

# GIVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT



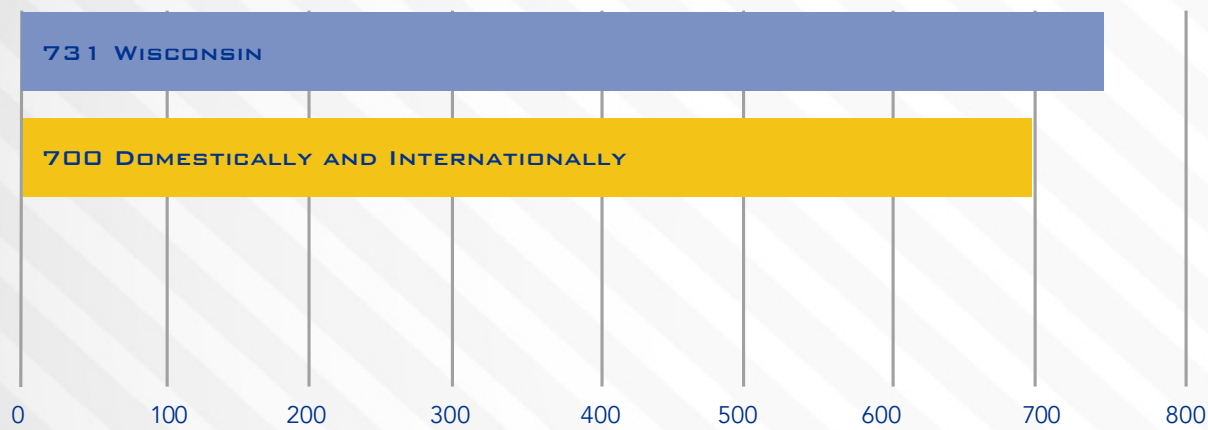
2019 Q4 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS REPORT

# 2019 DONATION & TRANSPLANTS BY THE NUMBERS



**1,431**  
CORNEAS RELEASED  
FOR TRANSPLANT

## WHERE CORNEAS WERE DISTRIBUTED FOR TRANSPLANT IN 2019



## EBAA'S 2019 TOTAL CORNEAL TRANSPLANT STATS IN THE U.S.



**51,336**  
CORNEAS PROVIDED  
FOR TRANSPLANT  
IN THE U.S.



**28,402**  
CORNEAS PROVIDED  
FOR TRANSPLANT  
INTERNATIONALLY



**68,759**  
U.S. OCULAR  
TISSUE DONORS



**OVER 95%**  
SUCCESS RATE FOR  
CORNEAL TRANSPLANTS

# 2019 WI LIONS CLUB TRANSPORTERS STATS

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. In 2018, an estimated 232 Lions and Lioness Clubs in Wisconsin provided roughly 1,856 LEBW Transporters. These volunteer efforts provide an estimated cost savings to LEBW of nearly \$255,000 annually. Most importantly, LEBW Transporters serve as special honor guards, treating every gift with dignity and respect as they are brought to LEBW for evaluation, processing and then from LEBW to our local surgeon’s door.

LEBW is the only eye bank in the United States who fully relies on the volunteer efforts of Wisconsin Lions Clubs to transport corneal tissue throughout Wisconsin. Today we are proud to see second and third generations of LEBW Transporters participating in the program and volunteering their time to help make the gift of sight possible.

Through our partnership with Lions Clubs, we continue to build a long tradition of dedication to raising awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation in the state of Wisconsin.

- Almost 2,000 LEBW Transporters volunteer each year to provide door-to-door transportation of corneal tissue.
- Over 200 Wisconsin Lions and Lioness Clubs help to provide the gift of sight.
- Transporters are on call 365 days a year, rain or shine, fighting the elements to give the gift of sight to those awaiting corneal transplant surgery.
- LEBW is the only eye bank in the U.S. who fully relies on the volunteer efforts of Lions Clubs to transport corneal tissue throughout Wisconsin.

