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KidSight

What We Do

KidSight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free vision screenings for children. The program was founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1995 with a handful of volunteers screening a few hundred children a year. Today, KidSight's program has grown to screen the vision of more than 67,000 kids throughout Missouri each year with the help of trained staff and volunteers operating across the state.

Why Screen Children's Vision?

Because as much as 80 percent of learning in early childhood occurs through the eyes, healthy vision is important for children's early development. KidSight's screenings detect vision problems early and the program helps parents get their children treatment before it's too late to avoid the permanent vision loss that can result from some eye conditions. By ensuring kids have healthy vision, we can prevent what could be a lifetime of vision loss and help children be ready to learn in school.

How do Screenings Work?

Using a photoscreening device, trained technicians take a picture of a child's eyes and instantly analyze the results to determine if the child is at risk for a vision problem. At-risk children are referred to visit an eye doctor, and KidSight staff provide individual, comprehensive, follow-up to connect parents with resources necessary to get their children the care they need.

The impact of a KidSight screening.

KidSight has provided vision screenings for Missouri children for over 25 years. Last year alone, KidSight staff and volunteers screened 67,025 children in 108 counties – identifying almost 4,500 children with potential issues that needed further examination. Many of these children, like Lexi, would go without needed vision care until they are much older simply because they do not know there is an issue. Lexi's mother said, "We would have never expected an issue with Lexi's vision. Her dominant eye is doing all the work, so she expresses no difficulties with seeing. By the time she would have been tested for the first time, her vision would be far worse."

Changing Lives in Just a Few Seconds: Lexi's Story



Five seconds is all it took to change Lexi's life and save her sight.

Lexi is a vibrant and energetic preschooler who loves reading, doing puzzles and playing outside. In 2019, Lexi, then two years old, received a free KidSight vision screening at her daycare. She was screened with a camera that can detect up to six risk factors that may lead to blindness in children or impaired vision development. In a non-intrusive span of five to eight seconds, the screening indicated that Lexi was farsighted in her left eye and at risk for refractive amblyopia.



Refractive amblyopia is considered to be the most common type of amblyopia. It develops when there is a large or unequal amount of refractive error between a child's eyes. This causes the brain to only learn how to see well from the "good" eye and it does not learn to see well out of the weaker eye. Refractive amblyopia often goes undetected because the child does not complain of blurry vision and the amblyopic eye does not look any different from the "good" eye. It takes a screening, like the one provided by KidSight, to alert the family that there is an issue.

After receiving the screening results, Lexi's parents were in disbelief. She had never complained about her vision and they had never noticed any red flags. They took the KidSight packet to their pediatrician and were referred to a local ophthalmologist. The results from Lexi's full eye exam showed even more of a disparity than the initial screening. Since her vision disorder was caught early, her doctor decided to prescribe glasses to help her brain learn to use and strengthen vision in her left eye.

Five seconds is all it took to change Lexi's life and YOU can help us change the lives of many more children. Make a donation today to support KidSight screenings in your community.

World Services for the Blind

The WSB Story



Blindness is no respecter of persons. It strikes without regard to race, religion, sex or nationality. In the United States, more than 25 million people age 18 and older are blind or have severe visual impairments that cause them to make adjustments in their careers and everyday living situations. The mission of World Services for the Blind (WSB) is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired in the United States and around the world to achieve sustainable independence.

WSB was founded by [Roy Kumpe](#) in 1947 to serve blind or visually impaired people who needed to learn independent living skills or job training skills tailored to the special requirements of their individual visual impairments. The goal of WSB then, and today, is to empower blind or visually impaired people to achieve sustainable independence through life skills, career training and community access. Since its birth, WSB has served more than 16,000 people from all 50 states and 59 countries.

Through the years, WSB has gradually expanded its services to become the most comprehensive adult rehabilitation center in the world, offering:

- A complete personal adjustment program
- Nine vocational courses
- A vision rehabilitation clinic
- An assistive technology learning center
- Job placement assistance
- A college preparatory program

WSB is financed through gifts from both groups and individuals, by the tuition paid by state rehabilitation agencies that purchase training services from WSB for their clients, and through grants.

