



Quarter 2 Newsletter

March - June 2023



Upcoming events:

Oct. 28th - WVU Wet Lab

Nov. 5th - Hero Hustle 5k

**Sept. 21st-23rd - USA Canada Lions
Leadership Forum**

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Thoughts from the executive director

Shannon Schweitzer on Q2 2023



Ah...the Dog Days of summer. Typically, the hot and sultry days between July and August when the weather is so stifling that it is often thought of as a period of inactivity or stagnation. This has been the opposite of the case with all of us at the eye bank. Everyone has been diligently working toward audits, inspections, and in the development of new facilities, technology, and processes that will facilitate future growth for the organization. If there is one thing I know about my team, we are driven by the desire to succeed in helping others, but also in the concept of continuously improving. This continuous improvement concept is synonymous across the organization with emphasis focusing on quality, patient outcomes, process efficiency, innovative developments, and organizational awareness both within our community and in the eye banking profession. As the eye banking continues to evolve, it becomes imperative for organizations like ours to stop and evaluate “the way we have always done it”

It brings to mind that old Henry Ford quote: “If you always do what you have always done, then you will always get what you have always got.” While change is always inevitable and will forever be the constant; relevance, becomes the determining factor of success. To stay relevant, we must continuously improve. Furthermore, I have no doubt that our team will succeed in staying relevant. As Aristotle says: “Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution.” This team exemplifies that quote.

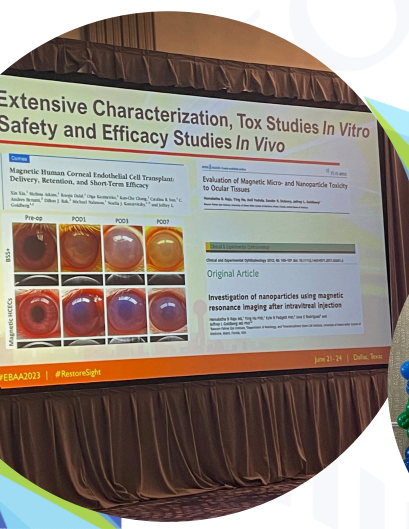


Donor Memorial Wall



In June, a new donor memorial wall was created in the entryway of our building. This graphic represents the ability for the gift of sight unselfishly gifted from our donors to transform the lives of others. The butterflies on the wall help show the ability for the gift of sight to transform recipients into beautiful butterflies, able to now spread their wings. The wall serves as a reminder to us all of how important the work we do in changing the lives of our recipients alongside honoring the legacy of our donors.

EBAA Annual Meeting Dallas 2023



The annual Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) meeting was held at the end of June. The event this year took us to Dallas for the four day conference. The annual meeting featured dynamic workshops, concurrent sessions, and opportunities to network with other donation and transplantation professionals from around the world.



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Our Impact

The road so far... for 2023

With the halfway mark of 2023 already behind us, we've been able to make a strong impact in our community, nationally, and worldwide.

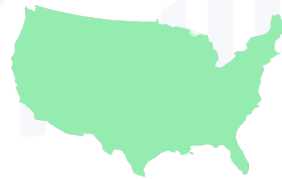


299

Corneas transplanted in the state of Ohio

355

Total corneas transplanted in the US



291

Total corneas transplanted internationally



Recipients Corner

Dear donor family,

It is with tremendous gratitude that I write this letter to you. First of all please receive my deepest sympathies for your great personal loss. Your loved one's loss has provided me with better vision that I've had in years.

I am a Vietnam veteran having served in Vietnam in 1967-1968. Though I've always considered myself a healthy individual, age is catching up with me. I now suffer from macular degeneration in both eyes. My left eye was in need of a corneal transplant. My wife and I enjoy the hobby of birdwatching. We've traveled across the USA and beyond in search of some cool birds. In the past seven years it was becoming increasingly frustrating and difficult to see birds in flight and not as clearly as before. My ophthalmologist recommended a corneal transplant in my left eye. Thus, in August, my doctor performed the corneal transplant. Following the surgery, I can see better than I have in years. Bird watching has become enjoyable once again. I can never thank your loved one enough for restoring my vision and restoring my joy in observing nature – birds, butterflies, dragonflies, flowers, etc. May my story bring you some degree of comfort in knowing that I am seeing better because of your loved one's selfless gift. Your loved one lives on in others like me.

