

2023



Dakota Lions Sight & Health
Eye and Tissue Donation

ANNUAL REPORT





Greetings,

As we bring the year to a close, I am honored to present the Dakota Lions Sight & Health **FYE2023** Annual Report. This year has been a testament to our commitment to our Mission of “Helping to Enable the Restoration of the Gifts of Sight & Health” throughout our community.

In 2023 we were able to help restore sight to **nearly 1,000** individuals through cornea donation and we helped to restore health to countless others through tissue donation. These incredible transplants could not have been possible were it not for the selfless gifts from over **800** eye and tissue donors.

This year also brought tremendous expansion of our living donor birth tissue donation program. This first-of-its-kind program in our region provides opportunities to mothers who are having a scheduled caesarian section delivery to donate the amnion and umbilical cord. These tissues are typically discarded after delivery yet upon donation, can help others heal from severe burns, diabetic wounds, and corneal injuries, just to name a few. In 2023, over **500** mothers made the noble decision to donate – just **one** donor can help up to **75** people! What a better way to bring new life into the world by being born a hero to someone in need.

We also started two initiatives to invest back into the community we serve. First, our expanded vision program works with other local nonprofits to assist individuals in costs associated with vision-restoring surgeries. Second, we launched The Restoration of Sight & Health Scholarship to award four scholarships to students in South Dakota and North Dakota. In the first year of the Scholarship, we had nearly **75** applications and awarded **four \$1,000** scholarships to students pursuing education in a field related to our Mission.

Last, but certainly not least, we completed the physical expansion of our Eye Laboratory. By converting underutilized storage space, we expanded the space by **70%** which allowed us to add another processing cleanroom. This doubles our ocular processing capacity and has allowed us to establish better workflows and increase productivity.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, healthcare partners, Board of Directors, lions club members, sponsors, and most importantly our donors and their families for their trust and support. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Sincerely,

Marcy Dimond, CEPT, CTBS
Chief Executive Officer

Financial Summary

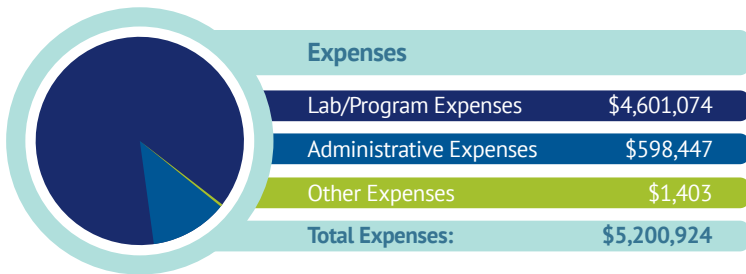
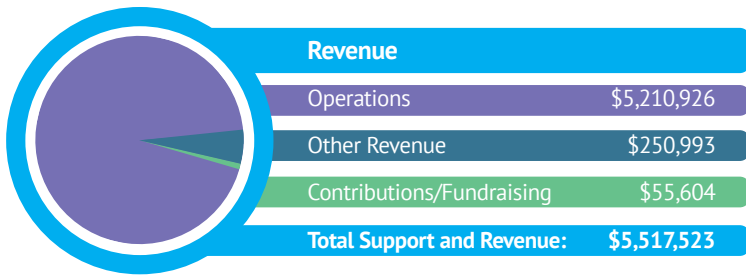
Support and revenue

Operations	\$5,210,926	94%
Other Revenue	\$250,993	5%
Contributions/Fundraising	\$55,604	1%
Total Support and Revenue:	\$5,517,523	

Expenses

Lab/Program Expenses	\$4,601,074	88%
Administrative Expenses	\$598,447	12%
Other Expenses	\$1,403	<1%
Total Expenses:	\$5,200,924	

Increase to Net Assets **\$316,599**



2023

ANNUAL REPORT NUMBERS

8000

+ EYE AND TISSUE DONORS

5000

+ MOTHERS DONATED BIRTH TISSUE

x2

OCULAR PROCESSING CAPACITY



1422
TOTAL
DONORS

733
EYE
DONORS

961
SIGHT-RESTORING
TRANSPLANTS

BIRTH **540** TISSUE
DONORS

UP TO **75** PEOPLE
ARE HELPED WITH EACH
BIRTH TISSUE DONATION

+10,000
LIVES TOUCHED
BY OTHER
TRANSPLANTS

General Contributions

Linda Anderson
Bob Audette
Automatic Building Controls
Virginia Blom
Robert Borgmann
Don Bradley
Gary Brendtro
Randy Briggs
Allen and Gloria Brown
Mark Buehner
Rhonda Caton
Carol Chapman
Deloris Christy
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Sharon Kirmis
Corrine Klabunde
Monte and Delorus Krizan
Dave and Mavis Kruger
Donna Kusinerek
Fay Loftesness
DiAnn Loll
Robert Madsen
Ron and Sandy Mannz
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Sari Merriman
Alayne Meyer
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Steven Mohwinkel
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Robert Petersen
Magdalene Peterson
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Gerald and Deborah Raabe
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Patirica Roti
Scheels

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Parade of Green Contributions

Bismarck Capital City Lions Club
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Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club
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Hazen Lions Club
Jamestown Lions Club
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Scranton Lions Club
South Heart Lions Club
Valley City Lions Club
Williston Korner Lions Club
Williston Lions Club

Lions Club Contributions

Alexander Lions Club
Beresford Lions Club
Chaffee Lions Club

Our Mission

To help enable the restoration of the
gifts of sight and health.



