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“I wanted you to know how greatly honored I was to serve on the Board both as an ordinary member and as Vice-President, and to know and work with members of the Board, as well as with you and your dedicated management team. “

His Excellency Steve Matenje
Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to the United States of America



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND PRESIDENT



Kathryn D. Leckey, JD
Chair, Board of Directors



Victoria M. Sheffield
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John Harry King, Jr., MD
1910-1986
Founder

*"If you restore the sight of one man, you benefit one man.
If you teach one man how to restore sight, you benefit many men.
And if you teach many men, you benefit mankind."*

IEF's founder, Dr. John Harry King, Jr. paraphrased a verse in the Bible when he spoke of restoring sight and teaching others to do the same. We're sure he never imagined that IEF would expand that phrase from clinical and surgical teaching, to training in management and sustainability. But doctors don't learn management in medical school and when they begin their eye care practices, the challenges of treating all the patients who come to them and having the funds to cover the costs of that care are enormous.

Medical services must be efficient and patients must feel they're being treated in a timely fashion and with respect. Studies in a number of countries including the US show that patients will not seek eye care if they feel they are not treated with respect or the treatment they receive does not help them see better, even if that service is free.

Over the last 40 years, our global eye care community has reduced blindness caused by trachoma, vitamin A deficiency, and onchocerciasis which now comprise just 10% of the world's blindness combined. Our emerging threats to sight come from glaucoma, macula degeneration, and the blinding complications of diabetes which is the leading cause of blindness among working age adults worldwide including in the US. These blinding conditions can only be addressed by qualified ophthalmologists with modern technology working in quality, efficient eye care facilities.

The new challenges are huge and there is great need for sub-specialists in developing countries, especially retina specialists. There are cures and therapies to control these diseases and save sight. But quality eye care services must be available and accessible to patients who need them before they go blind.

IEF is working with eye hospital teams to build capacity, create efficiencies, grow services, and develop sub-specialty eye care. We train not only ophthalmic surgeons, but nurses, allied ophthalmic personnel, hospital administrators and managers, accountants, and patient counselors. It takes an entire team to make a sustainable hospital run smoothly and provide quality eye care at all levels. With your help, we can continue to build these services and improve the quality of life for those at risk of blindness in our world.

We're passionate about what we do and how we do it, especially with the results we're achieving. And we are grateful to you, our donors, who make it possible for us to do what we call 21st century development. You enable us to answer the calls for help when they come. THANK YOU all for helping so many and creating services to help millions more in the future.

Mission

IEF's mission is to eliminate preventable and treatable blindness by increasing affordability and access to quality, comprehensive and sustainable eye care services for everyone, especially the poor, around the world.



Jesus can see!

Jesus in Guatemala had cataracts in both eyes! At left, you can see his white cataracts instead of normal black pupils. One of the outreach teams from Visualiza, an IEF partner eye hospital, found Jesus during a screening visit to his village. He was brought to Visualiza in Guatemala City where the cataract in his right eye was removed. Jesus's smile is what makes us proud of the work that we support every day. A few days later, Jesus had the cataract in his left eye removed. The picture at right shows Jesus with Carlos Balcarcel, head of Visualiza's Outreach Program. Visualiza is one of IEF's key partners in Latin America, and that now works with us to build capacity in other eye hospitals in the Latin America region.



Blindness Data

39 million blind (82% over age 50)
246 with low vision (63% over age 50)
285 total visually impaired

1.4 million blind children
2.8 million children with low vision
73% of these live in Africa and Asia

90% of the world's visually impaired people live in developing countries

WHO data 2011

Member: International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
VISION2020: The Right to Sight

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IEF is in "Official relations" with the World Health Organization since 1985 and supports the mission and goals of the WHO Programme for the Prevention of Blindness



Prevention & Public Health

Saving sight for a lifetime!

How do you value the sight of a child? Watching them reach for you, play with you, read a book, learn in school. With 1.4 million blind children in the world and 90% of them in developing countries, we must do all we can to find children at risk of losing their sight and ensure they get treated. IEF is proud to be the Technical Advisor to the USAID Child Blindness Program 2013-2018. To date, USAID has awarded 37 grants to pediatric eye care programs around the world to screen children in communities and schools, treat babies who develop Retinopathy of Prematurity which can leave them blind for their lifetime, operate on congenital cataract and glaucoma, treat strabismus and lazy eye, train pediatric ophthalmologists, and find innovative ways to get spectacles to children who need them, and ensure that they wear them. Pictured L-R: Dr. Luz Gordillo, pediatric ophthalmologist from Lima, Peru with Lily Riva, USAID Child Blindness Program Manager at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting.



