To donate to the Florida Lions Eye Bank, visit our website at www.fleb.org and click on “Donate Funds.” You can also donate by calling 305-326-6359, and speaking with us directly.

Florida Lions Eye Bank is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of IRS regulations.

Our History

The Florida Lions Eye Bank was founded in 1962 as a cooperative effort between the University of Miami and the Lions Clubs of Florida.

In 1943, Dr. Bascom Palmer, the first surgeon in Florida to perform corneal transplants, developed a plan to establish the first full service eye hospital in the Southeastern United States. Dr. Palmer’s colleagues, Dr. Edward Norton and Dr. Victor Curtin, recognized the need for an eye bank to recover and provide much needed corneal tissue for transplants. In 1960, they encouraged the Lions Clubs of Florida to establish the first eye bank in Florida.

The Lions rose to the challenge and raised enough funds to establish the Florida Lions Eye Bank. Within two years, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute opened its doors to patients, and the Florida Lions Eye Bank provided its first cornea to restore the beauty of sight.
Support our Mission

For the past 54 years, Florida Lions Eye Bank has brought everyday miracles to our community. To date, the beauty of sight has been restored to over 50,000 corneal transplant recipients. The contributions Florida Lions Eye Bank has made to research, education and patient diagnosis has touched the lives of countless others.

None of this would be possible without donations from our generous supporters to the Florida Lions Eye Bank Investment Fund. By guaranteeing long-term growth through wise investment, Florida Lions Eye Bank is able to put all donated funds toward programming. With your help, we will continue to restore the beauty of sight for generations to come.

Memorial Wall Donations

The Florida Lions Eye Bank Memorial Wall is a meaningful way to honor family, friends, and loved ones who have passed away. For a contribution of $100, the name of the deceased is engraved on the Florida Lions Eye Bank’s Memorial Wall and the funds are placed in the Florida Lions Eye Bank Investment Fund.

If you like, Florida Lions Eye Bank will also send a letter to the family of the honoree to inform them of the donation made in their loved one’s name. To donate to the Memorial Wall, simply provide the following information:

- Name of Deceased
- Name of Donor or Club
- Amount to be donated
- Name and address for letter

The Memorial Wall is located in the hallway outside of the Florida Lions Eye Bank at our home in the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami.

Century Club Membership

Your membership in the Century Club ensures the future of Florida Lions Eye Bank for years to come. All funds raised by the Century Club are invested for long-term growth, so we can continue to restore the beauty of sight to future generations. Several levels of membership are available:

- Century Club Member .................. $100
- Benefactor Member ................... $500
- Life Member .......................... $1,000
- Guardian ............................. $5,000

Members of the Century Club will receive a certificate of support and a lapel pin indicating level of membership:

- Century Club Member : gold pin
- Benefactor Member : gold pin with ruby
- Life Member : gold pin with diamond
- Guardian : gold pin with emerald

All donations given to the Florida Lions Eye Bank Century Club are cumulative. Funds can be donated at any time.