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HONORING NATE: A LEGACY OF LOVE, COURAGE, AND GIVING



Nathaniel “Nate” was only 20 years old when he passed away in January 2025, but the legacy he left behind is immeasurable. To his parents, Peggy and Gene, Nate was their world, compassionate, driven, thoughtful, and wise beyond his years.

Nate’s connection to donation began long before he registered as a donor. His mother, Peggy, experienced the gift of life twice, first through her sister’s living liver donation, and later through a liver transplant during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through these experiences, Nate witnessed firsthand the hope and healing organ donation brings to families.

When it was time for Nate to receive his driver’s license, he proudly registered as an organ donor. Holding up his new license with excitement, he celebrated not only the freedom to drive but also the opportunity to one day help others.

That decision would ultimately save and heal lives.

Nate became a donor hero to more than 70 people through tissue, bone, and valve donation. For his family, learning that he also restored sight through cornea donation holds a particularly

special meaning. Nate has worn glasses since kindergarten, and knowing that 2 people can now experience the beauty of life through his gift brings comfort amid unimaginable grief.

Today, Nate's family honors his memory by sharing his story and the profound impact of donation. Though their hearts are heavy with grief, they find comfort in knowing his generosity lives on through the many lives he touched. "Our family has seen the miracle of organ donation come full circle," they shared. "He gave back because he saw the benefits and goodness it gave his mom. His heart was bigger than this world."

Through his gifts, Nate's legacy lives on in the people he helped, in the memories shared by those who loved him, and in the powerful reminder that one person's decision to register as a donor can change countless lives.

BEAUTY OF SIGHT NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART LABORATORY EXPANSION UNDERWAY



Beauty of Sight is excited to announce that construction is officially underway on its new state-of-the-art laboratory expansion project, made possible through the support of a Lions Clubs International Foundation Vision Grant and the generosity of Lions clubs across District 35-N and throughout Multiple District 35, including Florida, the Bahamas, Aruba, Barbados, and Curaçao.

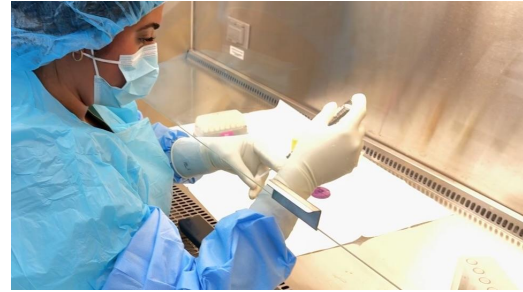
Framing and electrical work are now in progress as the organization moves forward with a major expansion that will nearly double its operational space. The new facility will feature dedicated laboratory areas designed to support Beauty of Sight's growing programs and future advancements in vision care. The expanded space will enhance workflow, increase processing capabilities, and strengthen the infrastructure needed to meet the growing demand for sight-restoring services throughout Florida and beyond.

"This grant represents a powerful investment in the future of vision care," said Elizabeth Fout, Executive Director of Beauty of Sight. "With LCIF's support and the dedication of Lions across our district, we will enhance our laboratory capabilities, expand our services throughout Florida, and ultimately serve more patients who rely on sight-restoring treatments."

The laboratory expansion is part of Beauty of Sight's broader strategic initiative to prepare for emerging technologies, therapies, and innovations that are transforming the role eye banks play in supporting ophthalmic care. Dedicated laboratory spaces will support advancements in corneal transplantation, ocular research, and regenerative therapies, positioning the organization to better serve surgeons, researchers, and patients throughout the region for years to come.

BEYOND TRANSPLANTATION

ADVANCED HEALING THROUGH PRGF



When most people think of an eye bank, they think of corneal transplantation. But today, advanced ocular biologic therapies are creating new ways to help patients heal, reduce pain, and restore quality of life.

One of those therapies is Platelet-Rich Growth Factor (PRGF), an innovative treatment offered through Beauty of Sight's ocular biologics program. PRGF is created using a patient's own blood and specially processed to concentrate natural growth factors that support the healing of the ocular surface.

While traditional serum tears provide important lubrication and nutrients for patients with severe dry eye and ocular surface disease, PRGF delivers a higher concentration of regenerative growth factors designed to promote tissue repair, reduce inflammation, and support healing in more complex cases.

For many patients with severe dry eye disease and other ocular surface disorders, therapies such as PRGF can significantly improve comfort, healing, and quality of life.

As Beauty of Sight continues to expand its laboratory capabilities, we remain committed to advancing innovative therapies that help restore and protect vision while supporting the future of ophthalmic care



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CORNEA RECIPIENT

We would love to share your story

If you are the recipient of a cornea or have a story of a donor that you would like to share, please let us know. Email ddfrancisco@med.miami.edu or use the QR code



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