# WI LIONS CLUB FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

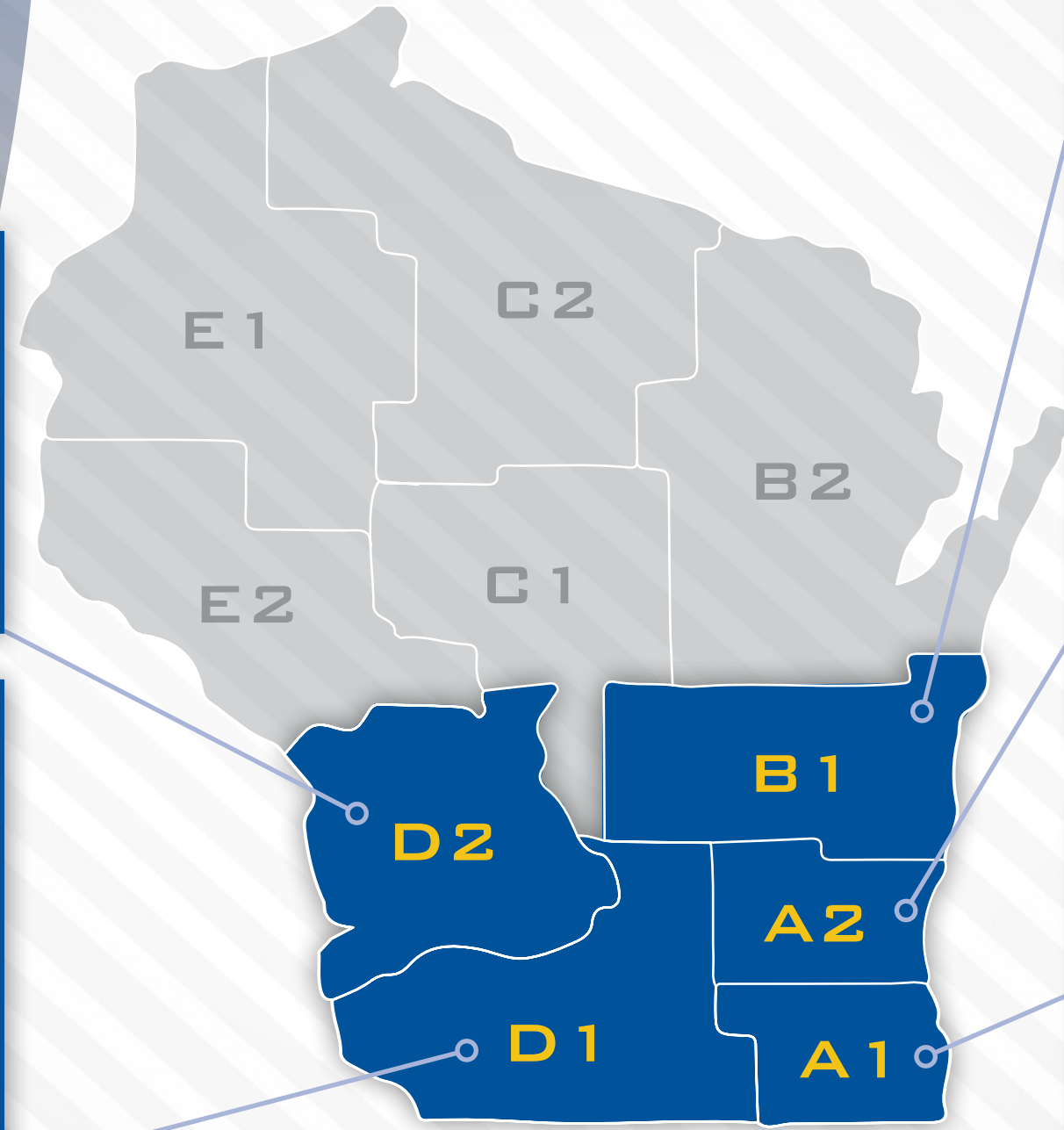
Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is grateful for the continued support from all Wisconsin Lions & Lioness Clubs. Lions members provide not only financial contributions, but also volunteer their time transporting corneal tissue and advocating for the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

**27-D2**

<b>Gifts Under \$250</b>	Coon Valley Mauston Mauston Lioness Mindoro Stoddard Lioness	West Salem Warrens Hillsboro
	<b>Gifts of \$250-\$499</b>	<b>Gifts of \$500-\$999</b>
	Barre-Coed French Island Kendall Necedah Onalaska Reedsburg	Elroy Holmen La Farge Norwalk St. Joseph's Ridge Stoddard
	<b>Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999</b>	
		Sauk Prairie

