



MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

A Mission for Vision

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation helps improve vision by providing operating funds for the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, by donating money to University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology priorities, and by funding other vision-related projects. Financial gifts support the sight-saving work of the Vision Foundation.

Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

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Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation supports:

- Lions Gift of Sight / Minnesota Lions Eye Bank
- Lions Eye Institute
- Lions Children's Eye Clinic
- Lions Macular Degeneration Center
- Lions Eye Surgery Center / Lions Eye Institute

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Mail donation to:

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation
1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 260
Saint Paul, MN 55114

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<https://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/donate/>

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Minnesota Lions Sight Program

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation supports vision-related endeavors, including the Lions Sight Program at the University of Minnesota. The Sight Program partnership began in 1960 when Minnesota Lions established the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. Work with the University's Department of Ophthalmology expanded over the years, and to-date the Lions have donated more than \$18 million to University vision programs.

The Lions Sight Program at the University of Minnesota includes:

Lions Gift of Sight, dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for use in sight-saving corneal transplants, vision-enhancing surgery, research, and education. The only full-service eye bank in Minnesota, the eye bank also serves western Wisconsin and North Dakota. For more information about the eye bank, visit LionsGiftofSight.umn.edu.

Lions Children's Eye Clinic, where more than 8,000 children are seen every year by ophthalmologists specializing in pediatrics. Established in 1969, the clinic is one of the largest and best-staffed pediatric ophthalmology clinic in the country and is dedicated to giving every child a lifetime of sight. To contact the clinic, call 612-365-8350.

Ophthalmology Research at the Lions Research Building. The University of Minnesota Lions Research Building, which opened its doors in 1993, includes state-of-the-art laboratories where investigators from the departments of ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and neurology collaborate with other University departments on research projects. The support of research is vital to the discovery of new treatments and cures for diseases like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.

Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC), established in 1998. The MAC brings together the expertise of physicians, the research of various departments around the University, and the knowledge of those in the medical technology industry. It is a powerful collaboration of resources dedicated to fighting macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center, established in 2015. University of Minnesota ophthalmologists are among the best in the world, treating the full spectrum of eye health issues, including surgical treatments for the most complicated and challenging cases of glaucoma, cataracts, conditions of the retina and cornea, and others. With the aging of our population, demand for the medical and surgical expertise of ophthalmologists will increase more than 33% in the next five years. Innovative new treatments now under development are also increasing the demand for specialized eye surgery. Having surgical suites specifically for eye surgery on the University of Minnesota campus is critical to getting patients the care they need.