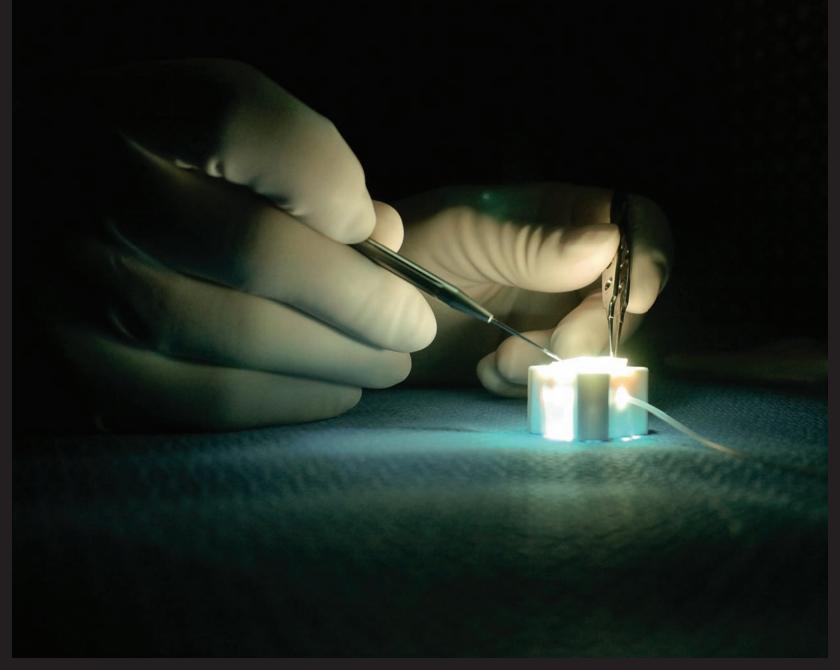


# ANNUAL REPORT FYE 2015



#### DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW LIONS.

For the past few years, you have given me the privilege to serve on the Board of Directors for the South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue bank, and this year it is my honor to serve as President. I am amazed as I learn more and more about what our organization does to help people receive the gifts of sight and health in South Dakota, our region, and even all over the world. The impact our organization has is so incredible.

I am delighted to share with you this annual report that highlights our sound financial condition and a few of our accomplishments of the past year.

I have watched our organization strengthen and grow, improve its financial security, develop long-term plans, and expand our partnerships throughout the region. None of these things could happen without the support of Lions, my fellow directors on the Board, and the incredible staff of SDLETB. I encourage each and every one of you to visit our facility, meet these amazing people, and learn more about the incredible service our organization provides.

The most important group to recognize is the donors and their families. The gifts they provide cannot be honored enough. These people have changed and saved the lives of so many individuals across our state, our region, and the world.

For the past several years, the Board has focused on building a lasting future and working with our partners to strengthen service throughout the region. We continue to build stronger relationships with regional hospitals and healthcare systems, non-ocular tissue processors, and other donation organizations. We continue provide the highest support for eye and tissue donors and their families. Our work is recognized nationally through our accreditations from the Eye Bank Association of America and the American Association of Tissue Banks. We continue to work with the Lions of North Dakota to ensure that eye donation in that region is maintained and we are working to forge a lasting partnership to ensure the common mission of "We Serve" continues. In all that we do, we strive to focus on our mission of helping to enable the restoration of the gifts of sight and health.

I am so lucky to serve as a Lion and to know and be able to support the wonderful staff of SDLETB. It is they who carry out our mission with tremendous care and diligence. Today, my hat is off to you, my fellow Lions, and the staff of SDLETB.





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### Message from the CFO

Looking back at FY2015, the true commitment of our staff, donor hospitals, transplant surgeons, and community partners that help to fulfill the mission of enabling the gifts of sight and health is apparent.

Each year hundreds of donors and their families say "yes" to eye and tissue donation - forever changing the lives of others. This annual report is dedicated to those 556 eye and tissue donors and their families who have given so much. It is truly a privilege to play a role in honoring their gift of donation.

This annual report will highlight some of the incredible individuals that helped to make donation possible. We remain forever grateful for our donors and their families and will strive in all ways to honor their gifts of sight and health.

