



# Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Capital Campaign

2401 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704

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Dear Lion or Lioness,

In 1925 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Helen Keller addressed the Lions Club International, and through her interpreter challenged the Lions to constitute themselves as "Knights of the Blind" in a crusade against blindness. Today, the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin continues in that crusade, and over the past 10 years, has provided the "Gift of Sight" to more than 8,000 individuals throughout the world!

As a registered 501(c)3 organization, the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is composed of a highly trained staff of professionals and volunteers dedicated to the mission of restoring the "Gift of Sight" by recovering, processing, and distributing eye tissue for corneal transplants to surgeons, researchers, and educators.

As tissue donations, requests for corneal transplants, and related research continues to expand, so have the needs of the Lions Eye Bank. This increased demand for services has resulted in expanded staffing needs and the need for additional laboratory space. Following a feasibility study by the Facility Committee of the Board of Directors, the decision was made to purchase and renovate a property located at 2401 American Lane in Madison. Providing easy access to both Lions Club Eye Tissue Transporters and the Dane County Regional Airport, the recently renovated building is anticipated to serve the requirements of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for many years to come.

The Board of Directors formed a Capital Campaign Committee to raise funds to retire the debt incurred for the purchase and renovation of the building, and establish a reserve maintenance fund. As a Board member, and a member of the Capital Campaign Committee, I request that you review the enclosed information on the campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.35 million over the next 5 years. Your generosity and support in the past has been most appreciated and we ask for your continued support in meeting our campaign goal.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Cerniglia".

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