

Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank

Donors Through July 2016

As of this morning, we have recovered 344 donors. At the end of last July (2015), we had recovered 280 donors, this represents an increase of almost 19% . Through June of 2014, we had recovered 252 donors, this represents an increase of almost 27%.

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Placement

	2014	2015	2016
Oklahoma	148	88	125
International	181	284	343
Research	133	142	148
Destroyed	41	44	56

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Referral to Transplant Timeline

It occurred to me that a few of you may not realize exactly what goes into clearing a donor, from start to finish. I wrote this a few days ago and I'm happy to share it with you. From start to finish, it usually takes about 4 days for clearing. Of course, this is dependent on how quickly we obtain medical records.

- ◆ Referral from place of death (any death under the age of 70 or over the age of 2)
- ◆ Pre-screened by StatLine, if not a direct rule-out, sent to screening personnel
- ◆ Screener then calls RN at hospital, to further screen
- ◆ If screening reveals a rule-out, RN is instructed to release the body to the funeral home
- ◆ If no rule-out, screener then calls the NOK to inquire about donation
- ◆ If consent is obtained, the screener completes the medical/social history with the family, if there are no rule-outs, a technician is dispatched to hospital, funeral home or ME office
- ◆ Technician will then perform an accurate body exam, noting any scars for identification purposes, checking for signs of STD or high risk behavior such as needle track marks
- ◆ Technician will then draw two tubes of blood for serology testing. Currently we test for Hep B, Hep C, HIV and Syphilis
- ◆ Technician will then set up a sterile field and perform the recovery portion
- ◆ The corneas are brought back to the eye bank immediately
- ◆ Medical records are requested for each donor to ensure there is nothing that would be a subsequent rule-out like sepsis, other infections or certain cancers and to perform a hemodilution algorithm to ensure the donor has not been hemodiluted by blood products or other fluids that would cause serology testing to not be accurate
- ◆ Blood is sent to VRL Labs in Colorado, results are reported within 48 hours
- ◆ The corneas are evaluated under two types of microscopes: a slit lamp and a specular microscope to ensure that the tissue is viable and the likelihood of a good surgical outcome is expected
- ◆ Once all of the information is obtained, if the cornea is medically suitable for transplant, we send a tissue report to the surgeon and they make the final determination for suitability for their particular patient. If the surgeon accepts the tissue, the tissue is then delivered via private vehicle (local), courier or FedEx
- ◆ If there is a rule-out revealed during the medical record processing, if the family consented to research, it is sent to OU or DMEI
- ◆ If there is positive serology testing, the cornea(s) are destroyed and the state health department is notified

Donor Spotlight



Lance Claunch

My brother Lance Claunch (05/19/1993-05/25/2016) was the most caring, giving, genuine, and selfless individual we've ever had the honor of knowing, and blessing us with his life. Lance was the type of person who could see the beauty in everything and everyone. I know that he would be proud to give sight to someone in need.

He had the most beautiful and soulful eyes I had ever seen. He radiated kindness, love, and acceptance. I hope through his gift the recipient can see the world the way he did, full of wonder, beauty, and love.

Carmen Cantrell & Family

Donations for DSEK project

DONOR	AMOUNT
LIONS OF DISTRICT 3-K	\$400.00
NORTH ENID LIONS	\$250.00
LAVERNE LIONS CLUB	\$100.00
EDMOND LIONS CLUB	\$200.00
ELK CITY LIONESS LIONS CLUB	\$100.00
BROKEN BOW LIONS CLUB	\$100.00
DISTRICT 3-A	\$293.00
DISTRICT 3-A	\$63.34
DISTRICT 3-A	\$10.00
NORTHWEST LIONS CLUB	\$50.00
VIAN LIONS CLUB	\$500.00
ED BRADWAY	\$100.00
IDABEL LIONS CLUB	\$100.00
DUNCAN LIONS CLUB	\$100.00
DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB	\$1,000.00
MIDWEST CITY LIONS CLUB	\$1,000.00
Bolger UniTrust & Memorials	\$14,721.36
Lions Trust Distribution	\$13,321.33
Whitney Family Fund	\$1,000.00
	\$33,409.03

We are now \$41,590.97 away from our goal of \$75,000.00.

Thank you for all of the donations!

Web Page

Be sure to check out our web page and facebook page periodically. I try to update it every week to 10 days. We have had a very good response from families wanting to feature their loved ones who were donors and gave the gift of sight. As you can imagine, it's a very trying time for all of these families, and we'd like to recognize each donor whose family is willing.

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