

# 2018 Impact Report A world without blindness

You make vision a reality



## Dear friends,

#### No one should be denied the gift of sight.

You and so many others share this mission with us. Because of you, we have the privilege to transform the lives of people through corneal

transplantation and crucial eye and vision research. Every accomplishment motivates us to find new ways to expand our reach, connect more effectively with our communities and provide a life full of sight to anyone in need.

In 2018, our work provided sight-restoring cornea transplants to 8,033 people around the world, and 2,735 tissues were donated to advance promising eye and vision research. In addition, Eversight partnered with surgeons in 34 countries and supported five medical missions last year.

Additionally, our eye banking development project in Pakistan is nearing a historic milestone. Three eye banking facilities throughout the country, each with the capability to evaluate, prepare and distribute locally donated corneal tissue, are under construction following Eversight guidelines and protocols.

But our greatest impact comes from relationships with the people in the communities we servesurgeons, researchers, donor families, cornea recipients and charitable supporters. These connections are the framework of our impactful approach, and our mission to restore sight and prevent blindness is not possible without them.

Thank you for serving the people who look to Eversight for the gift of sight.

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**David Bosch President/CEO** 



## 8,033 people

received a gift of sight through a cornea transplant with the help of Eversight in 2018.

*Eversight relies on the generous support* of individuals and organizations to make our mission possible. Charitable gifts are tax-deductible, help fund eye and vision research and make it possible for us to provide thousands of sight-restoring cornea transplants every year.

Jereza Clark

**Teresa Clark** Vice President, Philanthropy



We restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.

Avery (pictured on the front) was born with a rare eye disorder and would have gone blind if not for a cornea transplant. Today, her mom says Avery's best experiences in life are because of her restored sight.

# A world without blindness



## Our work

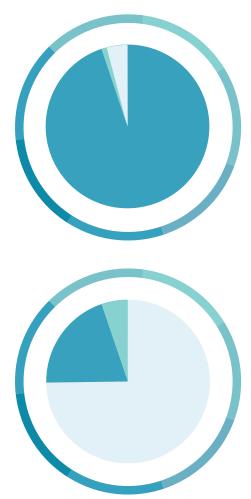
The Eversight mission began in 1947 with the establishment of one of the first nonprofit eye bank in the United States. Today, our services reach beyond traditional eye banking by recovering, evaluating and providing human eye tissue for transplantation; supporting research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions; promoting donation awareness through public and professional education; and providing humanitarian aid to people in the U.S. and around the world in need of sight-restoring therapies.



Eversight is also strengthening its impact around the world by developing partnerships with local governments, healthcare professionals and opinion leaders to bring clinical training and eye banking services to regions like the Middle East, East Asia and South Korea. We have positioned ourselves to directly help millions of people living with blindness and vision impairment.

Looking to the future, our vision is to expand our reach, connect more effectively with communities and provide a life full of sight to anyone in need.

## 2018 operating financials



Revenue	
<b>Contributed</b> \$905,961	4%
Program service fees \$21,371,739	95%
<b>Other income</b> \$319,637	1%
<b>Total</b> \$22,597,337	100%



\*Fundraising total includes a portion of related general operating expenses.

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Colton Cornea recipient

## Gift of Sight Fund

Many people are unable to afford the cost of a cornea transplant. Your support provides financial aid to ensure these patients return to active, productive lives with restored vision. Funding also helps with our humanitarian efforts working to prevent blindness around the world.

Colton Thompson was fishing with his sister and brothers when the unimaginable happened. A fishing lure accidentally hooked the 7-year-old's eye, ripping through the middle before embedding itself in his eyelid.

A significant scar formed across Colton's cornea, blocking his vision as the scar grew in density. Colton loves playing sports with his siblings, but decreasing vision in his left eye made it difficult. His physician decided the only way to save Colton's sight was a cornea transplant, using donor tissue provided by Eversight.

Today, Colton sees all the important things in life. He's enjoying school, sports and keeping up with his brothers and sister.

Thousands of people like Colton rely on Eversight to restore their sight. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of donors and their families and charitable support from people like you.

Visit eversightvision.org/give to make a gift today so others see a better tomorrow.

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James D. Reynolds, Ph.D.

## Gift of Hope Fund

Blinding eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and macular degeneration have no cure. Your donation supports groundbreaking research to develop new cures and treatments by connecting researchers with donor eye tissue and grant funding.

Globally, an estimated 1.3 billion people live with some form of vision impairment. While corneal transplantation gives sight to many, only 10% of blindness is caused by corneal diseases or injury. There are no cures or effective therapies for many conditions.

But the innovative Eversight Center for Eye and Vision Research is changing the future of sight restoration. Since 1980, Eversight has awarded more than \$4 million to support preliminary research investigating blinding eye diseases, as well as to further advances in corneal surgery and eye banking practices.

James D. Reynolds, Ph.D., was among five recipients who received grants from the Eversight Eye and Vision Grant Program in 2018. The Case Western Reserve University professor is pursuing a novel treatment that could improve the quality of tissue for transplantation and increase the number of corneas available for transplant.

Dr. Reynolds' grant is part of one of the only eye bank-led programs in the country providing scientists with the innovative resources they need to find new cures and treatments for blinding eye conditions.

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Gerry Bouey Cornea recipient

## Gift of Knowledge Fund

Transplantation is made possible by the generous gift of cornea donation. By supporting public and professional education through the Gift of Knowledge Fund, you help spread the inspiring message of donation while encouraging people to join the donor registry.

One day, Gerry Bouey walked into work and realized his vision, which had hovered around 20/200 for most of his life, was noticeably worse. He rushed to see his doctor and learned ulcers had damaged his corneas. What little vision Gerry had was fading, and it wasn't coming back.

But a cornea transplant saved Gerry's sight and changed his life. He abandoned his career ambitions and started serving others. Since his transplant more than 30 years ago, Gerry has advocated for eye donation and the importance of restored sight by supporting Eversight and volunteering as a member on its Board of Directors.

"I haven't wanted to squander my life," Gerry said. "I'd like to think that by working with Eversight to help others in need, I've honored my donor and the gift bestowed upon me."

To learn how you can get involved, contact Eversight at volunteering@eversightvision.org.