Thank you so much for your loved one's donation.

Bob



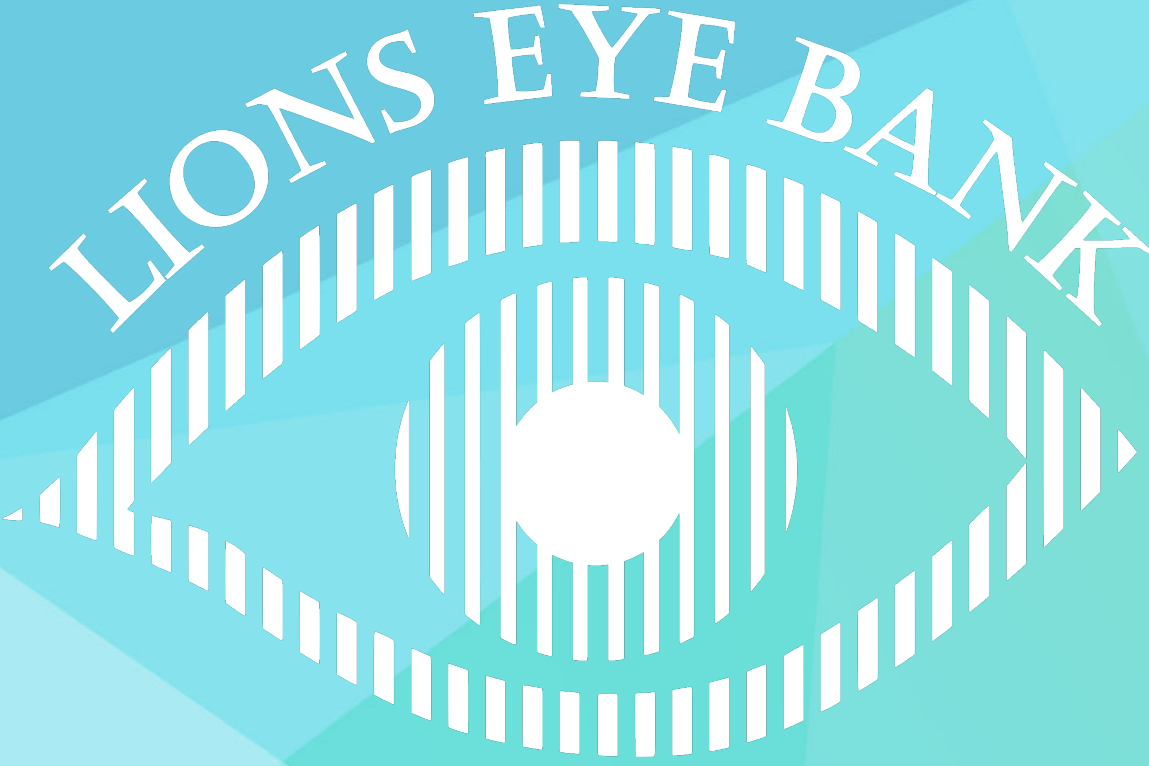
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Employee Shoutouts

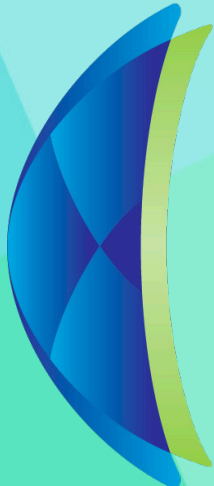
This quarter highlight Kathryn Babal. Kathryn or Katie is a current UD student who started with the eye bank as a high school intern through Kettering Fairmont High School. Katie has shown dedication to helping others through the gift of sight through her hard work and willingness to come in and go above and beyond her requirements. Katie volunteered to work on multiple holidays this year, helping keep operations running smooth and continuing LEBWCO's ability to enhance the lives of recipients through the gift of sight. Thanks for everything you do Katie!



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