Students participating in residential programs at WSB will live in dorms on the WSB campus. The campus is located on a full city block between 28th and 29th streets on Fair Park Boulevard in a residential area near the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The campus is comprised of six two-story buildings surrounding a tree-shaded courtyard. On-campus housing is available for 51 people in our women's and men's dormitories and in two independent-living apartments. Students on our campus are provided 3 meals a day and are provided with a room and a shared bathroom. Cleaning supplies are provided and students will be taught how to keep rooms clean. Students have access to laundry facilities on campus. WSB staff will teach and aid individuals doing their laundry or cleaning rooms.

Students who stay on campus will learn strong time management skills and gain skills that will help them lead independent lives. All students take a financial literacy course and learn to exhibit good financial health. Students will also take part in workforce development (see the last section of each program for more details.) Students will be expected to dress professionally for classes. Students will also learn accountability and be expected to take responsibility for their actions in and out of the classroom. Whether you are a person who is blind or visually impaired, a professional worker in the blindness field, a Lions Club member or someone interested in blindness, we cordially invite you to visit our center and meet our professional and capable staff. We think you will find that WSB is committed to serving people who are blind or visually impaired from all around the world, and that you will agree with Helen Keller that, "Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much."

The WSB Story Cont'.

World Services for the Blind provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all employees, applicants and potential clients without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment and client enrollment, including, but not limited to, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and training.

World Services for the Blind expressly prohibits any form of unlawful employee or client harassment based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. Improper interference with the ability of World Services for the Blind's employees to perform their expected job duties is absolutely not tolerated.



SUPPORT WSB

The mission of World Services for the Blind is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired in the United States and around the world to achieve sustainable independence. We help individuals reach their goals through life skills and career training. Although each client's tuition and fees are covered by their states, WSB relies on financial contributions for almost everything else, from computers and other classroom technology to furnishings and appliances for dorms.

There are many ways to donate to World Services for the Blind.

GIVING — Giving to World Services for the Blind is one of the easiest ways to contribute to the success of WSB.

WISH LIST — WSB has a wish list where you can buy items directly from Amazon to help provide our clients with everything they need to succeed!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS — World Services for the Blind is in the midst of a Capital Campaign for Campus Improvements! This campaign will help replace heating/cooling systems, install technology for distance learning, replace windows and weatherproof buildings, replace electrical for code compliance, install lighting upgrades, and ensure all buildings are ADA compliant.

VOLUNTEER — From Drivers to running guides, WSB is always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time or talents be sure to visit our [Volunteers page](#).

A message from District M2 Governor, Sandy Marshall

Greetings from M2!

I am honored to be serving my District as Governor this year. And I am very proud of our Clubs and everything they are doing to stay connected and relevant during the Covid-19 outbreak. We are practically being forced to explore “A 20/20 Vision of Service”—my theme for this year. Who would have imagined what this year would be like when I chose this slogan two years ago.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find articles on one of our annual service projects (the Eye Wrap) and one new project (the Hunger project) in response to the pandemic. Both were well received and safely involved Lions from many Clubs. We can't wait for the time when we will all be back together for even more service opportunities.

I don't have a crystal ball to predict the future but I know the Lions of Missouri will continue to serve in our communities and beyond even under these difficult circumstances.

DG Sandee Marshall

“A 20/20 Vision of Service”



District 26-M4 Lions Eye Wrap



DISTRICT 26-M2 HOLDS EYE WRAP

District 26-M2 held their annual eye wrap on Saturday, July 27, at the House Springs Lions Club. There were 27 Lions helping to sort the glasses. These volunteers represented 15 different clubs.

The amount of glasses collected was approximately 32,000 pairs. These glasses were sorted into approximately 100 boxes. The glasses will be transported to the Lions recycling center in Jefferson City by Lions Elmer & Janet Weinrich.

We thank all the clubs within the district who help collect used eye glasses. We couldn't do this without you.

