Vision

2.2 billion people+ globally live with visual impairment

RESTORING THE GIFT OF SIGHT

As the only high-volume cataract treatment facility in British Columbia, Chilliwack General Hospital Eye Care Centre was performing 5,000 procedures+ every year. Despite the massive number of surgeries doctors were delivering, patients were often forced to wait more than a year for treatment, slow and outdated equipment impeding the ability to keep pace with demand.

Recognizing the need, Lions secured a US$100,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and raised money locally. The combined funds, used to purchase much needed surgical equipment, were augmented by thousands of volunteer hours from local Lions, who helped transform the centre into a state-of-the-art facility.

Today, medical professionals at the centre deliver enhanced treatment to more patients in a timelier manner, restoring the gift of good sight to British Columbia residents.

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“Think of the thousands of people who will come to the Eye Care Centre,” said the mayor of nearby Mount Cheam. “They wouldn’t have the vision they now enjoy without LCIF and Lions from our city and beyond. This is what goodness looks like.”
Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like this in Canada:

**Leading causes of blindness:**
- Cataract: 3,541,000
- Age-related macular degeneration: 1,574,000
- Diabetic retinopathy: 749,800
- Glaucoma: 294,600

**Vision challenges globally:**
- 1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected.
- US$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide.
- Estimated annual financial cost of blindness and partial sight: $15.8B
- ~1 in 10 people 65+ has a seeing disability.

**That's here.**

**More than US$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow.** We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

- 9.3 million cataract surgeries performed
- 2.3 million professional eye care and community health workers trained
- 493 million doses of medicine provided for trachoma, onchocerciasis

**Visit** [lcif.org/vision](http://lcif.org/vision) **to learn more and access information about LCIF’s SightFirst, Matching, and District and Club Community Impact grants.**


**LOIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world.** The vast majority of funding LOIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LOIF grants and programs.

Vision is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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