

SEE HOW WE'RE  
PREVENTING  
BLINDNESS  
& KNOW  
YOU'RE MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE



Report to Donors **2015**





*Thanks to you, little Livia has new eyeglasses and is happy to be learning in school!*

## Dear friend...

*If you could see the smiling face of a little girl named Livia, you would know that, together, we truly are making a difference in the lives of others!*

*Born with very poor eyesight into a poor family in Kenya, Livia also has a squint in one eye that further blurs her vision.*

*At four years old, her eyesight was already*

*affecting her life at home and in preschool. Destitute and nearly blind... what future could she expect?*

In Kenya and other developing countries, Livia's story is not an unusual one... but thanks to you, it has a happy ending. Because **someone like you believed** in Operation Eyesight's work, we were able to help Livia receive brand-new prescription eyeglasses to help her see better. Today, she's excited to be learning to read and write; and when she gets older, we'll help her get surgery to correct her squint. With improved eyesight, she has a chance for a brighter future!

Even better: **Livia is only one of hundreds of thousands of children, women and men whom Operation Eyesight helped in 2015!** Our programs in India, Kenya, Ghana and Zambia had a banner year, thanks to support from generous people like you and funding from service clubs, foundations, corporations and governments. (See our program highlights on pages 5 to 8.)

While our eye health programs grew and thrived, the year saw other occurrences of note. For instance:

- » In July, ultra-runner Norma Bastidas completed Badwater® 135, the world's toughest foot race, in Death Valley, California. She ran 217 km (135 miles) through extreme heat and intense elevation changes, and raised over \$17,000 to help us fight avoidable blindness!

# SEE your generous support at work

- » With support from a generous Canadian family, in September we opened the world-class Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer in Hyderabad, India. Combatting the growing incidence of eye cancer in India, the facility provides comprehensive treatment for children and adults, at low or no cost to them.
- » In October, we marked a more solemn milestone when we concluded our 40-year funding partnership with the Government of Canada – funding that has been integral to the success of our work. Like other Canadian INGOs, we're optimistic that our Government will reconsider supporting international development programs in the near future, and that we'll be able to revisit our long and successful partnership.
- » In December, we participated in "GivingTuesday," an international day of fundraising. We were thrilled to raise over \$11,000 for our school eye screening programs in Kenya. Over 7,000 students will be screened for vision problems, and an estimated 300 students who might otherwise go needlessly blind will be treated. ▶



*The new Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer will save sight and lives.*

# & KNOW

the impact we're making – together!

» Just before Christmas, we were honoured when the *Financial Post* released its “Charities of the Year” report card. Operation Eyesight was listed as **one of the top 25 Canadian charities** measuring up to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and efficiency. This rating is a testament to our staff's hard work and our donors' support, and we are very grateful for both!

And of course, all through the year we were happy to work with supporters like you! In June, we hosted a creative “Halfway to Christmas” celebration and annual general meeting that brought together many of Operation Eyesight's friends in the Calgary area. Throughout the year, our staff and dedicated volunteers were busy with numerous events that raised awareness for our work.

Overall, the year saw great progress made possible by you, our trusted friends and donors. We're very grateful for your strong support, especially since an economic recession affected Alberta and much of Canada. We are cautiously optimistic that 2016 will prove an even better year for us all.

After reading this annual report, we hope you'll be proud of the impact we've made together. We've done an incredible amount of good – yet there's still much more to do to help people like Livia. With your help, we'll continue to make great strides in preventing blindness and restoring sight... **for all the world to see!**

With great appreciation for your support,



**Rob Ohlson**  
Chair, Board of Directors,  
Canada



**Brian Foster**  
Executive Director



*We're preventing the spread of blinding trachoma by providing communities with clean water. Learn more on pages 7 and 8.*

**Our Mission** *is to eliminate avoidable blindness.* **Our Vision** *is for all the world to see.*

## Our Team

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# SEE our donors give the gift of sight

## Empathy drives generosity

At age 94, Mario Marasco knows the value of eye surgery. After two cataract surgeries and laser eye surgery helped maintain his eyesight, Mario recently received his doctor's permission to keep driving his car for another two years. "When you have problems with your eyes and can get surgery, you count your blessings," he says.