District 26-M4 Covid-19 Food Drive



DISTRICT 26-M2 COVID-19 FOOD DRIVE SERVICE PROJECT

During the month of June, District 26-M2 held a food drive to collect items for those in need. We knew there was a real need both now and in the months to come. Some of our food pantries were struggling with empty shelves. We felt the need to serve them. We had clubs join our project and others that did their own projects.

Here are the combined stats:

Clubs Participating - 13

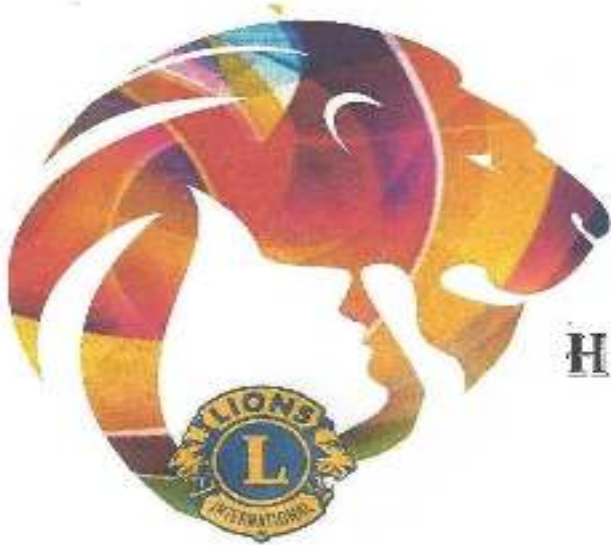
Amount Raised - approx. \$8,000

Food Pantries Served - 14

Number of Individual Items Donated - approx. 10,000



Harvester Lions Celebrate 50 Years of Service



HARVESTER LIONS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Save the date November 14, 2020

Guest Speaker PID Nick Xinopoulos

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Leader Dogs for the Blind Bus Trip



We Regret to announce the
CANCELLATION of our bus
trip to experience the magic
of
LeaderDogs for the Blind!



Due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we were forced to make the decision to cancel our September Bus Trip to Leaderdogs for the Blind. The LeaderDog campus remains closed to visitors at this time. Their focus remains on providing clients with opportunities to enhance their mobility and independence. To this end, classes have resumed.

The safety of everyone involved, staff, clients and our very own Missouri Lions and guests is paramount. Please continue to support Leaderdogs for the Blind. Your contributions are very greatly appreciated!

We will try again next year. Be safe!

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THE LEADER DOG DIFFERENCE

Like the dogs we train, our goal is to be a leader.

Dedicated donor support makes these initiatives possible and allows us to provide our programs at no cost to our clients.

We Innovate

We don't wait for someone else to try it.
When we see a need, we address it.

- First dedicated guide dog training program for people who are Deaf-Blind.
- First guide dog organization to provide a free GPS device and training
- First guide dog organization to provide an accelerated program to teach orientation & mobility.
- First summer camp for teens to incorporate teaching leadership skills, orientation & mobility skills and self-advocacy.

We Improve

We believe that just because something works doesn't mean we can't do it better.

- Modernize housing and training facilities for our clients and our canines.
- Dual-train dogs for people who are Deaf-Blind to guide and to respond to specific environmental auditory cues,
- Incorporate the most effective, up-to-date ways to train our dogs, including positive reinforcement methods.
- Team up with assistive technology providers to improve technology for people who are blind.

We Listen

Our services aren't "one size fits all." We provide delivery models to meet our clients.

- Customized services for clients who cannot leave work or family for an extended period of time.
- Urban guide dog training for clients who live, work or travel in big city environments.
- Warm weather training during the winter for clients who live in temperate climates.
- On-campus follow-up services for college students who recently received their first Leader Dog,.

We Collaborate

Working with others lets us achieve things we couldn't do on our own and opens the door for more creative solutions.

- Team up with guide dog organizations in Spain, Mexico and Brazil to provide training and follow-up services.
- Partner with agencies and universities to fulfill needs in the blind rehabilitation community.
- Share knowledge and metrics through the International Guide Dog Federation and U.S. Council of Dog Guide Schools.
- Work with correctional facilities to raise puppies in prisons.