> Marcy Dimond, CEBT, CTBS Chief Executive Officer

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**TOTAL DONORS** 

556 Eye/Cornea Donors 102 Tissue Donors 89 Research/EMS Donors

**CORNEAL TRANSPLANTS** 

299 SD/ND Transplants 366 National Transplants 307 International Transplants

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It's hard to believe that next year the South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank will celebrate 25 years in business. There have been many changes over the past few years that have challenged us, changed the program, and inspired growth. Today we feel like a brand new organization with a vision of the future that is even brighter than our founders had imagined. The organization has a solid foundation built on a commitment to our community, customer service, and compassion to those we serve. With the move to our current building in 2010, we expanded our capabilities and today we boast strong quality systems, in-house surgical recovery suites, and state-of-the-art ocular tissue graft processing. Our focus continues to be on our mission, helping to enable the restoration of the gifts of sight and health.

One of the most significant changes in 2015 was the partnership that was formed with the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota. As some of our partners may recall, this was discussed since early 2000 between the two organizations. In late 2013, we formed a strategic partnership with LEBND to allow for corneal donation and transplantation to continue in North Dakota. This partnership came at a perfect time for SDLETB as we were noticing increased need for corneas and the supply from ND would help meet that demand. Working together, across state borders, has allowed us to meet our mission through cornea donation and transplantation throughout the Dakota region. Our local needs are met and we have thoughtfully expanded our transplanting surgeon partnerships in North Dakota, Minnesota, throughout the United States, and internationally.

After working together for just over a year, the leadership of both organizations decided it was time to begin looking towards a long-term unified partnership. The Board of Directors from both organizations began discussions on how to construct a unified organization. This has not been an easy task and accolades from all who were involved are well-deserved. The overwhelming sentiment from both organizations has been achieving a goal of a single, unified region, sponsored by Lions, with the dedicated mission of helping to enable the restoration of the gifts of sight and health.

Over the past six months, with legal guidance from Lions Clubs International and our attorney, the two Boards have drafted appropriate changes to the organization's bylaws to allow for representation from both states on the Board of Directors. During this process, unified goals for the future were set by researching both organization's histories, reviewing the mission, vision, and values, and determining the focus for the new organization. We are committed to a strong future that will allow our mission to be met and our communities served.

In 2016, we will bring forth a solid organizational plan that includes the unified organization which will operate under the name "Dakota Lions Sight & Health." The new name encompasses a number of important points. Dakota – a commitment to the region we serve. Lions – honoring those who support our organization. Sight & Health – a commitment to our mission.

We are committed to serving our communities. We are devoted to honoring the donors and their families. We are dedicated to our mission. We are Dakota Lions Sight & Health.

# Donor **Story**

Peter was a strong, kind, 16 year old who was active in his church and an exceptional cross country athlete - by all accounts, Peter was simply a really great kid. Peter lived his life deliberately and purposefully and that was a permanent impression he left with everyone who knew him.

Not surprisingly, the day after Peter turned 16 he wanted to get his driver's license. Peter and his mother briefly discussed each question at the DMV and Mary recalled making sure he wanted to be a donor. The family had just gone through the process for Peter's dad to be approved as a living kidney donor. Peter not only strived to lead a fulfilling life for himself, but he wanted those around him to be happy and fulfilled. Of course he said 'yes' to donation.

On November 22nd, 2013 Peter was involved in a motor vehicle accident while on the way to meet his friends at church. Peter was struck by a vehicle trying to pass another car on the highway. He was just one mile from the church. The next day Peter's life ended and on November 23rd, Peter became a hero.

On what Peter's family and friends remember as the most tragic day, for Peter it was a new beginning. Peter's gift of donation has gone on the restore sight to two cornea recipients who now see the world in a very different light. His gift of tissue donation had gone on to help an additional 58 people. Quite possibly helping a runner like Peter, continue the race. All of this was possibly because Peter said 'yes'.