That means Mario also understands the value of saving the vision of others. "I have a feeling for people with eye problems," he says. And he backs up that feeling with action: Mario has been donating to Operation Eyesight since 1994. He understands the loss of independence that can come with losing your eyesight.

That's why he supports Operation Eyesight. Like many of our donors, he's happy to help save the sight of others. We're impressed by the generous spirit of each and every donor, including Mario! Their empathy saves the sight of many other people and makes our work possible.

We treasure the people who've been giving to us for so long, and we hope you know the good you do and the lives you change. A great big thank you to Mario and everyone like him!



*"I'm so happy that I can do things by myself without any assistance from my friends in school," says Lydia. "Thank you!"*

Seventeen-year-old Lydia from Ghana used to struggle in school because she couldn't see the chalkboard. Thanks to donors like you, she received a pair of brand new prescription eyeglasses free of charge. Her vision – and her grades – have improved immensely!

## Sharing is caring

"It's a wonderful feeling inside, that you're caring and sharing so others can see the beauty of creation," says 85-year-old Gwen Crowe. Gwen has been a donor to Operation Eyesight for decades. She and her husband John have also designated Operation Eyesight as the beneficiary of a generous legacy gift in their wills. Gwen is eager to talk about that gift.

"I'm always telling people about ways to give," she says. "With Operation Eyesight, you know your donation gets to others. Giving touches people so they can work and give and share with others, too."

Over the years, Gwen and John have embraced a variety of ways to give, including garage sales, bake sales and bottle collecting. Whenever the couple raises any funds, they donate the money to Operation Eyesight.

In 2000, Gwen accompanied Marilyn Gullison, daughter of our inspiration Dr. Ben Gullison, on a trip to India. She toured places like the slums of Mumbai and saw our partner Arogyavaram Eye Hospital. She said being able to see the impact of her many donations was "the best experience, and I'll never forget it."

Gwen wants everyone to know that they can make a difference, especially through a legacy gift. "Sharing is caring," she says. "It's wonderful to look back on your life and see that you gave back." We certainly know you care, Gwen! Thank you for your generosity!

In 2015 our **generous donors** contributed almost **\$4 million** to our work.

**Thank you!**

# & KNOW you've made our success possible!

The success of Operation Eyesight's programs is a testament to the power of thoughtful, targeted community development rather than simple aid. Thanks to your generous support, we're making long-term, sustainable differences in the countries where we work, and partnering with communities to improve their own health and well-being.

Millions of people have had their sight restored or saved because of our donors' steadfast support over the past 52 years. We can't say this often enough: **Thank you for making it all happen!** Together, we're changing lives – for all the world to see!

*Read our country highlights on pages 5 through 8 to learn how your wonderful support saved sight and lives in 2015.*

## But the need remains great. Did you know?

- **285 million people** are visually impaired worldwide.
- Of those, **39 million** are blind and **246 million** have low vision.
- About **90 percent** of the world's visually impaired live in developing countries.
- Up to **60 percent** of children who go blind in developing countries die within one year of losing their sight.
- About **80 percent** of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured.



## Did you know?

In 2016, we plan to expand our blindness prevention programs into Nepal and Bangladesh!

# India: 2015 highlights

Our India programs have been well-established for 52 years, and during 2015 they continued to expand significantly in terms of partners, projects and results. Compared to the previous year, the results are particularly dramatic: **100 percent increase** in surgeries performed; **50 percent increase** in screenings; **60 percent increase** in primary health care services; and **100 percent increase** in health education over 2014.

In 2015, we partnered with 55 eye hospitals across 15 states, and became the only international non-governmental organization (INGO) to work in India's remote state of Jammu and Kashmir. We re-launched our work in Bihar, another region with a high prevalence of blindness; and we also launched our first community-based rehabilitation project in the slums of Bangalore.



Ghousia (right) underwent vitreoretinal surgery at one of our partner hospitals in India. Now she can care for her son and watch him grow.

We expanded our community eye health projects to 42, and in collaboration with our partners, **declared our 50th village in India as avoidable blindness-free**. By the end of 2015, a total of 66 villages were confirmed free of avoidable blindness! We also launched a new approach called "Participatory Approach to Community Eye Health" in all our Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Programs to involve the community in all aspects of our projects.

