

**The Northwest Lions Foundation  
Report by: Bill Lundin, Board Chairman**

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**In 2019, SightLife and The Northwest Lions Foundation celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**We began this year serving Lions Clubs and corneal surgeons across the country and several foreign countries. In March of this year, that all changed.**

**The COVID 19 virus forced all hospitals to stop elective surgeries, which included corneal transplant surgeries. The following are what SightLife and The Northwest Lions Foundation implemented to weather this storm.**

**SightLife lost most of its business from March thru May. We are now returning to normal volumes. Three-quarters of SightLife employees were furloughed. All of those are back at work. Almost all of our employees are working from home. The Seattle office is still closed, with rare exceptions. Because of tremendous efforts, SightLife was able to get funding from Government PPE grants.**

**The Board of the Northwest Lions Foundation recognized, without support from SightLife and limited support from White Cane Days, our program services would have to be substantially curtailed. We agreed to continue operating our Hearing program but curtailed project support grants. All health screenings were canceled because of COVID and we are opening up operation slowly.**

**On a positive note, we hired Skip Laney as our new Health Screening Unit Driver/Manager. The HSU is now being stored in Wenatchee, Washington. This year, the NLF was awarded a grant to build our next mini screening to be used in MD19- District G.**

**As always, The Governing Boards of SightLife, The Northwest Lions Foundation and The Northwest Lions Endowment want thank all the Lions of MD-19 for their continued support.**

**Stay Safe in all you do.**

**In-Service,**

**Bill Lundin**