# Financial Highlights

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	6/30/2015	6/30/2014
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	354,019	315,605
Investments	49,792	48,154
Accounts receivable-operations	635,331	592,845
Capital Campaign Pledges (net)	500	300
Other receivables	82	37
Prepaid expenses	29,944	28,595
Total Current Assets	1,068,668	985,536
Fixed Assets (net)	3,530,398	3,512,263
Other Assets		
Endowment Investments	42,733	43,283
Total Assets	4,641,799	4,541,082
LIABILITIES  Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	65,262	48,968
Salaries and payroll tax payable	43,627	29,086
Other payables	12,570	13,397
Current portion of long-term liabilities	103,000	145,000
Total Current Liabilities	224,459	236,451
Long term liabilities	1,848,762	1,928,571
Total Liabilities	2,073,221	2,165,022
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted (Operating)	2,525,845	2,260,593
Temporarily restricted	-	72,184
Permanently Restricted	42,733	43,283
Total Net Assets	2,568,578	2,376,060
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	4,641,799	4,541,082
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#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	6/30/2015
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Capital Campaign	2,050
Contributions / Fundraising	185,616
In-Kind Donations	82,000
Operations	2,738,122
Other Revenue	207
Total Support and Revenue	3,007,995
EXPENSES	
Laboratory Program Expenses	2,352,245
Administrative Expenses	463,232
Total Expenses	2,815,477
Increase to Net Assets	192,518

#### FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \$30,000 set aside for major repairs (furnace, roof, etc)
- Paid off a long-term debt ahead of
- Great efforts continue to be made on keeping accounts receivable current the over 90 days past due is down to only 4% of total
- Capital Campaign pledges of \$1.1M have only \$1,000 remaining
- Accounts Payable has remained current all year
- Administration expenses continue to be at an excellent rate (16% of total expenses)
- We secured a lower interest rate for the building loan and continue to make excellent strides at getting it paid down

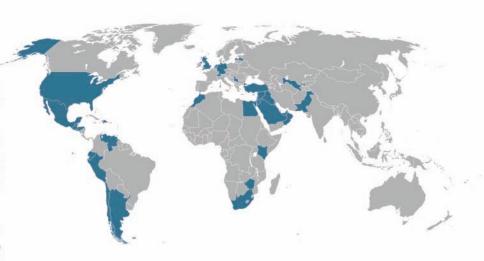
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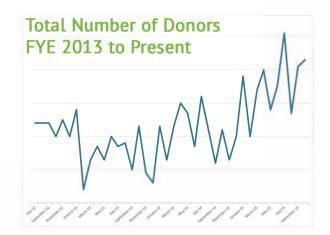
A VISUAL LOOK AT OUR GROWTH OVER THE PPAST FEW YEARS

# A Local Focus With A Global Impact

Corneas and Non-Ocular Tissues Recovered by SDLETB were Transplanted in over 30 Countries

> Nearly 50% of ocular tissue is transplanted locally

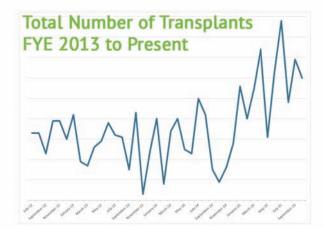


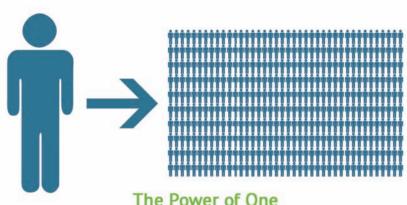


# Responsible Growth

Through education, outreach, and donor designation, the number of individuals choosing to donate has steadily risen

Transplant outcomes have risen as well due to advanced screening, testing, and staff training on the latest recovery techniques and ocular tissue processing





One eye and tisue donor has the potential to help over 400 people

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#### **OUR MISSION**

To Help Enable the Restoration of the Gifts of Sight and Health

#### **OUR VISION**

To be a recognized, trusted, and compassionate eve bank and tissue recovery organization in our region, ensuring sufficient, safe, and quality tissue products.

#### **OUR VALUES**

Commitment

Quality

Stewardship

Innovation

Communication

The South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank is a non-profit organization that is supported by the generous financial contributions of our community. If you would like to help us in our mission, please consider making a contribution or monthly pledge at our website:

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The image represents a step in DMEK processing where a graft of healthy cells are manually peeled from a donor cornea. This graft has a thickness of 10-20 microns (0.000787 inches).

SDLETB began preparing DMEK grafts in mid-2014.

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