

LIONS EYE BANK OF NEW JERSEY

A SUBSIDIARY OF MIDWEST EYE-BANKS

REPORT *to the* COMMUNITY



A Report from the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey

A State Project of New Jersey Lions

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Lions Community Partners,



Margaret Chaplin, Executive Director

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey is on the move! We're stepping up our level of commitment to our community, increasing our capabilities and relocating the Eye Bank to a larger space with a state-of-the-art laboratory.

In the past year, we have worked hard to reach as many Lions Clubs as possible with our **I Joined!** campaign, designed to increase participation in the Donate Life New Jersey Registry. Many of you have invited us to participate in local health fairs and other events to further promote the Registry. And we continue to partner with you to meet the needs of people in your communities when they contact us for help with eyeglasses and examinations. We value your continued partnership, and look forward to a bright future together.

In 2009, we added two more professionals to the Eye Bank team. Our Community Coordinator, and a third Eye Bank technician, have helped us become better positioned

to fulfill all aspects of our mission – the restoration of sight – which is accomplished through clinical excellence, public and professional education, and our support of research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions.

This promises to be a significant year for the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are moving to our new facility at 77 Brant Avenue in Clark, NJ, and marking the occasion with an Open House on March 18th.

Our annual Visionary of the Year event will be held on **Wednesday, October 13th** at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us as we celebrate your State Project – the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey!

Sincerely,

Margaret G. Chaplin

A Special Message from Lion Richard Chittum, Board Chairman



Lion Richard Chittum

Dear fellow Lions,

I would like to extend an invitation to every Lion in the state.

My invitation is not simply to visit the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey, although every Lion and every Club is more than welcome to do so – especially now that we're moving into a new facility that is better equipped to conduct business. And I'm not just inviting you to

support the Eye Bank with charitable contributions, as some of you already do, faithfully, every year.

I am inviting you into your own community.

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey is more than a state project. It is a *statewide* project, meaning it touches the lives of people in every community. Each of us should consider ourselves liaisons between the Eye Bank and our hometowns, our places of business, of worship, of recreation. Wherever we go, even right at home, we always have something important to share. That 'something' is the mission, the vision and the values of **our** Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey.

I'm proud to be serving a second term as the Eye Bank's Board Chairman. One of the best parts of that job has been getting to meet so many new and old friends as we bring the **I Joined!** program to Lions Clubs across the state. The program's initial phase – alerting Lions to the Eye Bank's mission, and the ongoing need for residents to join the Donate Life NJ Registry – is nearing completion in District 16A, but we have a long way to go in the other Districts. If your Club hasn't yet received the program, please help to get us on your meeting schedule.

As we approach completion of this initial round of Club visits, **I Joined!** is giving way to a new phase. Now that we and our fellow Lions know the importance of joining the state Donor Registry, and of supporting the Eye Bank through charitable contributions, our challenge is to carry this message into our own communities. This is where we can truly make a difference by engaging with local businesses, organizations and individuals to promote awareness of the Eye Bank and the Registry. Lion Margaret Chaplin, our Executive Director, and her staff have plenty of materials and support to help you get started. They are counting on you to spread an important message, right where you live and work.

Although most of us weren't there personally, we know that Helen Keller "knighted" each and every one of us during the 1925 Lions International Convention. By striving not only to assist the vision-impaired, but to *restore sight* to those in need, the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey continues to offer us a miraculous way to fulfill her wish... that we become *Knights of the Blind*.

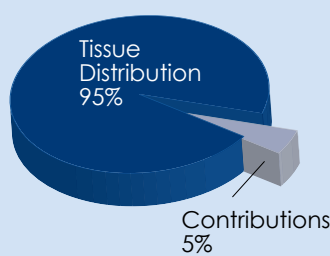
Yours in Lionism,

Lion Richard Chittum, PDG, Chairman
Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey Board of Directors

Statistics and Financials

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009
Support from Lions/Lioness and Leo Clubs	\$27,800
Support from Other Public Sources	36,034
Total Public Support	\$63,834
Tissue Processing Fees	\$1,162,211
Miscellaneous and Other Income	375
Total Revenue	\$1,162,586
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$1,226,420
Tissue Recovery, Processing and Distribution; Community Outreach and Education; Research Funding	\$1,415,975
Administrative and Fundraising Services	66,124
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,482,099
EXCESS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER / (UNDER) EXPENSES	(\$255,679)
Beginning of Year Net Assets	\$594,028
End of Year Net Assets	\$338,349
CLINICAL STATISTICS	
TOTAL CORNEAS RECEIVED	920
TOTAL CORNEAL GRAFTS	867
TOTAL TISSUES PROVIDED FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING	286
In July, 2006, Midwest Eye-Banks started providing specially prepared corneal tissue for EK procedures to affiliated surgeons. Since that time, 2,465 such tissues have been used for transplantation, with 202 being used to give New Jerseyans a second chance for sight.	

Revenue



Expenses

