

## 2019 Community Outreach

Every year Dakota Lions Sight & Health dedicates significant time and resources to a wide variety of community outreach efforts. These efforts help improve patient care, educate the public and raise awareness throughout our communities.

Much of our outreach efforts is focused on education for the medical community and the general public. By sharing information and providing insights about cornea transplantation and tissue donation, we help ensure support that allows us to fulfill our mission "To help enable the restoration of the gifts of sight and health."

In 2019 our educational outreach positively impacted thousands within our local communities. Our programs included:

- **Service Groups** – Our staff conducted informative presentations to over 50 organizations such as Lions Clubs International, Rotary Clubs and many others across South Dakota and North Dakota. These presentations build support for eye and tissue donations as well as encourage financial support that allows us to better serve our communities.
- **Driver Education Classes** – This year we met with over 2218 students in driver education classes. We take these opportunities to explain why eye and tissue donation is important and the positive impact that these donations have on so many lives. Our hope is that every newly licensed driver "checks the box" and helps ensure we always have enough donations to provide the gift of sight and health for everyone in need in our communities and beyond.
- **Public Schools** – It is never too early to learn about the importance of eye and tissue donation. This is why we take the time to speak to middle school and high school anatomy classes throughout our area. Often we bring appropriate samples and equipment to engage these students in learning more about what we do and the value of donation.
- **Physician Education** – It is vital for our organization to have close ties to our local medical community. One way we do this is by meeting with surgeons to share the latest medical advancements in transplant procedures. We also take these opportunities to gain insights on the needs and challenges that will allow the doctors to better perform their jobs.
- **Medical Students/Emergency Service Personnel** – Dakota Lions Sight & Health offers invaluable hands on experience for many in our local medical communities. Often our programs provide first responders and future physicians the best opportunities to practice the skills they'll need in the future in the most realistic way possible. This hands-on, focused outreach effort truly makes a significant difference in so many lives within our communities.



- **Hospital Staffs** – Nurses and hospital employees are truly on the frontline of patient care. We work closely with these dedicated professionals to ensure they completely understand the tissue donation process and how to help families through the difficult time of decision. We also educate them on the latest medical trends and technology as it relates to donation. Many of our classes allow attendees to qualify for Continuing Medical Education credits.

- **Funeral Directors** – Like us, Funeral Directors are committed to supporting the families they serve. Our educational efforts in this field are designed to help our organization and theirs work closely to ensure donor families' needs are always attended to throughout this difficult time.

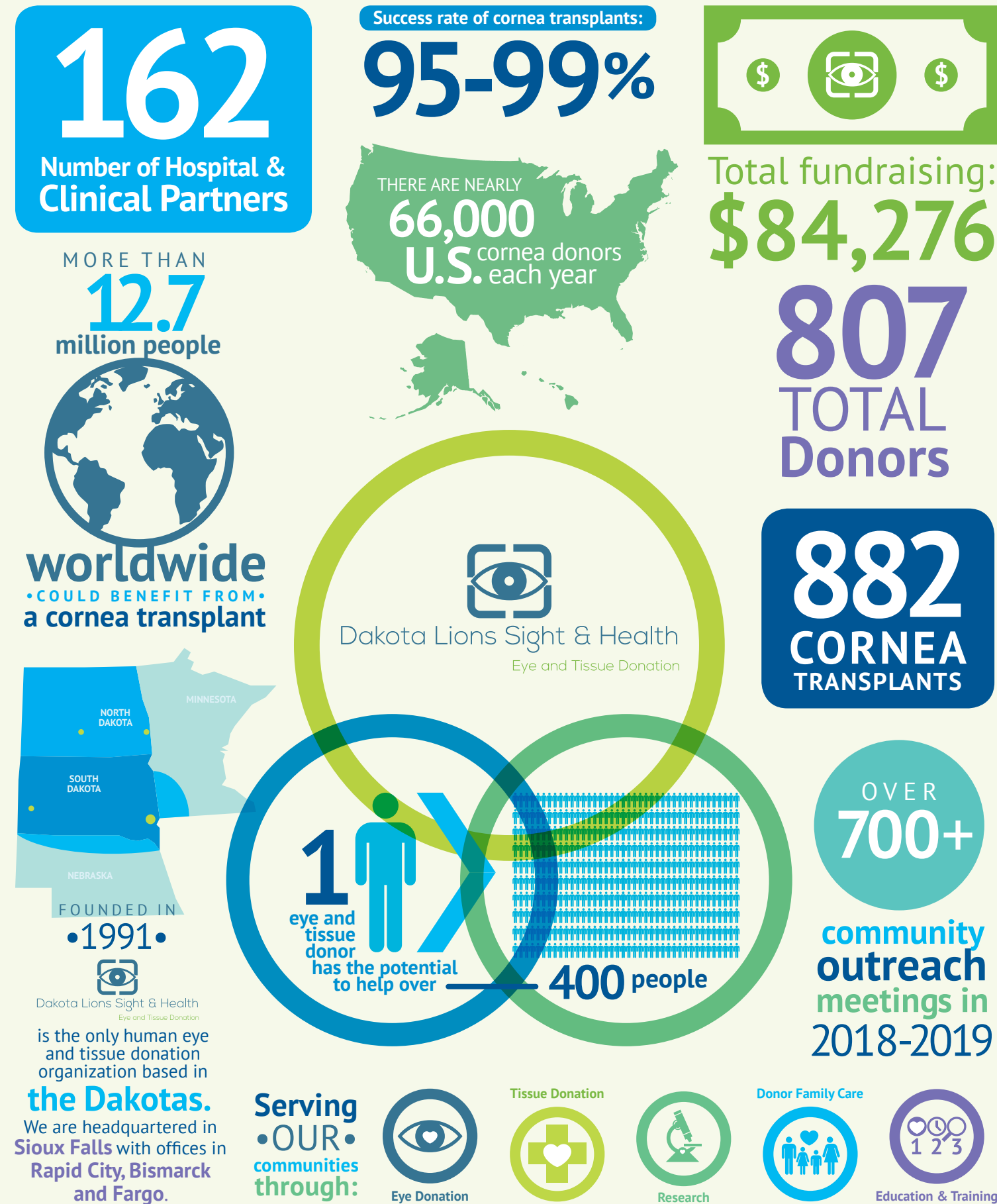
In addition to the many educational programs we support, Dakota Lions Sight & Health is also active in our outreach efforts in many other ways. A large part of our focus is on supporting donor families through bereavement support, providing information and hosting donor events.