**27-D1**

<b>Gifts Under \$250</b>	Madison Central Monticello Oregon/Brooklyn Verona Lake Wisconsin Stoughton Darlington Madison West McFarland Lioness Madison-Monona Lioness Waunakee Lioness	Lancaster Middleton Monroe Stoughton Lioness Pardeeville Cuba City Lioness Marshall Cross Plains Token Creek
	<b>Gifts of \$500-\$999</b>	<b>Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999</b>
	Albany Beloit Lioness Beloit Noon Brodhead Deerfield Janesville Noon	Cuba City Dodgville Edgerton New Glarus Sun Prairie Waunakee/Westport Cottage Grove McFarland Deforest
<b>Gifts of \$250-\$499</b>		



**27-B1**

<b>Gifts Under \$250</b>	Neenah St. Nazianz Eldorado Cleveland District 27-B1 Oxford Lioness	Winnebago East Shore Chilton Kingston Stockbridge
	<b>Gifts of \$500-\$999</b>	<b>Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999</b>
	Appleton Evening Coloma Eden Oxford Plymouth	Sherwood Van Dyne Appleton Noon Larsen-Winchester Hilbert
<b>Gifts of \$250-\$499</b>	Fond du Lac Evening St. Peter Wild Rose	

**27-A2**

<b>Gifts Under \$250</b>	Hartford Lioness Meadow Woods Lioness	<b>Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999</b>
	<b>Gifts of \$500-\$999</b>	Cedarburg Delafield-Summit Grafton Hartford Lioness District 27-A2 Mayville Sussex Watertown
	Hustisford Lioness Iron Ridge Otsego (Town of) Clyman Fredonia Oconomowoc Port Washington Wauwatosa	Allenton Richfield Thiensville-Mequon
<b>Gifts of \$250-\$499</b>	Ixonia Belgium	
	Hartford-Kettle Moraine Horicon Hustisford Lake Country Sussex Lioness West Bend Lion/ Lioness Waupun Newburg Lioness	

**27-A1**

<b>Gifts Under \$250</b>	West Milwaukee Cambridge Area Eagle Lioness East Troy Lioness Genoa City Greater Kenosha Wales-Genesee Delavan Lioness Palmyra Walworth County (EB) Franklin Williams Bay Williams Bay Lioness	<b>Gifts of \$250-\$499</b>	Burlington Caledonia East Troy Greendale St. Francis Waukesha Muskego Oak Creek Delavan
	<b>Gifts of \$500-\$999</b>	<b>Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999</b>	
	Big Bend-Vernon	New Berlin Waterford Lake Geneva South Milwaukee	



**27-E 1**

**Gifts Under \$250**

Poplar-Wentworth  
Boyd  
Stanley  
Turtle Lake  
Grantsburg  
Brule River  
Cornell  
Solon Springs  
Chetek  
Ladysmith  
Lake Wissota

Shell Lake  
Tilden  
Webster

**Gifts of \$250-\$499**

Seeley  
Chippewa Falls  
Chequamegon

**Gifts of \$500-\$999**

Amery  
Cadott  
St Croix Falls

**Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999**

Jim Falls  
Prairie Farm  
Rice Lake  
Spooner-Trego  
Hayward  
Lake Holcombe

**27-E 2**

**Gifts Under \$250**

Eleva-Strum  
Fairchild  
Hammond  
Nelson  
Osseo  
Independence  
Prescott  
Roberts  
Whitehall

**Gifts of \$250-\$499**

Ellsworth  
Galesville  
Waumandee Area  
Augusta  
Altoona  
Arcadia Lioness  
Mondovi  
Woodville  
Eau Claire Seymour

