

Annual Report July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024



**The Eye Bank
of Kentucky**

The mission of the Kentucky Lions Eye Bank is to restore sight through corneal transplant, ocular research, and medical education. We will promote eye, organ and tissue donation while respecting and honoring the donors and their families who so selflessly give.

Success begins with the support from our donor families, transplant partners, dedicated staff, and everyday residents of Kentucky. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we are committed to providing the Gift of Sight and we are proud to summarize our impact on the communities we serve:

- The Eye Bank of Kentucky (EBKY) dedicated staff responded to a total of 914 eye donors who selflessly gave the gift of sight. Observing the values of Quality, Safety, and Outcomes, (39) staff members helped restore vision to (1,464) patients through cornea transplantation.
- The Eye Bank added two Certified Eye Bank Technicians (CEBT) to its clinical staff for a total of six CEBTs on staff.
- In addition to eye tissue donations supporting researchers investigating treatments and cures for eye disease, EBKY is an investigation site for the multi-center Diabetes Endothelial Keratoplasty Study (DEKS), examining the impact of diabetes on corneal transplant success.
- Over (323) SeraTears® were prepared to treat patients and prevent suffering in pain from severe dry eye disease. These Autologous Serum Eye Drop (ASED) is a special preparation obtained from a patient's own blood to help rebuild and repair the surface of the eye.
- The Judy Tincher Fund provided access to care by financially supporting (23) visually impaired patients.
- Grant support was provided to nonprofit organizations in support of vision and medical research, Trust for Life donor awareness, physician education, programs providing free vision screening for children, and financial aid vision services improving the quality of life for Kentuckians.
- The EBKY proudly supports an annual medical mission trip to Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala Hospital de la Familia where corneal transplants were successfully performed to restore sight to (16) grateful recipients who traveled from all over the country.
- At the 2024 Eye Bank Association of America Annual Meeting, EBKY President Charles Pivoney received the Leonard Heise Award in recognition of outstanding devotion to the EBAA's development and for exemplifying the precepts of Leonard Heise, a major contributor to the fight against blindness and one of the EBAA's founders.

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

Support and Revenues

Eye bank service fees	\$ 3,557,326
Contributions	\$ 204,969
Interest	\$ 7,440
Total revenues and support	\$ 3,769,735

Expenses

Program services	\$ 3,327,575
Management and general	\$ 945,762
Philanthropy/Marketing	\$ 15,582
Total expenses	\$ 4,288,919

Non-operating income: \$ 8,423

Increase (decrease) in net assets \$ (510,761)

Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 1,802,975
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,292,214

A complete copy of our audited financial statements is available upon request.

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On behalf of The Eye Bank of Kentucky, its staff, its Board of Directors and the physicians and patients that we serve, thank you for being a supportive, trusted, and valued partner in donation and transplantation.