

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation
Public Relations Report
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Audio Reader – Peggy Sampson, Director, is now able to be more active and present in the Wichita area. In the past coverage here was avoided to not be competitive with the Wichita reading service. Now they are only broadcasting Audio Reader which allows Peggy to be present to provide education in this area. She would welcome the opportunity to speak to any of the Lions Clubs in the Wichita area.

Heartland Lions Eye Banks (HLEB) – Thanks to the support of the Lions, our partners in donation, and generous donor families, HLEB has provided 422 corneas for transplant, including 73 in Kansas, the first two months of this fiscal year.

In an effort to enhance their operations and best meet the needs of organizational partners, HLEB consolidated their Hays and Wichita office operations by relocating to a new office in Hutchinson this October. This centralized location will allow them to serve the area more efficiently and put them in closer proximity to their larger partner hospitals.

KU Eye Center – The KU Lions Club branch, which currently consists of twelve members, held an organizational meeting on October 15th. Students from the KU Department of Ophthalmology have been assisting with the mobile screening unit vision screenings both at the Kansas State Fair and in Overland Park.

Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) – The total number of visits scheduled for the MSU in 2012 is 55 plus the ten days at the Kansas State Fair. Providing screenings at this year's state fair was very productive. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) was able to register 2,308 individuals for these screenings. This included the Pedia-Vision screenings for many of our Kansas children. KLSF is grateful to all the Lions, volunteers, nursing instructors and students from Hutchinson Community College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Newman University, and Wichita State University who helped with this Lions service project to help keep our Kansas neighbors healthy. We appreciate the assistance of a first year resident from the KU Department of Ophthalmology who helped with the vision screenings.

We were informed of a positive outcome from an individual who was screened at a previous state fair. It was noted his blood sugar was higher than the recommended level and suggested he visit his health care professional. In this follow up visit it was discovered he had aneurysm which he has had repaired. This was possibly a life saving doctor's visit, thanks to the KLSF MSU.

Vision Screening – “The KLSF is committed to aid the blind and the visually impaired, to preserving eyesight through the purchase of equipment, and support of eye programs”. A special meeting for this committee was held to develop a childhood screening program for the Kansas Lions in cooperation with other Kansas agencies, individuals, and associations. Their goal is to make available vision screening for all pre-school children in the state of Kansas. Due to most schools having vision screening programs the KLSF intent is to be available to school age children only when being requested by a school.