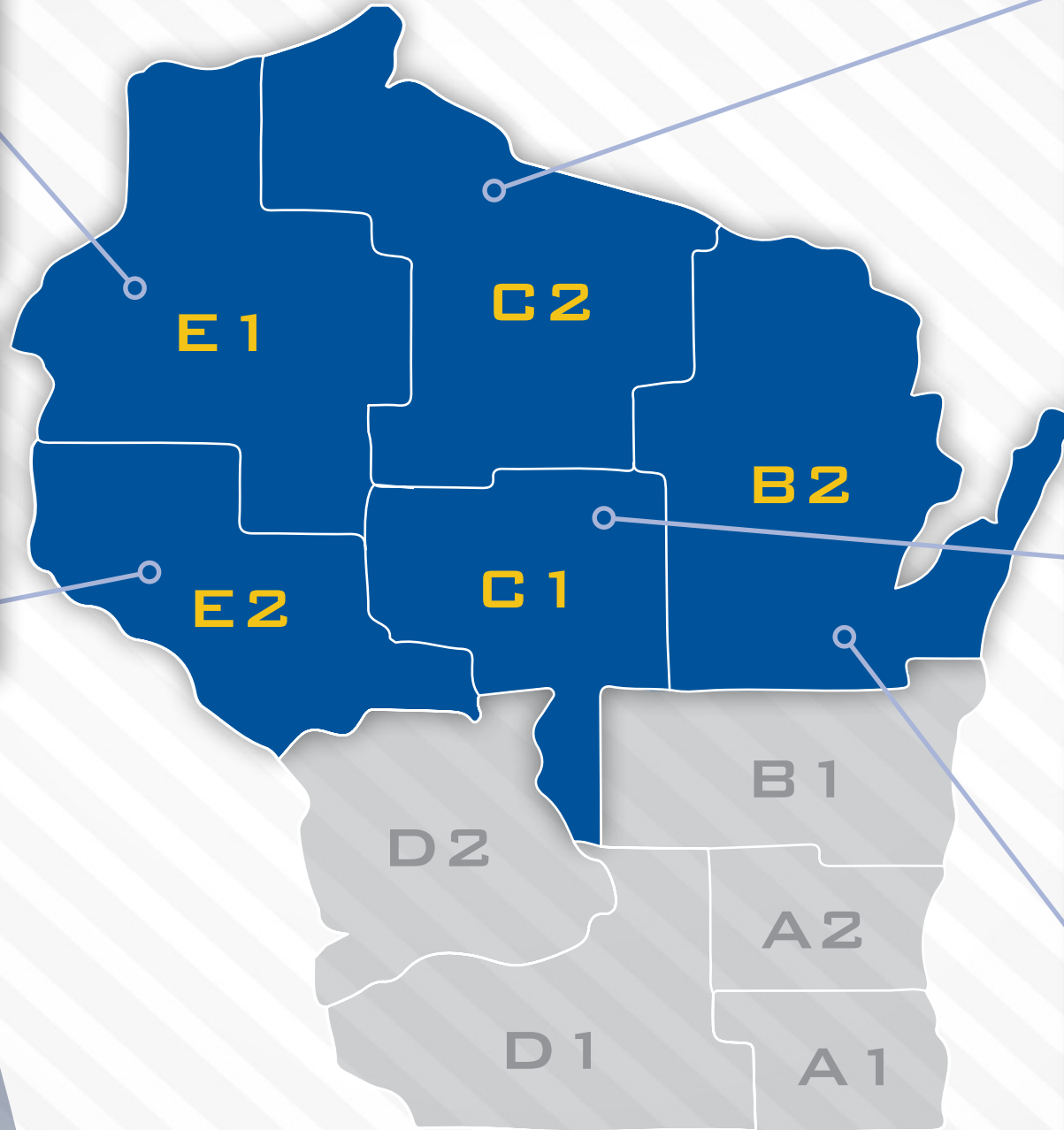
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**Gifts of \$500-\$999**

Arcadia  
Cleghorn  
Merrill  
Hudson

**Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999**

Black River Falls  
River Falls  
Menomonie



**27-C 2**

**Gifts Under \$250**

Fifield  
Mellen Lioness Club  
Hurley  
Prentice  
South Shore  
Sugar Camp  
Washburn  
Whittlesey  
Winchester  
Gilman  
Glidden  
Sayner-Star Lake  
Gleason Area

**Gifts of \$250-\$499**

Catawba-Kennan  
Iron River  
Rib Lake  
Mercer Lioness  
Hurley Area Lioness  
Manitowish Waters  
Lioness  
Sayner-Star Lake  
Lioness