Thanks to support from the Edmonton Public Teachers' Charity Trust Fund, we developed an operational manual for our Vision Centres, an innovative concept that continues to gain traction in



*"If my student finds a patient in my village, I will help her counsel the patient to undergo surgery so they too can realize the beauty of vision again."*

Inesh (left), a teacher in India, is happy to be back at work after one of his former students referred him for cataract surgery.

all our countries of intervention. Our 71 Vision Centres are spread across 42 districts in India, bringing quality and sustainable eye care to the communities we serve. A full 75 percent of our Vision Centres are financially self-sustaining.

One of the year's major highlights occurred in September, when we were proud to inaugurate the **Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer**. Located within the renowned L V Prasad Eye Institute, this centre of excellence for eye cancers will serve not only India but other countries in Southeast Asia. With the support of a generous Canadian donor family, we'll be able to provide quality, comprehensive cancer treatment for children and adults at low or no cost to them. Thanks to donors like you, the Institute will save countless lives with its early detection and integrated treatment programs.

And last but certainly not least, after being established as an Indian fundraising entity in 2014, our team began fundraising efforts with local donors and corporations in 2015. We were fortunate to confirm financial support from Pellucid Inc. to equip 50 of our Vision Centres with computer technology, and we received 16,600 eyeglass lenses from Essilor Vision Foundation to be distributed through our community eye health projects to those who cannot afford them. We look forward to significant growth in local fundraising during the 2016 year! ►

Our impact in India	Adults		Children		Totals
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Patients examined through hospitals	423,291	477,879	60,323	84,817	<b>1,046,310</b>
Patients examined through outreach, school screenings and Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Programs	226,554	215,936	73,510	82,012	<b>598,012</b>
Eye surgeries (cataract and others)	71,369	76,024	4,655	3,103	<b>155,151</b>
Prescription eyeglasses dispensed	94,768	99,075	8,615	12,923	<b>215,381</b>
Frontline staff/volunteers trained in primary eye health	925	-	-	-	<b>925</b>
Individuals reached through public awareness programs	110,909	183,281	14,163	16,158	<b>324,511</b>

## Ghana: 2015 highlights

Besides supporting over 8,000 eye surgeries in Ghana, **building capacity** was a large part of our work in that country in 2015. We helped provide professional development opportunities and eye health training to over 800 health care workers, and organized workshops to train ophthalmic nurses to work with hospital equipment.

We also formed a partnership with the Himalayan Cataract Project, an American eye health INGO. This collaboration has already helped strengthen Operation Eyesight operations in Ghana and reduced our project cost by providing surgical equipment and consumables to supplement what we already had.

Thanks to funding from our partner Seeing is Believing, our staff worked with a local communications agency to develop print advertisements and television commercials that **build awareness of avoidable blindness**. Along with public meetings, these awareness campaigns have already encouraged numerous people living in our target districts to seek eye health services. Due in large part to increased public awareness, our team noted an **increase in eye surgeries** in our operational areas during 2015.



*"I never thought I'd be able to see clearly again. Thank you to the doctor and all the Operation Eyesight donors who are helping the poor and needy!"*

After receiving cataract surgery to restore her sight, Janet was able to return to her job at a salt mine in Ghana.

Our impact in Ghana	Adults		Children		Totals
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Patients examined through hospitals	63,390	42,545	18,400	17,022	<b>141,357</b>
Patients examined through outreach and school screenings	331,425	272,483	24,537	26,005	<b>654,450</b>
Eye surgeries (cataract and other)	3,715	3,922	220	214	<b>8,071</b>
Prescription eyeglasses dispensed	1,913	1,607	1,918	1,334	<b>6,772</b>
Frontline staff/volunteers trained in primary eye health	516	286	-	-	<b>802</b>
Individuals reached through public awareness programs (combination of radio, television and public meetings)	964,591	826,978	616,705	528,724	<b>2,936,998</b>

# Kenya: 2015 highlights

The 2015 year saw tremendous growth in our Kenya programs, especially in our programs benefitting children. Together with our partner Seeing is Believing and other eye health organizations, we worked on an innovative **Child Eye Health project** that focused on improving access to eyeglasses, providing screening, treatment and referrals, health education and advocacy.