Dakota Lions Sight & Health
Eye and Tissue Donation

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 Washburn Lions Club
 White River Lions Club
 Wishek Lions Club
 Yankton Lions Club

In Honor Contributions

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 Dr. Paul Wright by Nancy Rausch Walz

In Memory Contributions

John L. Bergeron by Alan and Elizabeth Bergeron
 Daniel Besonen by Ethel Besonen
 Joanne Bieber by Vance and Shirley Masteller
 Don and Irene Birnie – Barbara, Maureen, Diane by Jerilyn Birnie
 Matt and Gretchen Bisson (son Liam) by Nordstorm's Automatic, Inc.
 Lonny Boese by Todd and Renee Augustad
 Rod Bowar by Presho Medicine Creek Lions Club
 Kenneth Carlsen by Jeanne Nelson

Henry Carlson by Roger Braaten; Kim Fox; Trish Nelson; Mary Potter; Kyle Scholten
 Ronald Dunkelberger by Elaine Dunkelberger
 Delmar Fawcett by Miller Lions Club
 David Gibson by Joyce Gibson
 Marvin Gustafson by Colton Lions Club; John Gustafson
 Lloyd Hansen by Roberta Hansen
 Janice Hume by Constance Allram; Randy Hume; Bruce Lee; Sonja Lindsay; Luella Narum; Luann Olson; Leola Peshaw; Donna Skalland; Myra Wold
 Norman Iverson by Bill Iverson
 Josephine Kolecka by Monica Waldner
 Jean L. Koopman by Jean M. Koopman
 John B. Larson by Cathryn Larson
 Gregory Oeder by Kyle Krein; Leo Locker; Kris McLean; Doris Oeder; Iris Oeder; Joe and Linda Wallevand; Linda Young
 James E. and Annamelia L. Oglesby by Michael Ogelsby
 Agnes Pape by Barbara Husk
 Diane Price by David Price
 Harry Settles by Ann Settles
 Lawrence Small by Mary Ingram
 Eunice Sprung by Jne VanAsch
 Paul Stach by Shirley Stach
 Donald Turgeon by Kent and Carolyn Cutler; Kareen Dougherty; Rick Entwistel; John and Molly Heister; Tearle and Dot List; Steven and Nancy Mclaughlin; The Phalen Family; Paule and Jane Phalen; Shelly Sweer; Danie and Sandra Turgeon; Kristen and Joe Zueger
 Unnamed Memorial by Jennifer Kessner

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 through:



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Eye Donation



Tissue Donation



Research



“Dan was a fabulous man. He was a Vietnam vet.”

Ann Larson’s husband, Daniel Larson, was a cornea donor who died in June 2022 from complications after a car accident.

She explained that Dan suffered from multiple health conditions as a result of his military service. “He had a heart condition and diabetes. And one day his kidneys shut down, so he was on dialysis for about 18 months before he died.” She said that blood thinners contributed to his heart attack following the car accident at the age of 72.

Despite being retired and on full disability, Dan Larson helped others through his work with Job Service and Veteran’s Programs. Ann and Dan, married for 26 years, brought three children to their marriage and now have three grandchildren.

“Dan loved to work with wood and he was a collector, especially anything car-related.” Ann said his garage was his pride and joy, filled with old license plates, gas cans, posters and more. She still has his favorite red truck, but she gave Dan’s son and daughter his two vintage cars.

Ann said that because of Dan’s health conditions, he didn’t think he could be a donor. “We talked about donation at one point. He said that his body was such a wreck that there wouldn’t be anything to donate. But then Dakota Lions Sight and Health contacted me and explained that, yes, his corneas could be donated.”

“He would have been thrilled to know that he was able to donate.”

Ann praised Dakota Lions’ bereavement support services. “Dakota Lions’ grief support services helped me. They were always there to talk. I encourage family members to consider donation. It seems like a small gesture, but it’s so big in the way that it impacts another person’s life.


Ann Larson, Donor Family Member



CLEAN ROOM EXPANSION

Clean Room Expansion

The addition of a second processing suite was completed in 2023. These modular processing suites allow our team to process corneal tissue in the safest environment possible. By expanding the lab, our team can now process corneal tissue for transplant in a more efficient manner. DLSH prides itself on offering physicians multiple processing options that decrease surgical time for patients, but also improve visual acuity and increased safety.



FUTURE FOCUSED

Looking Forward

As we look toward our future, DLSH is focused on continued growth and process improvement. Over the next several months the DLSH Board of Directors and DLSH Leadership will work together to craft a strategic plan that will lead the organization for the next three to five years. We are excited to build on our past experiences and have begun to focus on the continued expansion of our birth tissue donation program. Together with your continued support, we are excited to find new ways to support and enhance the lives of those we serve.

