

Northwest Lions Foundation



Restoring Sight, Hope, & Hearing

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We have good news!

Lions Eye Institute Acquires SightLife, Expanding Mission of Saving Eyesight Around the World

Tampa, Florida (August 10, 2022) – One of the nation’s leading nonprofits dedicated to saving eyesight through tissue donation and transplantation is expanding its reach to help bring the “Gift of Sight” to more than 12,000 additional men, women, and children, and improve eye healthcare for thousands around the world. Lions Eye Institute for Transplant and Research has forged an agreement to acquire SightLife of Seattle, Washington, one of the top eye banks in the nation. Combined, the non-profit will be the largest eye bank, tissue recovery and ocular research center in the world with nearly 300 employees.

“At Lions Eye Institute, our vision is simple: to help others see,” said Jason Woody, President and CEO of Lions Eye Institute. “We are driven to improve visual outcomes and quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired, and we make that happen by creating innovations—new technology, new procedures, and new ways to collect and transplant tissue from compassionate donors. This partnership with SightLife takes our ability to accomplish that mission to the next level.”

Respectively submitted,

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