

2.2 billion people+
globally live with
visual impairment¹

RESTORING THE GIFT OF SIGHT



As the only high-volume cataract treatment facility in British Columbia, Chilliwack General Hospital Eye Care Centre was performing 5,000 procedures+ every year. Despite the massive number of surgeries doctors were delivering, patients

were often forced to wait more than a year for treatment, slow and outdated equipment impeding the ability to keep pace with demand.

Recognizing the need, Lions secured a US\$100,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and raised money locally. The combined funds, used to purchase much needed surgical equipment, were augmented by

thousands of volunteer hours from local Lions, who helped transform the centre into a state-of-the-art facility.

Today, medical professionals at the centre deliver enhanced treatment to more patients in a timelier manner, restoring the gift of good sight to British Columbia residents.

"Think of the thousands of people who will come to the Eye Care Centre," said the mayor of nearby Mount Cheam. "They wouldn't have the vision they now enjoy without LCIF and Lions from our city and beyond. This is what goodness looks like."

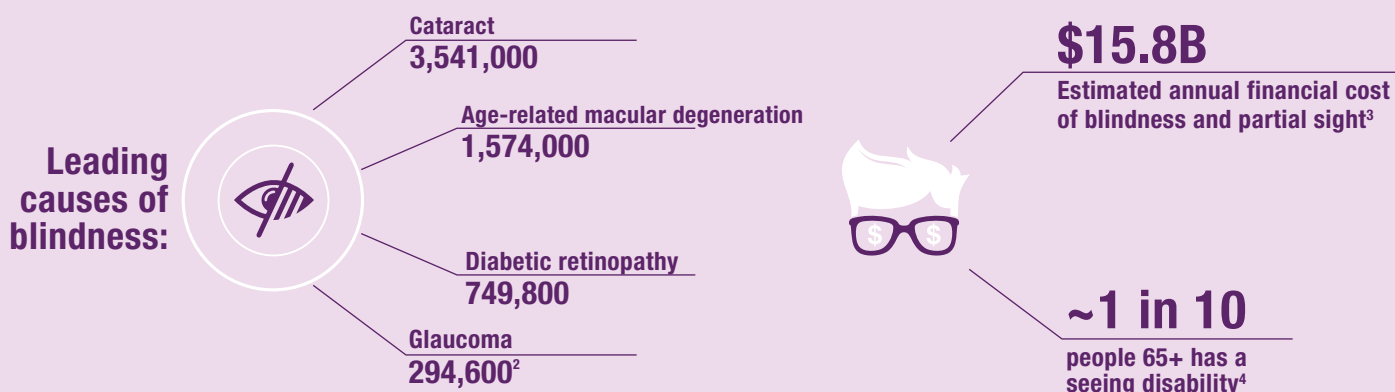
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Vision



Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like this in Canada:



THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, VISION CHALLENGES LOOK LIKE THIS:

1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected⁵

US\$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide⁶

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions⁷

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

More than US\$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow. We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

Visit lcf.org/vision to learn more and access information about LCIF's **SightFirst**, **Matching**, and **District and Club Community Impact grants**.

**9.3 MILLION
CATARACT SURGERIES
PERFORMED**

**2.3 MILLION
PROFESSIONAL EYE
CARE AND COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKERS
TRAINED**

**493 MILLION
DOSES OF MEDICINE
PROVIDED FOR
TRACHOMA,
ONCHOCERCIASIS**

SOURCES: ^{1,5,6,7}World Health Organization; ²Canadian National Institute for the Blind; ³Vision 2020 Canada; ⁴Statistics Canada



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Vision is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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