**Gifts of \$500-\$999**

Hazelhurst  
Lioness Affiliate District  
27-C2  
Rhinelander

Three Lakes  
Lake Tomahawk  
Tomahawk  
Jump River  
Presque Isle Lioness

**Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999**

Boulder Junction  
Eagle River  
Lac du Flambeau  
Mercer  
Phelps/Land O Lakes  
St. Germain Lioness  
Medford  
St. Germain

**27-C 1**

**Gifts Under \$250**

Wisconsin Rapids  
Curtiss  
Grand Rapids  
Lake DuBay  
Roche-A-Cri  
Rudolph  
Schofield  
Pittsville

Rothschild-Weston

**Gifts of \$250-\$499**

Rosholt  
Abbotsford  
Edgar  
Junction City  
Lake Mason  
Port Edwards  
Stratford

**Gifts of \$500-\$999**

Loyal  
Spencer  
Marshfields  
**Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999**  
Berlin-Hamburg  
Township & Area

**27-B 2**

**Gifts Under \$250**

Green Bay NE  
District 27-B2  
Coleman-Pound  
Lioness  
Embarrass River  
Heart of the Valley  
Iola Lioness  
Manawa  
Pearson-Pickerel  
Shiocton  
Suring Lioness  
Waupaca Lioness  
Allouez  
Marion Lioness  
Algoma  
Black Creek

DePere  
Shawano Lake Lioness

**Gifts of \$250-\$499**

Bear Creek  
Oconto Falls  
Peshtigo  
Kewaunee  
Sturgeon Bay  
Waupaca  
New London

**Gifts of \$500-\$999**

Brussels  
Casco  
Egg Harbor  
Freedom  
Kaukauna

Marinette  
Pulaski  
McCasin Lioness

**Gifts \$1,000-\$4,999**

Ashwaubenon Lioness  
Dyckesville  
Greenville Lioness  
McCasin  
Sister Bay  
Wabeno  
Wittenberg  
Bellevue  
Grand Chute  
Iola  
Oconto Falls Lioness

## 2019 KNIGHT OF SIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Knight of Sight Fellowship is LEBW's highest form of recognition presented to an individual by their club, zone, group or district. Recipients of the Knight of Sight Fellowship award exemplifies LEBW's mission to give the gift of sight. Knight of Sight Fellowship award can be achieved through a Lions Club donation of \$1,000 or more. The recipient's name will be prominently displayed on the LEBW Knight of Sight Wall of Honor.

### A 1

Sharon Szyba	Prospect Lions Club
Jackie Ove	South Milwaukee Lions Club
Amy Block	South Milwaukee Lions Club
Carl Marquardt	Oak Creek Lions Club
Sam Dial	Oak Creek Lions Club
Robert Poff	Waukesha Lions Club
Larry Kipfer	Hales Corners Lions Club
Don Johnson	Racine Lions Club
Bernie Schmidtke	Elkhorn Lions Club

### A 2

Shawn Schnabl	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Mark Gorski	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Gary Gorski	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Kirk Carlson	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Thomas Seegert	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Bob Systma	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Ed Burns	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Paul Neumiller	Delafield-Summit Lions Club
Mike Quigley	Cedarburg Lions Club
Arletta Trejo	Hustisford Lioness Club
Gary Northup	Grafton Lions Club

### B 1

Emma Anderson	Larson-Winchester Lions Club
Mike Mader	Sherwood Lions Club
Thomas Wendt	Van Dyne Lions Club
Charles Garnier	Appleton Noon Lions Club
Susan M. Lee	Appleton Noon Lions Club

### B 2

Lilian Williamson	McCaslin Lioness Club
Mary Stehula	McCaslin Lioness Club
Marilyn Hirsch	McCaslin Lioness Club
Mary Ellen Greiten	McCaslin Lioness Club
Karen Czyzewski	McCaslin Lioness Club
Judy Campshure	McCaslin Lioness Club
Dean Haas	Grand Chute Lions Club
Sherry Neidert	Iola Lioness Club
Todd Mallasch	Waupaca Lions Club
Lu Ann Olson	Oxford Lions Club
Laura Mares	Bear Creek Lions Club

### C 1

Tom Bobrofsky	Loyal Lions Club
Tim Olson	Loyal Lions Club
Bob Wilke	Loyal Lions Club

