

$25,000 - $99,999
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Stephens Instruments
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The Estate of Margaret C. Bingham
The Mitro Family Charitable Fund at the American Endowment Foundation
$5,000-$9,999
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$2,500-$4,999
Aberdeen Lions Club

$1,000-$2,499
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Dr and Mrs Ukeme Umana
Dr. Cathleen McCabe
Dr. James Lehmann
Dr. John Merey
Dr. Michael Banitt
Dr. Patricia Sierra
Dr. Sally Kim-Miller
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Elizabeth De Juan
Enumclaw Lions Club
Ephrata Lions Club
Eric Schoenecker and Katherine Gardner
Eve and Ross Jaffe
Federal Way Lions Club
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Grangeville Lions Club  
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Marion Eye Center and Optical  
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Mike and Leslie Dunn  
Moscow Central Lions Club  
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Sedro Woolley Lions Club  
Snohomish Lions Club  
Spokane Central Lions Club  
Spokane Shadle North Lions Club  
Stanwood Lions Club  
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The Pratt Family Living Trust  
Vance and Jana Thompson  
Yakima West Valley Lions Club  

$500 - $999  
Abel Klein  
Allen and Sunny Hsieh  
Anne and Hugh Jenings  
Anonymous (3)  
Bellingham Harborview Lions Club  
Bill and Ann Burstiner  
Bonney Lake Lions Club  
Bremerton Central Lions Club  
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Clarkston Lions Club  
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Colella Family Charitable Fund  
Concrete Lions Club  
Curtis and Rebecca Schlosser  
Deanna Mitro  
Douglas and Leticia Holleman  
Dr. Daniel Durrie  
Edgar Hoover  
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Jacqui O’Neill  
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Lions Club of Naches  
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