



Lions Sight Savers

The campaign of Lions Clubs International MD 105 Sight Conservation Programme - UK Charity Commissioners Registration No. 286225

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Dear Lion President,

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Lions Sight Savers

We would like to offer you our congratulations as new President of your Club. For some of you this will be a 'second time around' but for many your first time and we trust the year for all of you is an enjoyable one.

We are writing to you at the request of the Trustees to let you know that Lions Sight Savers Trust has donated over £3 million, since its formation in 1982, from Clubs in Multiple District 105. Lions outstanding generosity has touched the lives of all kinds of people with the joy of regaining their sight. We really can't thank you enough.

All the Trustees of Lions Sight Savers are Lion members and there are no administration costs incurred, with 100% of the donations going to projects managed by Sightsavers.

As you receive this letter around 18 million people worldwide are needlessly blind from cataract. Yet all it takes to restore their sight is a straightforward 20 minutes operation costing around £30.00.

- 314 million people are blind or visually impaired, and 75% of this is avoidable or preventable.
- In Africa, less than 10% of disabled children are in school.
- More than 90% of the world's visually impaired people live in developing countries.
- Sightsavers works with partners across the world to prevent and cure blindness, and to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people.

In July 1997 the Trustees approved an incentive called the banner patch scheme. Since then, many Clubs have gained either Bronze Awards (10-19 donations of £250.00), Silver Awards (20-39 donations of £250.00), Gold Awards (40-74 donations of £250.00) and Diamond Awards (75 donations of £250.00).

We do hope that you will be able to consider continuing to support Lions Sight Savers. A donation of £250.00 will count as one donation towards the banner patches scheme referred to above. Cheques should be made payable to your District (i.e. pay: Lions Clubs International District 105x), endorsed on the back 'Lions Sight Savers' and sent to your District Treasurer in the usual way.

As Trustees we are travelling to India (at no cost to the Lions Sight Savers Trust) to see the work being carried out for ourselves, so as to be able to report back to Lions on how their contributions are helping.

We have pleasure in enclosing the Lions Sight Savers 2013 – 2014 Newsletter and are sure that you and your Members will find this of interest.

Yours in friendship and Lionism.

Sincerely,

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Trustee and Secretary, Lions Sight Savers.

John Sanders
Multiple District Sight Preservation, Awareness and
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