"Thank you for the great work of bringing hope and light to the blind in our world. Thanks for your work among children."

Dr. Dupe Ademola-Popoola of Ilorin, Nigeria,
one of a very few fellowship trained pediatric ophthalmologists in Africa.

Onchocerciasis Control



Flies, mosquitoes, and worms have plagued human beings since the beginning of time. IEF is proud to play a leading role in reducing "river blindness" in Africa and Latin America over the past 25 years. We're most grateful to Merck & Company for its generous annual donation of Mectizan®, the drug that kills the worms in the body that would otherwise reach the eye and burrow inside causing great harm and blindness.

IEF pioneered the Mectizan Distribution Programs in Africa, first in Nigeria in collaboration with Africare in 1990. Then in Cameroon (photos left) and Malawi in 1992. And in Guatemala (photo right) in 1990. We support the National Onchocerciasis Control Program in Cameroon in collaboration with the Lions Clubs International Foundation. In 2015, Country Director Patrice Nkwelle and his team treated 1,064,688 people with Mectizan® in Cameroon's Adamaoua and South Provinces, up from 1,045,523 in 2014. Also, 6,656 Community Directed Distributors and 6,701 school teachers were trained. And just over 446,024 children treated with praziquantel and mebendazole for other parasitic diseases such as lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis and intestinal worms.



Sustainability Initiatives



It's an upside down world when it comes to getting eye care! The majority of ophthalmologists and optometrists are in the developed world whilst 90% of the people with visual impairment live in the developing world! The hundreds of well meaning foreign visitors help a few patients see again, but the numbers are a drop in the bucket compared to the need, and they don't change the system they leave behind. IEF changes eye care systems by working and investing long term in eye hospitals that are willing to change. We create efficiencies, management systems, standards and protocols to focus on quality of care, and financial systems that create sustainability with a portion of revenue cross-subsidizing the cost of care for the poor.

Since 1999 when we reoriented our programming to a focus on sustainability, IEF has invested technical assistance and millions of dollars in 46 eye hospitals and clinics in 21 countries. Local ophthalmologists have doubled and tripled the number of exams and cataract operations they perform each year. And these are services provided in developing countries by the local ophthalmologists, not by foreigners. We're especially grateful to the Lavelle Fund for the Blind, the Alcon Foundation, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Pan American Health Organization, Orbis International, CBM International, the Seva Foundation and so many individuals for believing in our success and supporting our passion for this work. These two pages highlight three of IEF's sustainability initiatives.

IEF in Haiti - "Clinique Vision Plus"

You have done a great job in creating what is probably the best clinic serving the population that exists in Haiti. It is a message that needs to get out.

Louis D. Pizzarello, MD, Chair, IAPB North America



The newly built Clinique Vision Plus (CVP) opened in Cap Haitien, northern Haiti in mid-2013. By the end of 2015, 26,203 patients have been treated, 1,450 cataract operations have been performed, and 8,114 eyeglasses have been provided. CVP is financially sustainable supporting a staff of 31 and maintaining quality care.



IEF worked closely with Vision for the Poor/US, a major donor to the project, and IEF's partner Visualiza/Guatemala which provided critical technical assistance. CVP is wholly owned and managed by three wonderful Haitian ophthalmologists (Dr. Guerline Roney is pictured above left) who are dedicated to including and subsidizing the cost of eye care services for the poor within CVP's services. That means they cover the costs associated with doctor's time, equipment use, treatment, medicines, and surgical supplies including intra-ocular lenses. CVP is indeed a successful social enterprise in the poorest country in the western hemisphere and is showing the way in Haiti. More eye clinics are asking for IEF's assistance. This is true 21st century development!

Sustainability Initiatives

IEF in South America — PAHO & Government Eye Units



Eye care at government eye units is free in most developing countries, however, there is a need to reduce costs. Government budgets that pay for staff salaries, clinical supplies, and medicines can only be stretched so far. Old policies that inhibit expansion of services, increase waiting times, and make the patient experience difficult are still in place. In 2012, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) with support from Orbis International invited IEF to address these issues at the major government eye units in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and now Panama. PAHO's Prevention of Blindness Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Silva is pictured below speaking to the teams from each country at an IEF orientation workshop conducted at Visualiza in Guatemala in collaboration with Clinica Divino Nino Jesus in Peru, both IEF team members in this initiative. IEF's Raheem Rahmathullah then made multiple site visits to each country over the next two years to help them achieve the goals of their actions plans. Dr. Doris Alvarado, Director of San Felipe Hospital's Eye Unit in Honduras reports that since we began working with her in 2012, the number of patients treated increased from 37,047 in 2012 to 48,544 in 2015, and cataract surgeries increased from 754 to 1,554 annually. A major shift to using a modern cataract surgery technique that improves quality outcomes has also taken place. She reports that patient waiting times were reduced and the government is pleased because costs have been reduced. Our work with PAHO shows that IEF's sustainability model is adaptable to the government sector as well as the private and charity sectors.



