

**LIONS EYE BANK OF
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Introduction to Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Built by local Wisconsin Lions Club volunteers in partnerships with local Universities, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) is **Wisconsin's only full-service Eye Bank**, serving Wisconsin residents for nearly 50 years. LEBW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and team of professionals and volunteers, dedicated to the mission of restoring sight through recovery and transplantation of corneas, research to advance the knowledge and treatment of eye diseases and education to increase the donation of anatomical gifts.

As an affiliate of Wisconsin Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International, we aim to prevent blindness, assist the visually impaired, eliminate corneal blindness and assist those in need who do not have the financial means to obtain a corneal transplant. We are honored to work with the nearly 30,000 Wisconsin Lion Club members who have dedicated their volunteer service and financial contributions to helping the visually impaired and blind in the state of Wisconsin since 1955.

Geographical Service Area

LEBW serves the entire state of Wisconsin. We work with all Organ Procurement Organizations, Tissue Banks, funeral homes, hospice centers, Coroner/Medical Examiner offices and have contracted service agreements with nearly every hospital in Wisconsin. When donation crosses state lines, we also work collaboratively with hospitals and Coroner/Medical Examiner offices outside of our state.

Local Tissue Transport

In partnership with Wisconsin Lions Clubs, nearly 2,000 local Lions Club members across Wisconsin volunteer each year to provide door-to-door transportation of donated cornea. Trained through the LEBW Transport program, the "Cornea Express" is unique to Wisconsin. We estimate that in 2018, 232 Lions and Lioness Clubs provided roughly 1,856 transporters. Volunteer work provided estimated cost savings to LEBW of nearly \$255,000. Most importantly, Lions Transporters ensure that corneas are treated with dignity and respect as they transport them to LEBW for evaluation, processing and then from LEBW to our local surgeon's door.



In emergent situations when time is of the essence, our Lions Transporters have reliably and consistently delivered to our local surgeons within hours of the request when needed. There is no faster turnaround time from processing to delivery for local surgeons than our Cornea Express. LEBW is the ONLY eye bank in the United States who fully relies on the volunteer efforts of Lions Club Transporters to transport corneal tissue across Wisconsin. Our organization would not exist without the dedicated efforts of Wisconsin Lions Clubs. Today we are proud to see second and third generations of Lions Transporters participating in the program and volunteering their time to help make the gift of sight possible. Through the Lions Clubs, we continue to build a long tradition of dedication to eye, organ and tissue donation in the state of Wisconsin.



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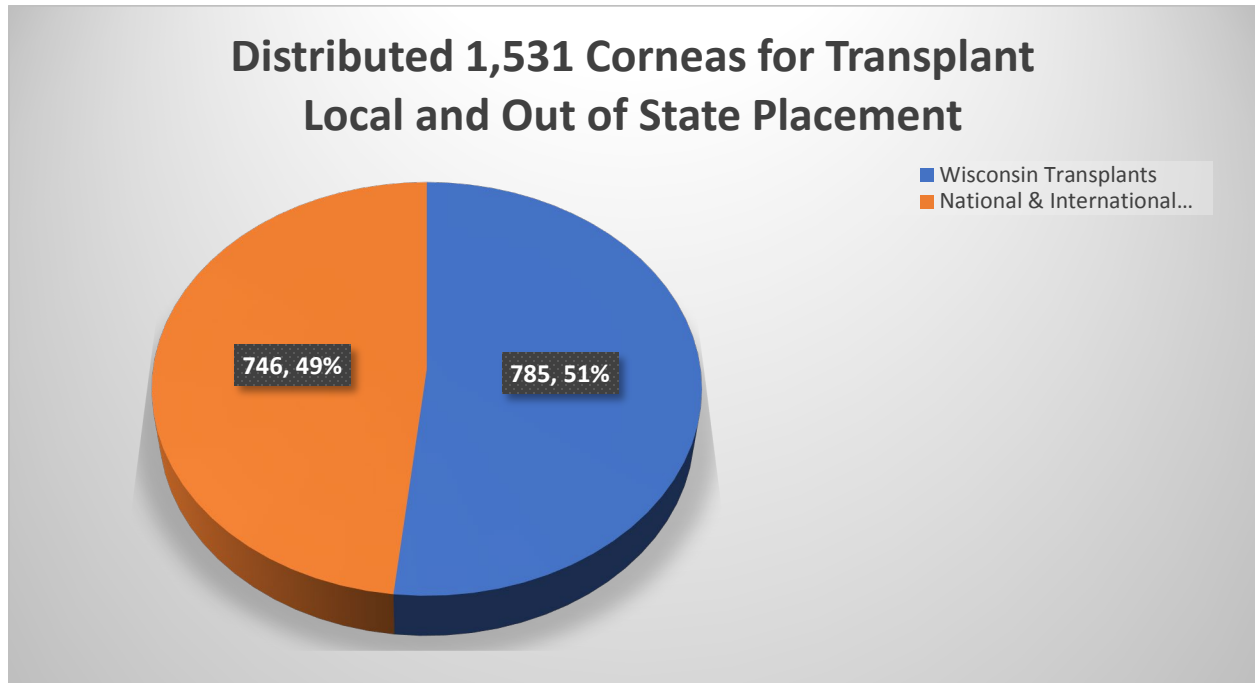
Financial Support