Mid South Sight and Hearing



In 1942, a group of Lions Club members from Memphis, with the cooperation of local ophthalmologists and hospitals, formed an organization whose sole purpose was to provide help to needy people in mid-America who had sight deficiencies. This group was known as the Mid-South Sight Conservation Association.

Since that time, the organization has grown to become the Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service. As a federally registered not for profit organization, our main service areas include the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. Our main sight clinic is located in the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis and our hearing clinic is located in the Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis. Our other sight facilities in Memphis include: Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Charles Retina Clinic, and Thomas Ocular Prosthetics . The Lions have also made agreements with facilities to create satellite clinics in Rogers, Arkansas; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Mountain Home, Arkansas; Rolla, Missouri; Jackson, Mississippi; Columbus, Mississippi; and Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

With collaborations with area medical professionals who donate their professional services, the University of Tennessee Ophthalmology's resident program, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and our other medical facilities and the Lions of the four state area, Mid-South Lions is able to provide about five dollars in service for each dollar spent on patient care.

As in 1942, Mid-South Lions does not accept government funding. Most of our financing comes from Lions Clubs, Foundations and Corporate Partners, Individuals and Special Events.

And to this day, Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service provides all of its services at NO CHARGE to the patient. Participating Lions Clubs provide transportation and eyeglasses. All other charges are provided by Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.

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Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service relies on the support, donations, and volunteer efforts of individuals, businesses, and Lions Clubs across the four state area. We offer a variety of ways for people to get involved and feel we have something to fit every person who wants to help, regardless of how much or little time or money they may have. Those wishing to support Mid-South Lions have many choices to consider, including:

- **Donating Online NOW!**
 - **Becoming a Booster Club Member**
 - **Becoming a CHAMPION Booster Club Member**
 - **Volunteering in our Memphis Surgery Center**
 - **Volunteering to work on a special event**
 - **Making a Memorial or Honorarium Donation**
 - **Participating in one of our on-going fundraising campaigns**
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Welcome VCC Scott Sattler to the Saving Sight Board


Together, we change
lives by saving sight.



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The Missouri Lions have given their volunteer and financial support to our programs since 1960. Because of your support, we are able to change more lives by saving sight each and every day! At the June board meeting, Saving Sight welcomed VCC Scott Sattler as a new board member and thanked outgoing board members Dr. Michael Korenfeld and PCC Walt Hamer.

Saving Sight Thanks Outgoing Board Members and Welcomes VCC Scott Sattler

Saving Sight is pleased to welcome VCC Scott Sattler to its Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). CC George Winkeler will remain on the Board as he was elected to serve as Council Chair for the upcoming year.

Board members are key to the organization's success. They actively participate in long range planning and monitor the organization's financial health and overall performance. As highly visible members of their communities, the board members also enhance Saving Sight's public standing by sharing the mission, accomplishments, and goals with Lions clubs, the general public, and other partner organizations. As Lion board members, these individuals also keep their districts informed about Saving Sight.

