



## Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

### April is White Cane Month!

April is a very important month for your Lions Lighthouse Foundation. White Cane fundraisers are a major source of funding for our eye surgery program, and so far we are at one-fifth of our \$167,500 goal.



The Lighthouse's services are needed as much now as they have ever been. Fox 5 Atlanta recently ran a story on our vision clinics, and the next day we received over 500 requests for clinic applications in the Metro Atlanta area alone. The overwhelming response underscores the importance of increasing the number of clinics and clinic days we hold. And with each increase in clinic patients, we will have an increase in surgery patients as well. Without the support of every Lions club, we will not be able to help the thousands of Georgians who are unable to afford vision care.

Last year, your Lighthouse provided 364 eye surgeries. That's almost one surgery every day. But more important, it is a story a day. Each of our eye surgeries changes someone's

life. Few people have described that transformation better than client Bruce Lynn, who attended the January Meeting.

Bruce (pictured right) was nearly blinded by cataracts. He was forced to stop working in construction, so he got a job in the restaurant business instead. There he was able to work nights, and drive home in the dark.

He wasn't always able to beat the sun home, and the light made it almost impossible to see. One morning while driving home, Bruce unknowingly approached a construction zone. There was a man on the side of the road holding a "slow" sign, but he didn't see the man until he was right on top of him. Bruce managed to swerve at the last second, and wound up in a ditch. He continued driving across the field and to his home, for fear that if he got caught he would lose his license and his livelihood.

Today, Bruce is able to see and drive again. In his words, "I'm back and work and out of ditches. I will forever be grateful."

Your work through White Cane makes stories like Bruce's possible. Thank you for your support!





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## Woodruff Foundation Awards Lighthouse \$500,000 Grant

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is happy to announce it was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Woodruff Foundation. The grant puts us over half-way to our \$2.75 million dollar goal, but more important, it shows that others truly believe in the mission and direction of your Lighthouse.

To learn more about the capital campaign, including named gift opportunities, please visit [www.lionslighthouse.org](http://www.lionslighthouse.org) or contact Kyle at [kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org)



## Lighthouse Capital Campaign FAQ:

### How will individuals be recognized for their capital campaign contributions?

There will be a recognition wall at the new home of the Lighthouse. Permanent recognition for individuals starts at \$2,500. There will also be a directory of all donors in the new building. Please remember that pledges can be fulfilled over three years.

### How will my club be recognized for its capital campaign contribution?

All clubs giving over \$1,000 will receive a commemorative banner patch. Clubs giving at the \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$15,000 levels will receive permanent recognition in the building. Naming opportunities are available from \$20,000.

### Will my individual contribution count for my club?

On the recognition wall, individual and club contributions can be double-counted. For example, say John Doe from Roaring Rock Lions Club contributes \$5,000 and his club contributes \$10,000. Lion John will be recognized as an individual at the \$5,000 level, and Roaring Rock will be recognized at the \$15,000 level.

### Can my individual contribution count toward my club's pledged amount?

No. When Lions Clubs make pledges to the capital campaign, it is with the expectation that the amount of the pledge will come from the club's account. Any additional funds given by the individuals in a club will count toward the amount the club is recognized for in the end, but not toward the club's original pledge.

To find out more about recognition and naming opportunities, please contact Kyle at [kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:kgalenski@lionslighthouse.org).

## Night of Spectacles

Night of Spectacles is this Thursday, April 22nd!!

Local design students took our scratched and broken eyeglasses, and turned them into wearable dresses.

The event includes:

- A fashion show with the students' dresses.
- Celebrity judges
- A silent auction
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- An open bar
- A chance to support your Lighthouse!

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the Night of Spectacles website at [www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org)

Thank you!