We're proud to announce that in 2015, **over 90,000 children were screened** for eye problems at our partner health facilities while **another 118,197 children were screened** in schools in the counties of Narok and Kitale. Children with minor conditions were treated, while more complicated cases were referred to tertiary facilities. The number of students treated rose remarkably, which can be attributed to screening and outreach, advocacy, close supervision and monitoring.

In 2013, we helped develop a smartphone-based tool called PEEK (Portable Eye Examination Kit) which was trialed in Kitale district in 2015. The campaign permitted **21,000 children across 50 schools to be screened for vision problems by 25 teachers in only nine days**, with a resulting 900 children detected with visual impairment. The successful trial has led to increased funding from Seeing is Believing to further implement the program, which will include screening the remaining 350 schools in the region and training teachers. We'll continue to work with our Kitale hospital team to ensure quality treatment for the increased number of students who are likely to visit the eye unit after screening and referral.

Along with Kitale Eye Unit, we continued to strengthen and upgrade our partnerships with Narok Eye Unit and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, as well as satellite clinics in five counties. All eight of our partner hospitals received ophthalmic equipment in 2015, thanks to our funding through Seeing is Believing. Additionally, we partnered with the local government and Seeing is Believing to build the Uasin Gishu Eye Unit. This construction is expected to be completed in 2016.



*"When I grow up, I would like to be a doctor so I can treat my people," Allan says.*

After receiving eye surgery, seven-year-old Allan had his vision checked using the PEEK smartphone application.

We supported nine people to attend higher diploma courses in ophthalmology – a huge leap towards strengthening human resources in the region. In addition, 228 community health extension workers and 338 community health volunteers were trained in primary eye care, which is critical to identifying people with eye problems and referrals.

And finally, we continued to fight the blinding disease called trachoma in Narok and West Pokot counties. In 2015, with support from The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, we conducted 524 trachomatous trichiasis (TT) surgeries and trained 170 community health workers as TT case finders. A Mass Drug Administration of antibiotics was conducted, which reached 88 percent of the population in these remote areas.

Our generous donors also funded the rehabilitation of five boreholes in West Pokot, which bring safe, clean water to approximately 5,250 households. The boreholes are a key element of the World Health Organization-approved **SAFE** strategy, which is proven to eliminate trachoma.

Our impact in Kenya	Adults		Children		Totals
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Patients examined through hospitals	17,197	15,980	51,403	39,014	<b>123,594</b>
Patients examined through outreach, school screenings and Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Programs	11,022	9,753	67,390	73,883	<b>162,048</b>
Eye surgeries (cataract and other)	3,663	2,983	175	427	<b>7,248</b>
Prescription eyeglasses dispensed	291	319	110	107	<b>827</b>
Frontline staff/volunteers trained in primary eye health	242	544	-	-	<b>786</b>
Individuals reached through Mass Drug Administration*	108,939	110,754	-	-	<b>219,693</b>
Individuals reached through public awareness programs	1,118,380	1,007,337	20,511	20,944	<b>2,167,172</b>

\*The report for the individuals reached through Mass Drug Administration in 2015 was only separated by gender, so the adult/child ratio is unknown.

# Zambia: 2015 highlights

Operation Eyesight is **the only INGO working in Zambia that is fighting blinding trachoma using the complete SAFE strategy.**

**Surgery** to treat the painful late stage of the disease – we work closely with two hospitals and five trained eyelid surgeons from the Ministry of Health.

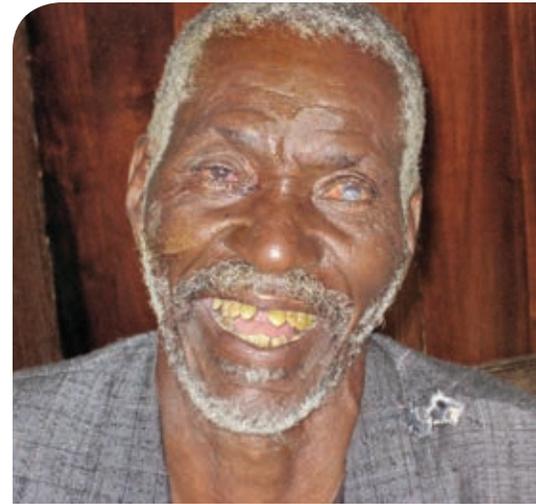
**Antibiotics** to halt infection – we undertook the second phase of a Mass Drug Administration in trachoma-endemic Sinazongwe district, resulting in coverage of over 80 percent of the population.