IEF in India — Three Eye Hospitals in Rural North India

Ms. Devi is pictured on our cover standing with her mother. She's only in her 30's and developed cataracts in both eyes three years ago. Ms. Devi and her family live in Himachal Pradesh State, India's far northern state in the Himalayan mountains. Walking many miles each day to fetch water and supplies is the norm, except when you can't see. Thanks to the ophthalmologists at the Rotary Eye Hospital, Ms. Devi received cataract surgery and is wearing the protective dark glasses as her eyes heal. Cataract surgery restored her sight and in this case, her future. A grant from the Alcon Foundation supports IEF's program to increase cataract surgery at three very rural eye hospitals in north India: Akhand Jyothi Eye Hospital in Bihar State, Sitapur Eye Hospital in Uttar Pradesh State, and the Rotary Eye Hospital in Himachal Pradesh State. We're proud to report that these three hospitals increased cataract surgery from 66,449 in 2011 to 84,743 in 2014. These are large hospitals serving large populations. It's mind boggling to think about tens of thousands of eye operations each year. But this is India with great need, and IEF's technical assistance and investments have changed how eye care is delivered resulting in almost 20,000 additional cataract patients having their sight restored in just four years. Ms. Devi was one of them.



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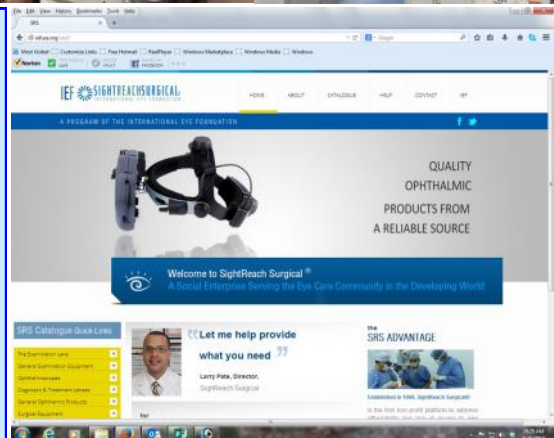
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I would like to thank your company IEF/ SightReach Surgical for their excellent support. Your SRS director, Larry Pate took care of all my questions in a timely manner. He also provided suitable and helpful advice regarding the brand of equipment I was purchasing. He let me know all the important information regarding the products including its features, adjustable buttons and vision screening capabilities. I am a busy medical professional and I urgently required information regarding these products. Larry was extremely attentive and he listened to all my concerns with a great deal of patience. He also ensured that I received all the additional information regarding the products and the time by which I would expect the machines to be shipped/delivered to my office. As a doctor of a new practice, I am constantly tending to the needs of patients of different ages. A portable Auto Refractor and tonometer are a critical requirement for me. I was very thankful that Larry explained which product would suit my needs best. He has a caring approach and he is a true professional.

Dr. S. Pradhan, MD



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Networking and Sharing at Conferences & Meetings



International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)

Over 125 IAPB member agencies from around the world working together to eliminate avoidable blindness came together at the annual Council of Members meeting in Sept. 2014. IEF's Raheem Rahmathullah was recognized as an Eye Health Leader by IAPB and the L'OCCITANE Foundation for his contributions to improving eye care services worldwide. Mr. Rahmathullah is pictured at right receiving his award.



