

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

Years ago, during my service in the United States Army, I recognized that perseverance and collaboration are key to success. Now in 2023, I still rely on these qualities to guide Miracles In Sight (MIS) toward the mission of eradicating preventable blindness for thousands of people.

In 2023, collaborative inspiration has permeated the year. I commend our team for driving the organization to new levels of growth and development on multiple fronts.

During the pandemic, we incorporated Miracles In Sight – Lone Star Division. I am honored to welcome this new division into the MIS program and proudly give thanks to the Lone Star team for their perseverance and diligence in achieving our outstanding results together.

The pandemic took a toll on our business, necessitating a shift in our operations. Many of our internal functions became remote, prompting us to refine and enhance our processes and procedures. Throughout this process, we remain committed to providing superior customer service and serving our donor families, transplant recipients, and partners. This year has finally put the pandemic behind us, and we can focus on the new normal.

I am proud that we actively share innovative knowledge throughout the industry on a national and global scale. From training physicians and surgical technicians to educating other eye banks and participating in international forums as experts on eye banking, we continue to stay at the forefront of innovation and collaboration. MIS is dedicated to paving the way for a future without preventable blindness.

On a personal note, 2023 has been the first full year of operating as a CEO and the experience I have gained is immeasurable. I am proud to have such a dynamic and innovative management team who I am sure will influence generations of eye bankers. Whether it is engaging in clinical work, connecting with donor families, or fostering relationships with surgeons, every word matters, and each relationship is meaningful.

Thank you for remaining a valued member of the Miracles In Sight family and for playing your role in supporting restoration, preservation, and enhancement of sight through transplant, research, education, and innovation. Your support is truly appreciated.

Sincerely, grid Ochunder

Ingrid Schunder President and CEO



PS: Today, your support matters more than ever! Our first ever Director of Fund Development is raising funds for the gratis tissue program through our Share the Vision Fund to help prospect cornea and sclera recipients in need. She is also laying the groundwork for our first ever capital campaign. We cannot wait to share more about the campaign in the months to come!



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





"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



"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

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**

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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