**Facial cleanliness** – frontline workers educate the community about the importance of face and hand washing at every water point. Schoolchildren who are taught to keep their faces clean later become our eye health ambassadors in their communities. We’ve noted a **dramatic change in people’s attitudes** to keeping their faces clean.

**Environmental sanitation** – we work with communities to foster clean surroundings, encouraging construction of refuse pits for household waste and pit latrines to eliminate open defecation.

We worked with communities and the local government to select sites for 20 boreholes in 2015, and drilling is expected to begin in spring 2016. In partnership with the local authority, we also rehabilitated 20 other dysfunctional boreholes (originally drilled by other INGOs).

In addition to our trachoma programs, we’re combatting a variety of eye health issues alongside our hospital partners. Patients from across Zambia are referred to the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, where we’ve established an ophthalmic centre to address the growing need for eye care services in the country. We also partner with the Sinazongwe District Health Management Board, which has a trained ophthalmic nurse based in Zambia’s Southern Province.



*“I am so impressed with your help,” Jaa says. “Thank you very much. God bless you!”*

After receiving cataract surgery at Mukinge Mission Hospital in Zambia, Jaa can now see clearly again and has returned to his farm work.



Our impact in Zambia	Adults		Children		Totals
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Patients examined through hospitals	1,077	1,256	348	354	<b>3,035</b>
Patients examined through outreach, school screenings and Hospital-Based Community Eye Health Programs	17	26	5	11	<b>59</b>
Eye surgeries (cataract and other)	530	540	35	53	<b>1,158</b>
Prescription eyeglasses dispensed	235	315	136	118	<b>804</b>
Frontline staff/volunteers trained in primary eye health	237	119	-	-	<b>356</b>
Individuals reached through Mass Drug Administration	42,298	40,912	6,324	9,974	<b>99,508</b>

# Financial summary 2015

After a particularly strong year in 2014, Operation Eyesight was well-positioned going into 2015. Much of the funding accumulated in 2014 was utilized in 2015 and, as you've read on pages 5 to 8, our international programs thrived as a result. We saw a 22 percent increase in major gifts over last year, which can be attributed in part to increased funding from Standard Chartered Bank's Seeing is Believing program and a grant from The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust.

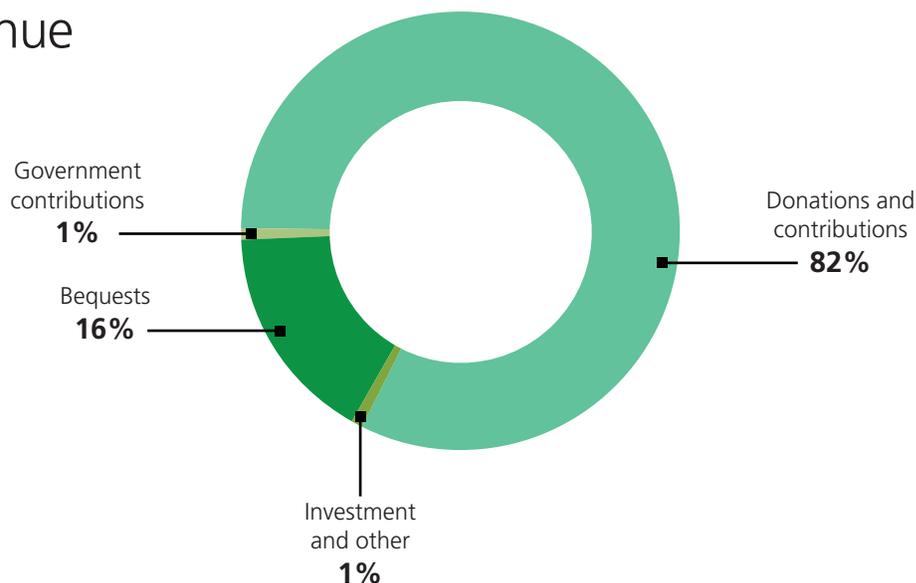
We're extremely grateful for the generous contributions from all of our donors, from our corporate partners to the families and individuals who care deeply about our work. With your dedicated support, we head into 2016 cautiously optimistic and proud of the great work we've accomplished – and will continue to accomplish – together. **Thank you!**

