

Report by: Bill Lundin - Board of Trustees Chairman

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It is with great pleasure, that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for the 1st Quarter 2018.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth with over 2,250 corneal transplants this quarter. In addition, we provided over 5,570 additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife laboratories in Pennsylvania and California have passed their FDA and Accreditation inspections. We are also pleased to announce that we are now working with Lions Eye Bank in Houston Texas.

The Northwest Lions Foundation Board of Trustees continues to work on expanding our Health Screening Programs. Our mini- screening program has expanded to four units, in addition to our large screening unit. We now have just over 100 Lion members trained to provide screening services. In our 1st quarter, we screened over 7500 children and provided 142 high quality digital hearing aids, in collaboration with many of clubs across the State. Finally, we distributed over \$60,000 in project support grants to ten agencies throughout the State of Washington.

We are very pleased to announce we are working with our Canadian Lions in District I, with a major emphasis on Diabetes Awareness.

In closing, The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD-19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.



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Lion Health Screening Unit

<http://klewtv.com/news/local/local-group-works-to-diagnose-hearing-and-vision-loss-early>

Local Group Works to Diagnose Hearing and Vision Loss Early

By Shannon Moudy

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LEWISTON, ID — According to the World Health Organization, around 19 million children are visually impaired. The majority can have their sight easily corrected, if they can be diagnosed.

That's why at McGhee Elementary, a fun five minutes out of class could mean a lifelong impact.

"Look right at the lights here, honey," Mike Parker instructs a kindergarten student. The device in his hand can quickly scan the eyes, and identify six common issues.

"Astigmatism," is the diagnosis for one student, followed by four more issues. Each one is stamped on a sheet so the student can be retested and, if needed, given corrective lenses.

The local Lion's Club and Walla Walla Community College volunteers turned a McGhee classroom into an exam room for vision and hearing screenings.

"My ears were all squishy," one little girl said after pulling off the hearing test headphones.

For Lions Foundation employee Mike Parker, this is year 19 of meaningful work. "Last year we did a handful short of 33,000 kids," he says.

He and his wife travel all over Idaho and Washington - "Lopez Island, back over to Naches in Eastern Washington, Priest River and Priest Lake in Idaho," Parker lists off places he's still set to hit this month.

They're on the road 290 days out of the year.

Parker says, "That's all I can remember right now. I won't be home until the 24th of this month, I know that."

One thing he never forgets is the impact a new pair of glasses or hearing aids can make. Wednesday's screenings will allow children to get devices they need.

"When you see them the following year, they're completely different kids. Those kids have blossomed because now they're not struggling so much. They can read, they can hear, they know what's going on."

That's what's going to make the next month so hard. "I'm going to miss it," Mike says, "I'm not going to miss the rigorous travel sometimes, but I'm going to miss the kids. I'm going to miss the kids terribly."

This will be Mike's last tour. When the medical on his DOT license expires next month, he's handing the reins over to someone else. "I'm the past," he says, **"These kids are the future."**

The Lion's Club visited four other Lewiston elementary schools in this week-long screening program.