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Dakota Lions Sight & Health

Eye and Tissue Donation

Marcy Dimond, CEBT, CTBS
Chief Executive Officer

Greetings.

As we look back on FY2026 at Dakota Lions Sight & Health, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the progress we've made together in fulfilling our Mission of **Helping to Enable the Restoration of the Gifts of Sight & Health**. This past year has been one of growth, connection and deepened community impact — achievements that would not have been possible without your continued partnership and support.

Our **Restoration of Sight & Health Scholarship Program** continues to grow, supporting students in South Dakota and North Dakota who are pursuing careers in a healthcare related field.

And one of our most significant areas of growth continues to be the **Birth Tissue Donation Program** — a pioneering effort that remains unique in our region. Since the program's inception, we are proud to have facilitated more than 7,000 transplants in our service area — a milestone that stands as a testament to the generosity of donors and the dedication of our team.

As we look ahead to 2027, our focus will be to continue strengthening our education and outreach efforts, to further refine our donation processes — becoming the standard of care across the region — and to bolster our support resources for our recipients and donor families.

None of this is possible without you — our supporters, partners and advocates. You help make our Mission a reality every day. I invite you to take pride in the lives you've helped transform through your involvement with Dakota Lions Sight & Health. Every contribution, every act of kindness, and every word of advocacy plays a vital role in restoring the gifts of sight and health for those who need them most.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our Mission and for helping us illuminate a brighter, healthier future for our communities.

Sincerely,

Marcy Dimond

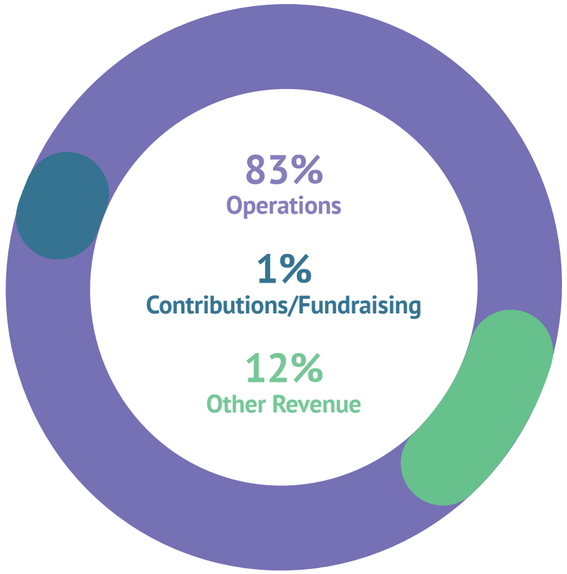
2026 by the Numbers

Financial Summary

Support and Revenue

Operations	$7,233,297
Contributions/Fundraising	$60,835
Other Revenue	$1,021,784

Total Support and Revenue: $8,315,916

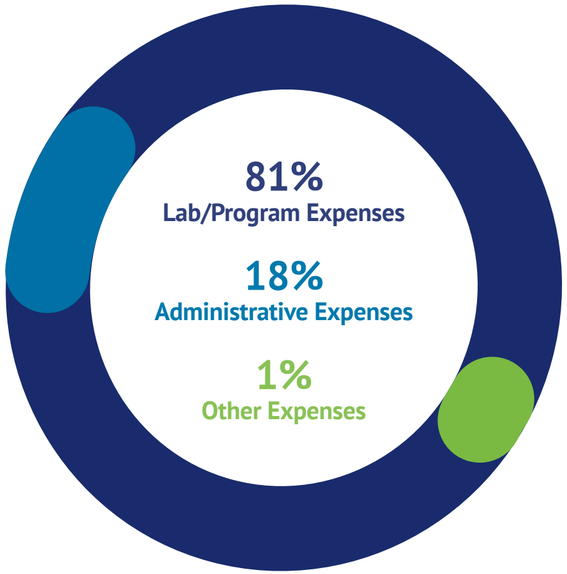


Expenses

Lab/Program Expenses	$5,613,395
Administrative Expenses	$1,276,067
Other Expenses	$37,290

Total Expenses: $6,926,752

Increase to Net Assets: $1,389,164



799+

EYE AND TISSUE DONORS

2,427+

BIRTH TISSUE DONORS

971+

SIGHT-RESTORING TRANSPLANTS

FOCUSED STORIES

Honoring the givers.
Celebrating new beginnings.

Dakota Lions Sight & Health has always worked closely with families, recipients and birth tissue donors. During that time, countless stories were shared but the ability to come together and connect was missing.

So in 2025, we launched the Focused Stories website to be that point of connection. A place where people could share their experiences, celebrate new leases on life and honor those who gave the gift of sight and health.

Here are just a handful of those heartfelt stories:

I am the recipient of two corneas from two cornea transplant surgeries. I am forever grateful to both organ donors for giving me the gift of SIGHT. Thank you so much. — Janise

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My late Husband is your donor. I am incredibly grateful that you reached out to me. Please know that your letter did bring me some peace. As a mother I cannot begin to imagine what it was like seeing your sweet precious baby clearly for the first time. I am so incredibly honored that my husband was able to give you such a tremendous gift.
— Anonymous

I am very thankful to Dakota Lions Sight and Health for the special care they took ensuring that my dear sweet Santa Baby's cornea tissue transplants went to two different individuals. Knowing that my dear husband, even though he is no longer with me, gave the unselfish gift of sight to two recipients, allowing you to see all the beauty of our world helps me face the day without him. — Darlene

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I am sorry for the loss of your precious family member. I thank you for trusting me with a living legacy from your loved one! The sight in my eye has become very clear and once again vibrant. Words truly cannot describe how grateful I am for this gift. I have been blessed.
— Anonymous

Read More Stories.

To read more stories from donors, recipients and loved ones of donors, **scan the QR code.**

10,000+
LIVES TOUCHED BY OTHER TRANSPLANTS.

Dear donor family member,
I have written this note many times in my head. I am so very grateful for the gift of sight from your loved one and I do understand your loss. We lost our son two years ago and he was a donor to over sixty people. Those gifts to others mean he lives on in them. That has helped us heal. Vision is so very important to me so I can continue to read, travel, and watch my grandchildren grow up. All because of your gift and generosity. There is so much beauty in this world that I can continue to enjoy because of your gift. Thank you!

Jean

Jean
Donor's Recipient

Dear donor's family
First of all, I wish to thank you for entrusting me with this living legacy from your loved one. I will treasure this gift forever. My cornea tissue transplant experience went so well, and I am so pleased with the results. I had the surgery on my right eye, and it is now my best eye. I thought my left eye was pretty good until I was able to see the difference in my right eye after surgery.

I would like to tell you a little bit about me so you will know more about the person who received this transplant. I am 80 years old and have been retired for about 18 years. I worked as a sales representative for most of my working years. This job required me to travel extensively. My wife died about 12 years ago, but we raised two children, one son and one daughter. Both of our children are married and doing quite well. I never remarried. I do live a few miles from my daughter and her husband and their daughter. My son and his wife and their daughter and son live about 250 miles from me. I love my families and my grandchildren very much and spend time with them when I can. I am a veteran, having served in the United States Air Force for 4 years back in the early 1960's.

Some of my hobbies are wood working, doing genealogy, having coffee with friends, and doing things for my friends.

Again, I am so grateful for this donation from your loved one and can't tell you what a difference this donation has made in my life. So, thank you so very much.

David

David
Donor's Recipient

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