World Sight Day, October 9, 2014, Washington, DC

IEF co-hosted the annual Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill, this year highlighting the economic and social impact of blindness due to diabetes and featured powerful presentations by Susan Bressler, MD of the Wilmer Eye Institute at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Ann Williams, PhD, RN, CDE, a Board member of the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), October 2014, Chicago

- IEF's SightReach Surgical® exhibited with the USAID Child Blindness Program meeting colleagues and eye care providers from around the globe.
- IEF's President Ms. Sheffield organized and chaired the AAO's annual Global Forum titled "Global Research" with eight distinguished international speakers including WHO in Geneva..
- IEF brought Dr. Cesar Gonzales and Ing. Alberto Lazo from Clinica Divino Nino Jesus in Peru to the AAO through the AAO Host Program (pictured top right: Raheem Rahmathullah, Dr. Gonzales, John Barrows, Mr. Lazo; and co-hosted with the US Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem's Medical Director Dr. Jeanne Garth pictured with Ms. Sheffield below right..
- IEF co-sponsored the annual NGO Reception organized by Orbis International for our global colleagues to celebrate our shared commitment to eliminating avoidable blindness. Prof. Rubens Belfort from Brazil who received the 2014 AAO International Blindness Prevention Award was honored.
- Ms. Sheffield received an AAO Senior Achievement Award for her contributions to the AAO.



Volunteer Optometrist Serving Humanity (VOSH), Annual Meeting, Nov. 2014, Denver

IEF's Vice President for Programs, John Barrows, was invited to speak about optometry's role in sustainability of eye care services. VOSH's website noted "John Barrows of IEF followed with an excellent presentation about the work IEF is doing, especially in Nicaragua, Haiti and Peru supporting local eye care providers to establish sustainable eye care programs".

Royal Society of Medicine, 8 January 2015, London

Ms. Sheffield was invited to present at the "Global Successes and Solutions" seminar speaking about "Sustainability of Eye Hospitals in Resource Poor Countries—21st Century Development" which was very well received.



IJCAHPO Meeting on Mid-Level Ophthalmic Providers, March 2015, Cambridge, UK

Ms. Sheffield presented at a landmark meeting of key stakeholders involved in the training and development of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel to meet the human resource needs in developing countries. Hosted by CBM International and including AAO, ICO, IAPB, and WHO, the meeting resulted in the signing of "The Cambridge Declaration".



Events - donors making a difference!

Anna Weatherly Porcelain, October 2014



At her exquisite studio in Arlington, VA, Ms. Weatherly hosted a fundraiser benefiting IEF's sight saving programs. She has created commissioned pieces for the White House, Blair House, and the Prince of Wales Trust. Board member Cyd Everett chaired the event which seemed like we were in a hostess's wonderland.

Pictured above L-R: Ms. Sheffield, Ms. Weatherly, Ms. Everett.

Volunteers

Allen E. Beach
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Sue Woelpper



Wine Tasting, Hendry House, Arlington, VA, October 2014



A balmy autumn evening greeted guests at the historic Hendry House on the grounds of Civil War Fort C.F. Smith built in 1863. Board members Roger Jantio and his wife Dr. Nadia Biassou hosted the event. We were joined by our partners from Peru and Guatemala allowing our guests to learn more about IEF's important work in both countries.



Dr. Cesar Gonzales and Mr. Alberto Lazo from Peru accepted IEF's "Promotion of Peace & Vision Award" to a "clinic or ophthalmologist". Board member Cyd Everett received the award for a "community member".

Photo top left L-R: Board member Amy Golden, Mr. Jantio, Dr. Biassou.

Photo top right L-R: Dr. Gonzales/Peru, Juan Francisco Yee and Dr. Mariano Yee/Guatemala, Mr. Lazo/Peru.

Reception at the Bulgarian Residence Washington, DC, April 2015



Her Excellency Elena Poptodorova hosted IEF at her historic home in northwest Washington. Chaired by Board member Cyd Everett, distinguished guests included the Representative of Taiwan, Mr. Lyushun Shen and his wife. Fine Bulgarian wines were a special treat. IEF began working in Bulgaria with Prof. Petja Vassileva in 1991, soon after the fall of communism in the region, to strengthen public health and child eye care services, and to build the Eye Bank of Bulgaria.

Photo top L-R: Ambassador Poptodorova, Cyd Everett, Representative Shen and Mrs. Shen.

Photo bottom L-R: Joan Bennett Clancy, Board members Julia Sevilla and Cyd Everett.

