

Look at LCIF



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Did you Know.....we bring Sight to the World!

By the Numbers

6,000,000

The number of vision screenings and eye-health education programs for children throughout South Asia. Partnered with Johnson & Johnson Vision CareSight for Kids Program.

60,000

The number of people near Capetown, South Africa who receive food collected and distributed by local Lions. Lions provide food to more than 65 soup kitchens and nearly 400 community organizations 363 days a year

120

The number of villages in Mali that received access to clean water as a result of a joint project involving Lions in Mali and France, with help from LCIF.

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In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind". That challenge led Lions to achieve a number of early, and now historic, achievements in sight, such as:

- Creation of the white cane in the 1940's, now a universally recognized mobility tool for the visually impaired.
- Establishment of the world's first eye bank in the 1950's.
- Development of guide dog schools for the blind in the 1960's.



In the decades since, Lions have made great strides in the fight against preventable and reversible blindness, particularly through its **SightFirst** programs.

In 1990, Lions established **SightFirst**, the world's first humanitarian initiative to

combat blindness on a global scale. Since its inception, **SightFirst** has become one of the world's most effective and efficient public health initiatives, saving the sight of millions of people for an astonishing average of just US\$6 per person.

The **SightFirst** program tackles blindness on all levels by fighting common diseases, providing surgeries to reverse unnecessary blindness and supporting research initiatives to fight emerging threats to sight. In addition it provides assistive services to

those with low vision or untreatable blindness.

Through **SightFirst**, blindness has been prevented or vision restored to over 30 million people. Hundreds of millions have received improved eye-care services around the world.

LCIF Partnerships - SightFirst programs....

Lions-WHO Childhood Blindness Initiative –

In 2002, Lions and the World Health Organization partnered to address the problem of childhood blindness by establishing 30 need-based Lions eye care centers around the globe. These centers deliver preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative eye care services for 71 million children.

SightFirst China Action Project -

In 1997, LCIF partnered with the Chinese Ministry of Health and the China Disabled Persons' Federation to launch SightFirst China Action (SFCA). To date, SFCA has provided more than 4.5 million sight-saving surgeries, established 31 new training centers and trained nearly 56,000 eye care personnel.

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