2018 Impact Report

A world without blindness

You make vision a reality
The Eversight mission began in 1947 with the establishment of one of the first nonprofit eye banks 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.

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 serve—surgeons, 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.

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.

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.

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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
Contributed $905,961
Program service fees $21,371,739
Other income $319,637
Total $22,597,337

Expenses
Program expenses $17,308,491
Management $4,722,106
Fundraising* $1,156,859
Total $23,187,456

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

2018 grants
Cleveland Eye Bank Foundation
DMC Foundation
Lions Clubs International Foundation
District 1-D Lions International
Marilyn and Marty Lindauer
Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
Fund for the New Jersey Blind, Inc.

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Eversight Advisory Board members are recognized leaders in their fields whose wide-ranging backgrounds and skills are helping the organization restore sight and prevent blindness.

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The Eversight Board of Directors form the foundation of our success by sharing its diverse knowledge, experience and passion for helping others.
Colton’s sight was a cornea transplant, using donor tissue provided by Eversight.

His physician decided the only way to save decreasing vision in his left eye made it difficult.

Colton loves playing sports with his siblings, but blocking his vision as the scar grew in density.

Today, Colton sees all the important things in life.

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 oversightvision.org/give to make a gift today so others see a better tomorrow.
Visit our website
eversightvision.org/join
to join the donor registry.

**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 research to develop new cures and treatments for blinding degeneration.

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Medical Advisory Committee

The Medical Advisory Committee is composed of physicians and researchers who share their experience and expertise on behalf of patients and families to ensure Eversight provides safe and reliable tissue for corneal transplantation.

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in a donor registry awareness event

Join us at a special event

PROVIDE OFFICE SUPPORT

TALK TO US!

about public speaking engagements

Email volunteering@eversightvision.org to get involved!

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.