Dave Williams	Loyal Lions Club
Donald Kawleski	Junction City Lions Club
Emil Pavelski	Junction City Lions Club
Butch Lind	Stevens Point Evening Lions Club
Sharon Mellin	Lake Dubay Lions Club
Lyle Rusch	Berlin-Hamburg Lions Club

### C 2

Connie A. Olson	Sayner Star Lions Club
Ken Watters	Iron River Lions Club
Anne Madison	Iron River Lions Club
John Ader	Boulder Junction Lions Club
Paula Pomainville	Boulder Junction Lions Club
Lorena J. Sosnovske	Gleason Area Lions Club

### D 1

Charlotte Esser	Cross Plains Lions Club
Cottage Grove Lioness Club	Cottage Grove Lioness Club
Nora Geach	DeForest Lions Club
George Albright	New Glarus Lions Club
Cheryl "Sherry" Bergum	New Glarus Lions Club
Judy Phillips	Cottage Grove Lions Club
Ernie Thieding	McFarland Lions Club
Fran Faber	McFarland Lions Club
Mary Jasin	Pardeeville Lions Club
Steve Ashley	Beloit Noon Lions Club
Denny Walker	Beloit Evening Lions Club
Dennis Mahy	Portage Lions Club

### D 2

Duane Hegna	Baraboo Lions Club
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### E 1

Marilyn Lemieux	Siren Lions Club
Gary Rykal	Cadott Lions Club
Tim Donovan	Hayward Lions Club
Susan Lopez-Sublett	Lake Holcombe Lions Club
William Seipel	Lake Holcombe Lions Club
Marlene Hansen	Rick Lake Lions Club
Sandy Crosby	Jim Falls Lions Club

### E 2

James Dimock	Menomonie Lions Club
Roger Kahl	Menomonie Lions Club
Tom Rasmussen	River Falls Lions Club
Gene Hess	Hudson Lions Club
Margaret Volenec	Ellsworth Lions Club

## 2019 DISTRICT LEVEL KNIGHT AND GIFT OF SIGHT FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Each fiscal year, all ten districts, in Wisconsin, establish goals for financial contributions awarded to LEBW. District Governors are responsible for encouraging clubs, within their district, to make contributions throughout the year. If the district meets their goal, the District Governor is presented with either a Knight or Gift of Sight Fellowship award at the LEBW annual meeting in July. LEBW is grateful for the continued support from all Wisconsin Lions and Lioness Clubs, in helping to give the gift of sight.

### KNIGHT OF SIGHT FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

B2	<b>Dale Matheson</b>
C2	<b>Collete Sorgel</b>
D1	<b>John Elvekrog</b>
E2	<b>Patrick Furey</b>

### GIFT OF SIGHT FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

A2	<b>Richard Koch</b>
B1	<b>David Lee</b>
D2	<b>Gwen Nelson</b>
E1	<b>Diane Fansler</b>



## 2019 GIFT OF SIGHT AWARDS

Gift of Sight Fellowship is given for continued support and participation in giving the gift of sight and to recognize dedication and participation in the challenge to eliminate curable blindness. The Gift of Sight Fellowship award can be achieved through a Lions Club donation of \$500 or more. The recipient's name will be prominently displayed on the LEBW Gift of Sight Wall of Honor.

### 2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Julie Greely, Sayner Star Lioness Club  
 Kathy Novorolsky, Sayner Star Lioness Club  
 Mary Ellen Mazurczak, Lake Tomahawk Lions Club  
 Robert Hopp, Lake Tomahawk Lions Club  
 Thomas Klitzman, Lake Tomahawk Lions Club  
 Carol Tobie, Stoughton Lions Club  
 Diane Buss, Stoughton Lions Club  
 Ron Buss, Stoughton Lions Club  
 Marilyn Cashwell, Cross Plains Lions Club





## A RECIPIENT'S STORY

“Thanks to the generous donation of a cornea, I can look forward to regaining vision in my left eye. I am in my late forties and have been suffering from Keratoconus for most of my life. I have had extremely low vision in my left eye for as long as I can remember. I promise to honor the memory of my donor as long as I live, live my life to the fullest and seek out new opportunities and great adventures. With my eyes, I will see all there is to see. My donor will see what I see, and I will think of them every step of the way. We may never meet, but I consider my donor and their family a part of my family. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.”

