Annual Report 2013

THE WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES

Cornea recipient Srivalli, age 2, India
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What we realized in 2013 is that we weren’t eliminating corneal blindness fast enough. At the rate we were going, it was going to take us 250 years to accomplish our mission. We simply can’t wait that long.

Excerpt from SightLife President & CEO Monty Montoya’s 2013 report.

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SightLife was originally founded in 1969 by the Lions of the Pacific Northwest. Year after year, some of our most valued partners are the Lions Clubs in Washington and Northern Idaho. SightLife and its Northwest Lions Foundation coordinate with 250 Lions Clubs in our region to provide health screening and healthcare grants to more than 30,000 low-income children and adults. In 2013, SightLife gave back over $250,000 to our local communities through the Foundation, providing free medical care to 321 indigent residents. Read more at sightlife.org/annualreport.
Our revenues have grown more than 17% over 2012. Only 13% of SightLife’s spending goes to administration and fundraising. The rest is directly invested in our nonprofit programs, with more than $1.7 million in partner eye banks. Read more at sightlife.org/annualreport.
When 21-year-old Emelia Mijangos learned that her cornea donor was a 6-year-old boy, she lit a candle in his memory at her church and prayed for him and his family. “He was just a child,” she said tearfully. Yet that child, Bryce Autry from Bozeman, MT, had become her hero. Emelia, second from the right, is pictured here with the Autry family and a floragraph of Bryce that adorned the 2014 Donate Life Rose Parade Float. Read more at sightlife.org/annualreport.
We are restoring sight to people all over the globe, but millions more are waiting.