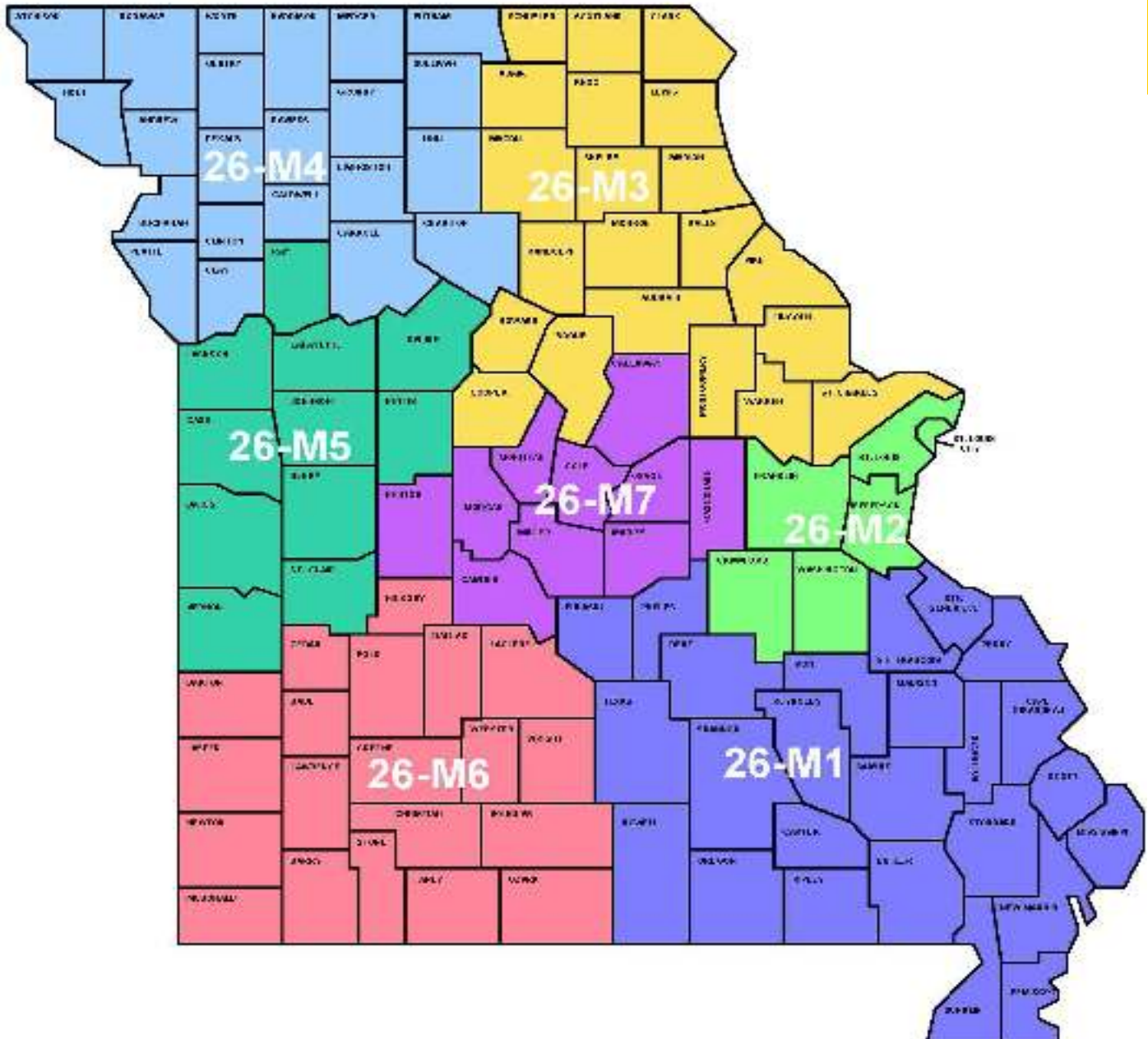
"We are able to change more lives by saving sight due to our board members engagement, leadership, support and oversight," said Tony Bavuso, chief executive officer.

In addition to welcoming new members to the board, Saving Sight also expressed gratitude to two individuals who retired from the board of directors in June 2020. "We were honored to have Dr. Michael Korenfeld and PCC Lion Walt Hamer serve on our board," Bavuso said. "On behalf of the staff and the recipients of our programs, I thank them for their valuable service and wish them all the best."

The current Saving Sight Board is as follows:

President: Lion Pat Martchink, MD-26 M2
 Vice President: PCC Larry Boettcher, MD-26 M4
 Treasurer: Lion Mike Oldelchr, MD 26 M7
 Secretary: Lion Cassidy Obermark, OD, MD-26 M1
 VCC Scott Sattler, MD-26
 CC George Winkeler, MD-26
 Lion Al Dohmen, MD-26 M6
 PDG Pat Scott, MD-26 M5
 PDG Roger Tiemann, MD-26 M3
 Hon. Jeff Schaeperkoetter, Community Member

To give online, visit saving-sight.org/give. Donations can also be mailed by check to our Kansas City office at 10560 N. Ambassador Dr., Suite 210, Kansas City, MO 64153. Thank you for helping us helping us change lives by saving sight!



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To help spread the news, it is suggested that each district send out to their distribution list of Lions. Please help us spread the good news around the great state of Missouri!