## Summarized statement of financial position

As at December 31 (in thousands of dollars)

	2015	2014
<b>Operation Eyesight</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	2,497	2,724
Investments	2,048	2,026
Capital assets	6	4
Other assets	58	54
	<b>4,609</b>	<b>4,808</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
Current liabilities	251	285
Net assets	4,358	4,523
	<b>4,609</b>	<b>4,808</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>		
	<b>4,609</b>	<b>4,808</b>

## Revenue



Contributions from Seeing is Believing (Standard Chartered Bank) and The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust increased in 2015, while our 40-year funding agreement with the Government of Canada came to an end in June 2015.

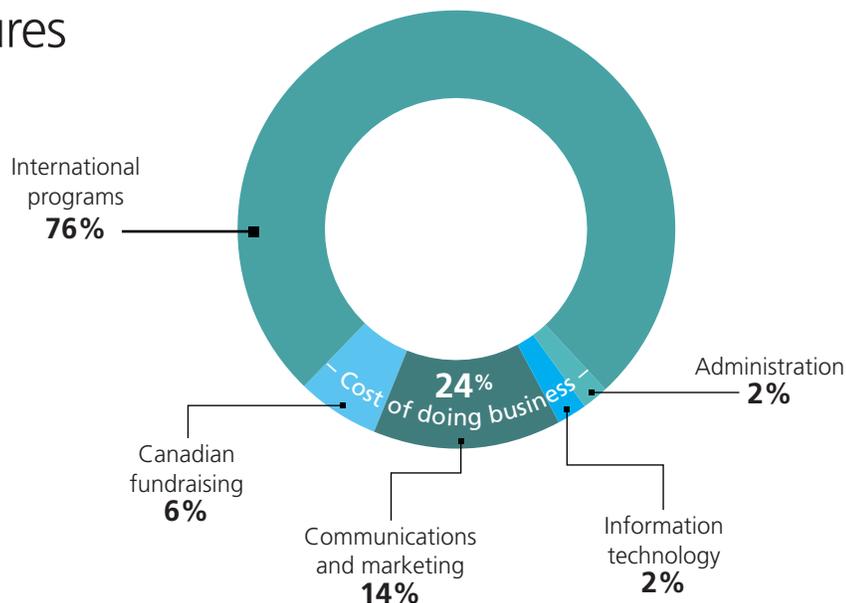
# Summarized statement of operations

As at December 31 (in thousands of dollars)

	2015	2014
<b>Revenues</b>		
Annual gifts	1,155	1,204
Major gifts	2,184	1,797
Legacies	659	1,435
<b>Total donations and contributions</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>4,436</b>
Government contribution (*GAC)	55	1,459
Investment and other	32	41
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>5,936</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
International programs	3,229	3,093
Fundraising	849	849
Administration	174	178
} Cost of doing business		
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>4,251</b>	<b>4,120</b>
<b>(Deficiency) Excess of Revenues Over Expenses</b>	<b>(166)</b>	<b>1,816</b>

\* GAC: Global Affairs Canada (formerly known as the Government of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development)

## Expenditures



### Notes about our financial summary

Operation Eyesight follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The financial information in this summary is drawn from Operation Eyesight's financial statements. If you would like a copy of the complete financial statements, please contact us or view a PDF version on our website at [operationeyesight.com/financials](http://operationeyesight.com/financials).

# SEE our community of support

Financial support from around the globe enables Operation Eyesight to invest in the eye health programs and services that help hundreds of thousands of people each year. We thank you on behalf of all of those who will now see a brighter future – and invite you to continue your support of those who need it most.

Special thanks are extended to the Government of Canada which generously supported our international work for 40 years.