-George, corneal recipient

## GIFTS IN HONOR

### IN MEMORY

Robert Teska	Phillip H.	Berdina Padrutt
Bart Klotzbach	Robert “Bob” Hueller	Bonnie Stauff
Gwen Daluge	Robert Back	Janet Esser
Chuck Post	Robert Merk	Jerry Polasky
Dick Schwedrsky	Russell Maurer	Jessie Knott
Grace Tetting	Ruth Lubach	Cindy Albertson
Joann Moretti Senn	Tom O’Connll, Sr.	Conrad Dryer, Sr.
John Nennig	Tom Scrivner	Dean Lenz
Lioness Carol Konrad	Tom Stout	Dennis Schmuhl
Mari Delehanty	Virginia Storms	Jodi T Maroney
Marvin Levy	Wayne Chase	Don Meyer
Ned Azarian	William “Bill” Burkhardt	
PDG Clayton Sengbusch	Alice Haese	

### IN HONOR

Dodgeville Lioness 40th Anniversary	Bill Clausius	Scott Duhr
ADP Bette Paulson	Jerry Durst - 100th Birthday	“My Donor”
Bette Paulson	Lion and Lioness Clubs of Wisconsin	Ann Wissing
		Carol and Terry Miller

### PRIVATE & CORPORATE DONATIONS

Epic Systems Corporation	Ben and Mary Johnston	Karen Chadwick
Dawn Lyons-Wood	Network for Good Via Facebook	Bernie Schmidtke
Lioness Club via Kohls Volunteering	PDG Gary Posorske	Mari Delehanty
WI Affiliate Lioness Club Advisory Committee	Anonymous/Bank of Sun Prairie	Amy Block
Dr. T Michael Nork	Sarah Duffy via Fidelity Charitable	Walworth County Eye Tissue Transport Group
Estate of Earl A Storandt	Thomas and Peggy Selle	Network for Good Via Facebook
Dick Leverentz	Rotary Club of Lake Mills	Philip and Judith Winkel
M. Jennings	Via Facebook Donation	Mary Schroeder
Via Facebook Donation	Marilyn Cade	Network for Good Via Facebook
Robert and Cheryl Hays	Network for Good Via Facebook	Maureen Ellsworth
Rita Neumann	Lori Zareczny	Kathryn Czuprynski
	Hilda Voigt	Arnold and Donna Chandler



## LEBW FAMILY SERVICES OVERVIEW

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is dedicated to the mission of helping those in need of a corneal transplant and providing comfort and resources to donor families whose loved one offered the gift of sight. LEBW's Family Services Program continues to provide support and resources to our donor families and transplant recipients well after the gift of sight has been given. The donation is not the end of our relationship, it is only the beginning.

Families and transplant recipients are provided with grief resources, local support group information, corneal transplant brochures, a letter explaining who/where their loved one's donation went to and information about our additional Family Services Programs. Donor family members and transplant recipients can connect one on one with the LEBW family services manager for additional support, information and resources as needed.

## LEBW'S FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS:



### DONOR MEMORIAL QUILT PROGRAM

Each donor family is invited to participate in the creation of a Donor Memorial Quilt, to recognize those who have chosen to give the Gift of Sight. A quilt square represents donors and tells their story. The quilt travels throughout the state to raise awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation. We continuously rotate the quilts as more are made.

### CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM

After a donation has been completed, there are opportunities to connect with the transplant recipient or donor family via mail. This program is facilitated through the Family Services department who sends the letters/cards/pictures/stories along to the families and individuals involved with the donation. After each party has exchanged a letter through LEBW, they have the option to share direct contact information with one another and take the correspondence into their own hands.



### TRIBUTES

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin welcomes the opportunity for each donor family to participate in sharing a tribute of their loved one. This is one of the many ways we can recognize and honor those who have chosen to give the Gift of Sight.

The tribute can be used on the LEBW website, featured in various resources and exhibiting materials as well as LEBW social media platforms.



### LEGACY OF SIGHT CEREMONY

The Legacy of Sight Ceremony honors donors that offered the gift of sight. Donor family members are invited to attend to honor their loved one.

