





# Miracles In Sight

INSPIRATION. COLLABORATION. INNOVATION.

## 2023 Impact Report

# OFFERING HOPE. GIVING SIGHT.

**1 MISSION:** To support restoration, preservation, and enhancement of sight through transplant, research, education, and innovation.

**97%+** Success rate of corneal transplant surgeries

**3,200+** donors and their families chose to give the gift of sight through MIS

**3,600+** people had their sight restored or preserved with tissue from MIS

**25** institutions partnered with MIS to research blinding eye diseases

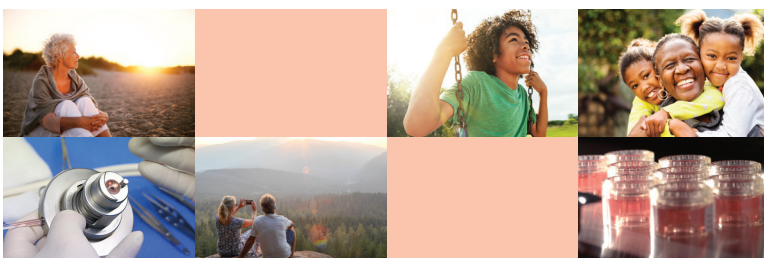
**300+** surgeons, fellows, residents, and ophthalmic technicians attended MIS training sessions

∞ The gratitude we feel for the donors, their families, tissue recipients, surgeons, technicians, research and innovation partners who made miracles happen in 2023



“Knowing there are four people out there who see and live through her, helps so much in our healing. Her expressive eyes, who saw the world in a different way, full of wonder and whimsy, and her huge heart, used to love and be loved by all.”

– Tyler and Bill, about their daughter Emily



“Because of the gift I received, I was able to see my granddaughter for the first time... I mean really see her. THANK YOU ALL. Because of your compassion, I am a ‘walking miracle’ and my daughter and grandbabies have their ‘Baba’ back.”

– Caroline, corneal transplant recipient

## CONTRIBUTIONS HELP US FULFILL OUR MISSION.

We welcome financial contributions to support our overall mission and the Share the Vision Fund at [miraclesinsight.org/contribute](https://miraclesinsight.org/contribute)

**COMING SOON: Capital Campaign for the new Miracles In Sight Headquarters.**  
We look forward to sharing how you can help in 2024.



## 2023 Areas of Focus

# GRATIS TISSUE FOCUS STORY

**Share the Vision Fund directly supports corneal transplantation surgeries and care for people in need.**

At Miracles In Sight, we are blessed with opportunities to extend our mission to dozens of people suffering from vision loss due to disease or injury who cannot afford a surgery. Unfortunately, insurance plans may not cover transplantations. This year, we were able to help over 50 people have access to the gift of sight by providing gratis corneas to our partner surgeons.

“Every time I open my eyes, that person (who donated their corneas) is living on through me... I am so grateful. There is no greater gift that one can do for someone.”

– Betsy, transplant recipient.

“When I come across patients in desperate need of vision-saving surgery, who often times have been told that nothing else could be done to help them see again, and when I am able to approach Miracles In Sight to help get these patients back seeing, it is some of the most gratifying aspects of my career. I hope Miracles In Sight continues to provide the best corneal transplant tissue to so many people around the world and continue to make an invaluable contribution to our local communities.”

– North Carolina MIS partner surgeon

### RESEARCH



We have added a Research Division to provide more ocular donations to meet the specific needs of our research partners to cure blinding eye diseases. Cutting-edge research can make a lasting impact on millions of people around the world.

### INNOVATION



We partner with a wide variety of professionals to develop innovative solutions to vision problems. From medical professionals and healthcare providers to ambulatory surgery centers, our innovation drives the industry.

### INTERNATIONAL



We provide tissue to physicians in Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, and South America in a global effort to end corneal blindness. We offer advanced training in eye bank development in underserved communities worldwide.

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING



We train medical professionals on eye anatomy, surgical skills, and tissue preparation. We educate the general public on eye banking 101 and the importance of registering as a donor.

## SHARE THE VISION.

OUR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF CONTRIBUTORS.

LEARN MORE AND SUPPORT OUR MISSION BY SCANNING THE CODE OR VISITING

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