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## Individuals \$5,000+

*People are the core of who we are and who we help. Operation Eyesight thanks the following individuals who contributed gifts of \$5,000 or more in 2015.*

William E. Barnett  
Anthony J. Cole  
Gerald Cooper-Key  
Deborah Cullen  
Marty Cutler  
Margaret Duncan  
Henning Freybe

D. Gordon Mack  
Alexander and Marlene MacKenzie  
Joyce Eileen McElroy  
Khorshed S. Patel  
Doreen Richards  
Edward G. Thompson  
Maurice and Gloria Walsh



*Kareema Bi (middle) received eye surgery thanks to our Canadian supporters!*

## Foundations \$1,000+

*Operation Eyesight is fortunate to have the support of many foundations amongst our Canadian supporters. The following donated \$1,000 or more in support of our work in 2015.*

Christine A. Sethi-Van Impe Foundation  
Colin and Janet Campbell Fund  
Doreen and Bernard Crook Fund  
Ethan and Joan Compton Fund  
Florence and Otis Munday Foundation  
Frank J. Flaman Foundation  
Gerald A. Cooper-Key Foundation  
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Ralph and Gay Young Family Fund  
Robbie and Mary Robinson Family Fund  
Ross Lynn Charitable Foundation  
Sook Ching Foundation  
Ted and Enid Jansen Fund  
William H. and Nora Hickson Kelly Fund

## Corporations \$1,000+

*People are the inspiration behind corporate giving. Operation Eyesight thanks the following corporations whose employees and leaders contributed gifts of \$1,000 or more in 2015.*

809348 Alberta Ltd.  
Annapolis Capital Limited  
Callow & Associates Management Consultants Inc.  
Custom Learning Systems Group Ltd.  
Dr. Michael Stefanelli Inc.  
Heathbridge Capital Management Ltd.  
ISM Canada (an IBM Company)  
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Meadowlark Resources Corp  
MJS Mechanical Ltd.  
Mountain View Optometry  
Paul O'Connor Funeral Home Ltd.  
Port Royal Mills Ltd.  
Union of BC Municipalities

## International Investors

*Several international organizations and individuals have supported our initiatives in 2015 for the prevention and treatment of avoidable blindness, and supported sustainable development in the areas where Operation Eyesight works.*

### \$10,000+

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness  
The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust

### \$2,000+

Mechanical Contractors Association of America Inc.  
Frank J. Schell

### \$1,000+

Rotary Club of Roanoke  
Douglas M. Ruthven

## Clubs and Groups \$1,000+

*Operation Eyesight is fortunate to have the support of many service clubs, churches, schools and community-based organizations. The following groups contributed gifts of \$1,000 or more to our mission in 2015.*

Mechanical Contractors Association of America Inc.  
Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Inc.  
Rotary Club of Brantford  
Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty Inc.  
Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona  
Rotary Club of Fort McMurray  
Rotary Club of High River  
Rotary Club of Kentville

Rotary Club of Kitchener Westmount  
Rotary Club of London South  
Rotary Club of North Scarborough  
Rotary Club of Roanoke  
Sisters of Charity of St. Louis, Calgary, AB  
St. Philip's Anglican Church, Montreal, QC  
The Canadian Prairies Group of Chartered Engineers  
Trinity United Church Women, Vernon, BC

## Monthly Donors

*Operation Eyesight acknowledges and thanks the more than 750 monthly donors who supported our mission in 2015. Please know how much we value your ongoing contributions. Your monthly gifts are the foundation for the sustainability of our work to prevent avoidable blindness.*

As a matter of policy, Operation Eyesight does not sell or trade donor names or contact information.

Every effort has been made to ensure this list is complete. We sincerely apologize if any errors or omissions have occurred.

## Legacy Donors

*A legacy gift ensures your support and passion for the work of Operation Eyesight continues to change lives and restore eyesight for years to come. Thank you to those who communicated their intention to include a legacy gift to Operation Eyesight in their wills and/or estate plans.*

James and Rosalie Alexander  
Valerie Argue  
Marilyn and Richard Barry  
David R. Boldt  
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Jean Stahnke  
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Bhagwan and Philomena Vaswani  
Alyson Witts  
Herbert D. Wyman, Q.C.

## Estate Gifts

*Operation Eyesight recognizes the loss of those people who have made a difference in our world, and who supported us during their lifetimes. We are grateful for the following individuals who demonstrated their commitment to helping others by giving estate gifts in 2015.*

Estate of Mary Jean Baxter  
Estate of Yvonne Elinor Brown  
Estate of Christine Charter  
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Estate of Dorothy Hope Cummings  
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