In 2019 we hosted three Donor Tribute Events in Fargo, ND, Sioux Falls, SD, and Rapid City, SD. These heartfelt gatherings honor the selfless gifts of hundreds of donors and their families. These luncheons also provide the opportunity, if desired, for donor families and recipients to meet in person.

While much of our outreach efforts are focused in our local area, many of our staff members are also active at the national level through committee involvement and national conferences to ensure our industry remains progressive and best serves the needs of all involved.

None of these important functions could be possible without our dedicated staff, generous volunteers and the support of our local communities. It truly takes a community to make possible the restoration of sight and health.

**By the Numbers** | Thanks to the support of so many we were able to see the incredibly positive impact the gift of sight & health has throughout all our communities.



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Dakota Lions Sight & Health  
Eye and Tissue Donation



## Letter from the CEO

All journeys are defined by moments in time, milestones and challenges that make us who we are.

I could not be more pleased to share DLSH's journey and continued growth. This year we continued to build on our momentum, marked by an increased number of donors and transplants performed, as well as new recovery partnerships and increased community focus.

The future as we approach 2020 is brighter than ever. Our task is not always easy each day, as our dedicated staff members work diligently to improve quality, build relationships that support donation and in turn donor families, donors, recipients and our donation partners.

Together we are dedicated to fulfilling the mission of restoring sight and health to those in need to overcome cornea blindness and disabling injuries. DLSH is thankful for the continued support of our partners.

Thank you.

## Financial Summary



Dakota Lions Sight & Health  
Eye and Tissue Donation

Revenue		
Fundraising	\$84,276	2%
Eye Bank	\$1,954,602	53%
Tissue Bank	\$1,628,804	44%
Other income	\$40,867	1%
<b>Total Income: \$3,708,549</b>		
Expenses		
Program expenses	\$2,977,028	84%
Admin	\$546,981	16%
<b>Total Expenses: \$3,524,009</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$184,540</b>	

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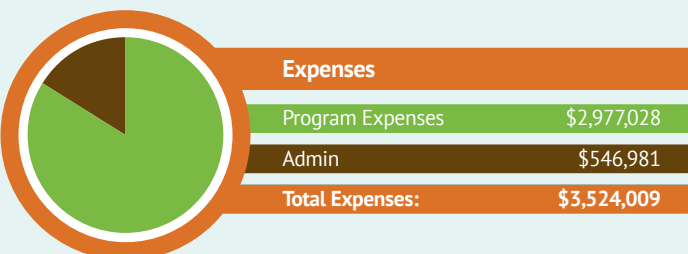
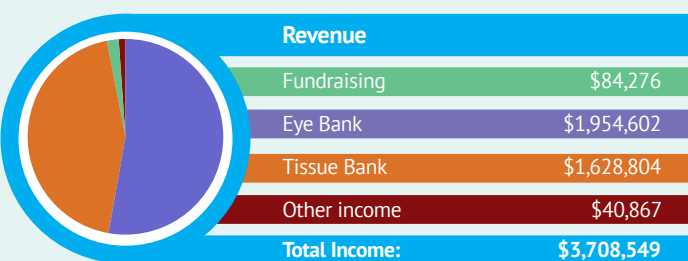
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