

# Heartland Lions Eye Banks Report, January 2013

## *Now Open in Hutchinson*

The new Heartland Lions Eye Banks (HLEB) office in Hutchinson is now open. In October 2012, we consolidated our Hays and Wichita operations in the relocation effort, which enables us to best meet the needs of our organizational partners and most effectively implement our resources. This centralized location will allow us to serve the area more efficiently and improve our proximity to our larger partner hospitals.

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Heather Britain, Technical Coordinator, is eagerly leading the development of this new branch. She and the rest of the HLEB staff look forward to helping Kansans give and receive the gift of sight in 2013.

## *Donation Statistics*

Thanks to the support of the Lions, our partners in donation and generous donor families, HLEB has provided 1,105 corneas for transplant, including 170 in Kansas, since the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of November.

## *HLEB Offers Ultra-Thin DSAEK*

The Eye Bank has always been at the forefront of advancements in technology to provide cornea transplant surgeons the ultimate in accuracy and quality. We were one of the first eye banks in the country to provide pre-cut tissue for Descemet's stripping automated endothelial keratoplasty (DSAEK), which offers fewer sutures and less recovery time than transitional cornea transplants.

This year, we're taking that further by offering tissue for Ultra-Thin DSAEK procedures. The benefits of Ultra-Thin DSAEK include:

- Ultra-thin corneal lamellar grafts thanks to a double-pass technique
- An average thickness of less than 100 um
- Grafts that are more planar than conventional grafts prepared for DSAEK

For more information on Ultra-Thin DSAEK, please contact us at 800-816-9263.



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