

2.2 billion people+  
globally live with  
visual impairment<sup>1</sup>

#### SEEING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Struggling in school and falling behind her classmates, North Carolina elementary schooler Shaniya was thought to have a learning disability — potentially dyslexia.

A vision screening by Lions, made possible with a US\$3,600 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), and resources from local Western Harnett and Broadway Lions Clubs, and from Wells Fargo Bank, identified what her pediatrician had failed to diagnose. Shaniya had a severe vision problem.

A subsequent exam by a doctor of optometry resulted in a prescription for hefty corrective lenses — assistance Shaniya likely needed from birth. “If it weren’t for screenings Lions provide,

Shaniya, and other children with vision challenges, would fall through the cracks,” said Lisa Parke, OD. “LCIF and Lions changed this little girl’s life forever.”

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“We want to help find small issues that might become bigger problems down the road,” explained Past District Governor Vince Schimmoller, of the Western Harnett club. With research and funding from LCIF, we were able to purchase the special vision screening equipment to help give Shaniya a brighter future.”

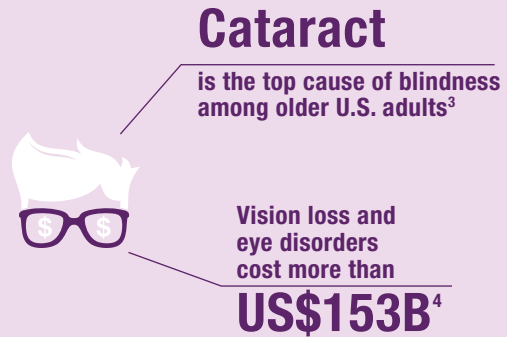
# Vision





# Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like this in this part of the world:



## THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, VISION CHALLENGES LOOK LIKE THIS:

**1 billion** people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected<sup>5</sup>

**US\$14.3 billion** is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide<sup>6</sup>

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions<sup>7</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

### Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

More than US\$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow. We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

Visit [lcif.org/vision](http://lcif.org/vision) to learn more and access information about LCIF's **SightFirst, Matching, and District and Club Community Impact grants.**



SOURCES: <sup>1,5,6,7</sup>World Health Organization; <sup>2</sup>International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness; <sup>3</sup>Prevent Blindness; <sup>4</sup>Statista



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