



CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Foundation President's Message

The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation continues to foster its historical relationships with both the Yale Eye Center and the UCONN Health Center. Dr. Adelman from Yale and Dr. Safarazi from UCONN have both recently visited the Foundation's Board of Directors, updating us on the incredible advancements they have made with the support of the Connecticut Lions. Both Yale and UCONN are very appreciative of the funds they have received over the past 60 years from the Lions of Connecticut. It is critical that we continue to support our Foundation in order to provide future grants not only to Yale and to UCONN but also to various other institutions and organizations that depend on our support.

Excitement is building as the Foundation awaits the consideration of the Lions Club International Foundation grants committee. The historical grant request of \$100,000 along with the collective efforts of the Foundation and the Lions of Connecticut promises to bring our already incredibly successful Kidsight program into the forefront of pediatric vision screening programs here in Connecticut and nationwide.

I hope to see you all at this year's Midwinter Conference. Please stop by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation's display table to learn more about your Foundation, the Kidsight program, Opening Eyes and Sight Saver Day. The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation continues to serve those in need here in Connecticut, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Lionism,

President Lion Keith Lemire, PDG

Foundation's Purpose

To foster and encourage the citizens of Connecticut a lively interest in the conservation of sight and in the prevention and treatment of blindness.

Meeting Dates

Board of Directors

- February 15, 2016
Manor Inn, Southington
Special Guest
Connecticut Eye
Donor Registry

- April 11, 2016

- June 6, 2016
Annual Meeting

Special Event

Opening Eyes
Special Olympics
June 2016

SAVE THE DATE

The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation will be celebrating 60 years of supporting eye research and the conservation of sight on **Saturday, May 21, 2016**. More information to come regarding the 60th Anniversary Gala event.



Support the Connecticut Lions Kidsight Screening Program. Please contact your district CLERF or LEHP Chairperson for more information.



History in the making.....

A historical \$100,000 Lions Club International Foundation matching grant request was signed by Council Chairperson Lion Nanette Burdick on December 14, 2105. With the grant and collective efforts of the Foundation and the Lions of Connecticut, the \$200,000 will afford us the opportunity to purchase an additional 26 SPOT vision screeners. Over 40,000 preschool children have been screened since the Kidsight vision screening program was started in 2009. The Connecticut Lions Kidsight program has been recognized as one of the 10 model programs across the country by Lions Club International. The goal of the Foundation is to screen all of the 260,000 preschool children in Connecticut.

For more information about the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation be sure to visit the newly updated website at [www. CLERF.org](http://www.CLERF.org)

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