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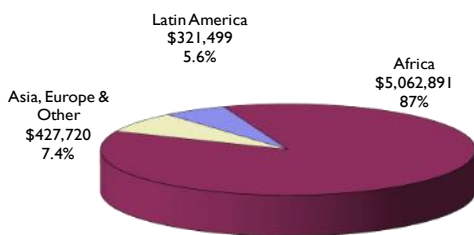
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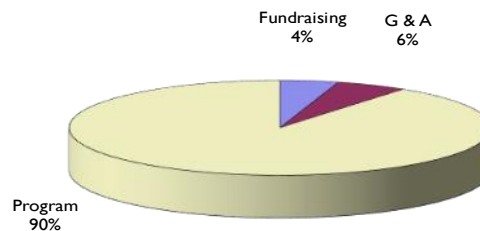
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Public Support & Revenue	Year Ended June 30, 2015	Year Ended June 30, 2014
Public Support – Received Directly (Contributions from Individuals, Corporations and Foundations)	6,405,934	5,387,177
Grants from Governmental Agencies	87,561	94,951
Other Revenue (Investment Income (loss), Program Service Fees and Equipment Sales, Dues, Miscellaneous Programs, Adjustments to Prior Year)	294,678	561,242
Total Public Support & Revenue	6,788,173	6,043,370
Expenses		
Program Services	5,812,110	5,566,719
Management and General	353,148	372,542
Fund Raising	288,076	286,401
Total Expenses	6,453,334	6,225,662
Change in Net Assets	334,839	(182,292)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	2,279,164	2,461,456
Net Assets, End of Year	2,614,003	2,279,164

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COSTA RICA: Caja Costarricense del Seguro Social Hospital (CCSS), San José / Clínica Dr. Carlos Duran Cartin, Zapote
ECUADOR: Fundación Oftalmológica del Valle, Cumbayá Quito
EL SALVADOR: Clínica Oftalmológica Dr. José Miguel POSADA Fratti, San Salvador
EL SALVADOR: Instituto Salvadoreño del Seguro Social (ISSS), San Salvador
GUATEMALA: Visualiza, Guatemala City
HAITI: Clinique Vision Plus, Cap Haitien
HAITI: Clinique Ophtalmologique Spécialisée, Port-au-Prince
HONDURAS: Visión America, Tegucigalpa
HONDURAS: Instituto de la Visión Dr. Douglas Perry (IVDP) and OptiLens, San Pedro Sula
HONDURAS: San Felipe Hospital Eye Department, Tegucigalpa
MEXICO: Instituto de la Visión, Montemorelos and Sureste
MEXICO: Hospital Regional de Alta Especialidad de Vera Cruz, Vera Cruz
MEXICO: Clínica de la Vista, Club de Leones LCIF IAP, Obregón, Sonora
MEXICO: Cielo Vista Clinica de Ojos, Zacatecas
MEXICO: Club de Leones de la Ciudad de Chihuahua, Chihuahua
NICARAGUA: Clínica Oftalmológica Ojo Sano (FONIPRECE), Managua
PANAMA: Hospital Santo Tomas, Panama City
PANAMA: Hospital 24 de Diciembre, Panama City
PANAMA: Hospital Luis "Chicho" Febrega, Santiago
PARAGUAY: Fundación Visión, Asunción
PERU: Clínica Oftalmológica Divino Nino Jesús, Lima
PERU: Instituto Regional de Oftalmología, Trujillo

NORTH AMERICA

USA: Wills Eye Hospital Department of Pediatrics & Genetics and the Eagles Youth Partnership, Philadelphia

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT: Magrabi Eye Hospital, Cairo
EGYPT: Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) Hospital, Menia
EGYPT: Shebin El Koum Hospital, Menoufiya
EGYPT: Qena Eye Hospital, Qena
EGYPT: Bani Sueif Eye Hospital, Bani Sueif
EGYPT: Ismailia Central Hospital Eye Department, Ismailia
EGYPT: Aswan Eye Clinic, Aswan

ASIA

INDIA: Gomabai Nethralaya and Research Center, Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh State
INDIA: Bejan Singh Eye Hospital, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu State
INDIA: Akhand Jyothi Eye Hospital, Bihar State
INDIA: Sitapur Eye Hospital, Uttar Pradesh State
INDIA: Rotary Eye Hospital, Himachal Pradesh State

CONSULTANCIES

BANGLADESH: BSNB Eye Hospital, Sirajganj on behalf of Volunteer Eye Surgeons
ETHIOPIA: Synskey Eye Clinic, Addis Ababa on behalf of American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (ASCRS)
JAMAICA: FISH Eye Clinic, Kingston on behalf of Orbis International
PERU: Organizacion de Lucha Contra la Ceguera, Arequipa on behalf of CBM/Latin America
PERU: Centro Comunitario Oftalmologico Maranata-CECOM, Trujillo on behalf of CBM/LA
PERU: Fundación Oftalmológica del Norte, Piura on behalf of CBM/LA



*"If you restore the sight of one man, you benefit one man.
If you teach one man how to restore sight, you benefit many men.
And if you teach many men, you benefit mankind."*

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