LEBW is also the grateful recipient of financial contributions from clubs across Wisconsin. These gifts assist with operational expenses, donor family aftercare, and grief support and allow us to provide the gift of sight to patients who would not otherwise have the means to afford a cornea transplant or their aftercare. We are humbled by the ongoing generosity and support which we received from Lions Districts in 2018.

Lions District	2018 Calendar Year Contribution
Lions District A1	\$16,675.00
Lions District A2	\$21,141.00
Lions District B1	\$15,557.00
Lions District B2	\$19,325.00
Lions District C1	\$5,845.00
Lions District C2	\$19,425.00
Lions District D1	\$24,225.00
Lions District D2	\$9,230.00
Lions District E1	\$9,675.00
Lions District E2	\$11,375.00
Total Fundraising Revenue	\$153,473.00

Community Impact

In 2018, LEBW provided the gift of sight through corneal transplantation to 1,531 recipients. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, there continues to be no waiting list for a cornea transplant in the state of Wisconsin.



Wisconsin Global Impact

When all local surgeries are met, LEBW offers assistance to our eye banking partners across the U.S. and internationally. In 2018, donated gifts traveled to 30 countries across the globe, including eight gratis corneas to individuals who would not have otherwise been able to afford a cornea transplant.



Looking Ahead

As we move forward in 2019, vital funding is still needed to expand services to those in need. With our new facility, we hope to expand opportunities for local, national and international surgeons and surgical residents to refine skills and learn new techniques in our Surgical Training and Research Center.



We hope to expand our reach in the prevention of blindness by working hand in hand with Lions Clubs providing more education and awareness about the causes of blindness and how early intervention and lifestyle choices can avoid the necessity for transplants.

We hope our new facility will become a hub of activity for all Lions Clubs in Wisconsin to use for meetings, community education, vision screening, diabetes education and support the full mission of Wisconsin Lions. We rely on the support of Lions Clubs members to go beyond daily operations and offer more to our community here and abroad. On behalf of LEBW Board of Directors and Executive Director, we thank Lions Clubs of Wisconsin for their continued generosity and support.



2018-19 Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Award Recipients

Gift of Sight Fellowship Awards

A2 Richard Koch
B1 David Lee
D2 Gwen Nelson
E1 Diane Fansler

Knight of Sight Fellowship Awards

B2 Dale Matheson
B2 Lioness Dorothy Lewandowski

C2 Collette Sorgel
C2 Lioness Hope Dougherty

D1 John Elvekrog
D1 Lioness Bette Paulson

E2 Patrick Furey
E2 Lioness NONE

LEBW Presidential Award

Hannah Tilley, LEBW Administrative and HR Associate

LEBW Volunteer of the Year Award

Julie Baglama, Monona Lioness



LEBW Transporter Awards

Daryll Manthe, Arlington Lions Club
Larry Lloyd, Beaver Dam Lions Club
Pat Malloy, Madison West Lions Club
Jeff Hudson, Madison West Lions Club
Milo Parker, Monroe Lions Club

LEBW Dispatcher Awards

James Heidt, Beloit Noon Lions Club
Alan Depies, New Holstein Lions Club
Dick Fish, Reedsburg Lions Club
Sheldon Lamson, Sparta Lions Club

LEBW Retiring Board Members

Dierk Van Cleef
Gwen Nelson
Diego Camacho

New LEBW Board Members

Clark Pettersen, D2
Deborah Condon, A1
Tim Noren, Lions Gift of Sight
Josh Lady, Aurora Health Care