During the shelter in place ordinance and throughout 2020, physicians of Pacific Vision Eye Institute provided their expertise and were featured in more than 100 media outlets on topics including COVID-19, cataracts, dry eye disease, glaucoma, and Lasik. Top media outlets included Al Jazeera, Business Insider, MSN, NBC, Reader’s Digest, and WebMD.

To view our media features, visit our website: pacificvisionfoundation.org/in-the-news/
ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

Excellent eye care for all regardless of ability to pay.

Pacific Vision Eye Institute is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art, comprehensive eye care to all regardless of income. Headquartered in the heart of San Francisco near Civic Center, the Eye Institute is much greater than the walls that encompass the building at 711 Van Ness. The Eye Institute is a comprehensive eye center, providing the highest level of patient care, medical education and community service led by world renowned ophthalmologists.

Pacific Vision Foundation is the funding body behind the Pacific Vision Eye Institute. Inspired by the Aravind Eye Care System in India, known for its groundbreaking business model providing high volume, high quality and affordable eye care, Pacific Vision Foundation is pioneering an innovative social model to provide eye care for all.

PACIFIC VISION EYE INSTITUTE IS HOME TO:

- **CPMC Dept of Ophthalmology Residency and Fellowship Programs.** With a national reputation for educating leaders and distinguished clinical physicians, the Department offers fellowships in retina, oculoplasty and research.

- **Lions Eye Foundation Clinic.** Where uninsured and underserved patients are seen and treated by residents and volunteer faculty.

- **Frank Stein and Paul S. May Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation.** Helps visually disabled individuals achieve maximum independence. PVF provides critical support to this unique resource.

- **Eye Care Specialists.** Physicians, optometrists and technicians serve patients and support the residency education program in the Lions Eye Clinic, by proctoring in surgery and by hosting residents in their practices.

- **Ophthalmic Diagnostic Services.** A treasured resource for community eye doctors, the skilled ODS team is on the leading edge of imaging technology, offering more than 20 different diagnostic modalities.

- **Community Clinic Outreach.** Pacific Vision Eye Institute partners with a federally qualified health center to expand eye care services to underserved communities in the Bay Area.

- **Pacific Vision Surgery Center.** Our state-of-the-art ambulatory eye surgery center is now open for business to care for insured and uninsured patients alike. Pacific Vision Surgery Center’s Medical Director is Margaret Liu, MD and the Assistant Medical Director is Kevin Lee, MD.

Our neighbors in need of sight-saving surgeries are counting on us!

Pacific Vision Foundation is determined to help patients in need as soon as possible. Some vision problems are linked to poverty and lack of access to healthcare. Without prompt attention and surgical intervention, conditions will deteriorate and can lead to permanent loss of sight.

With your support, low-income patients will receive the same high level of eye care as private patients of faculty clinicians. Hundreds of people in our community will also be able to access vision-saving surgeries that will restore a person’s independence, ability to work, stay in school, care for their families and so much more.

We at Pacific Vision Foundation are grateful for your ongoing support. Thank you!
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

2020 did in fact turn out to be the “Year of Vision” – though of course not as originally planned.

In 2020 we saw clearly who we are as members of the Pacific Vision Eye Institute community.

We are a community that sees with our hearts, minds, and souls. We see clearly where we are today and we have the dedication and courage to make our vision for the future a reality.

We opened our new Pacific Vision Surgery Center in the midst of a pandemic, to serve all members of our community with the highest level of eye care regardless of ability to pay.

Faculty members rallied to volunteer their time to educate our residents, despite challenges of the shutdown that affected their personal lives and practices. They continued to provide care to patients of the CPMC/LEF clinic as well as surgeries at PVSC and other venues, without compensation.

Members of the newly-launched Legacy Society clearly saw our vital work extending to the future, and they committed to make that possible through their pledges of support.

Donors large and small saw that they could make a real difference in the lives of the underserved members of our community; for though many may be recognized as ‘essential workers’ they do not have the financial resources to get the eye care they need to remain independent and productive and to realize their highest potential.

The pages that follow will give you glimpses of all of these triumphs, including reflections from one of our first surgery center patients about her experience, perspectives from donors about what motivates their generosity, photos capturing key moments in our residency program, and stories about those who benefit from our Patient Assistance Fund.

Thanks to the generosity and courage of all of the members of the Pacific Vision Eye Institute community, your vision is being realized every day. It is a privilege to participate in this work, and to serve our mission of excellence, education and community service.

Warmly,

Ellen E. Jamason
Chief Executive Officer
Dear Friends,

During 2020 we overcame a number of unexpected obstacles. The year presented a very different reality from what we had planned.

Still, like many, we came together and found ways to forge ahead. There was simply too much to do – too many counting on us. Thankfully, there were also many willing to step in and work with us to achieve our goals. This came as no surprise, given the steadfast dedication our visionary board of directors have demonstrated since our inception in 1977.

One of our biggest objectives for 2020 was to receive accreditation and open Pacific Vision Surgery Center. While this happened a bit later than expected, it did happen before the end of the year. Affiliated surgeons and CPMC Department of Ophthalmology residents had already been operating in that space for the required test cases and did not miss a beat to continue providing the highest level of care for all when the accreditation process was finalized in October 2020.

Just as our founders envisioned, we are now proud to have a space of our own where insured and uninsured patients alike receive the same exceptional care in the same clean, safe environment.

For 2021, we remain focused on our mission – with renewed enthusiasm to support CPMC residents, care for patients in our new space, and prepare for any other uncertainty that may come our way.

Thank you to all of you who support Pacific Vision Foundation. Our goals are as ambitious as they are necessary, and we could not do this work without you.

With gratitude,

Francine M. Miltenerberger
Chair, Board of Directors, Pacific Vision Foundation
Pacific Vision Surgery Center (PVSC) is officially fully accredited and open to the public.

Despite various setbacks, PVSC received accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and began seeing patients in November 2020.

Mary Powell, a longtime friend of PVF, became a patient in 2020, and was ecstatic about the experience.

“The process was literally a walk in the park. I was anxious about the procedure, but the experience was absolutely seamless. It is crystal clear that the staff has been trained and tested impeccably,” Mary enthused.

Clinical Director Laura Coleman was identified during a national search and relocated to San Francisco to lead the PVSC team.

“One of the best parts of being in this role is hearing about the patient experience. There might be a bit of anxiety preoperatively, but it is important for us to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible both before and after surgery,” she said.

What sets PVSC apart is a dedication to uninsured and low-income patients. Through an affiliation with the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) and the Lions Eye Foundation (LEF), ophthalmology residents under faculty supervision provide surgical care. Faculty members volunteer their time for these surgeries, and other costs are covered by PVF’s Patient Assistance Fund.

The Patient Assistance Fund is Pacific Vision Foundation’s commitment to raise $1.5 million over five years to support surgeries for patients who cannot afford sight-saving surgery.

Due to the pandemic and other factors, the surgery center opening was almost one year later than planned. The surveyors from AAAHC spent a few days at PVSC in late September. The feedback received speaks volumes about the team.

“It was wonderful to hear the AAAHC surveyor comment that the clinical survey examination was one of the cleanest he had ever observed. As a result, PVSC was granted a three-year accreditation with no requirement for interim survey examinations,” said PVSC Administrator and PVF CEO Ellen Jamason.

Pacific Vision Surgery Center will undoubtedly evolve to be the surgery center of choice for community ophthalmologists, while playing a vital role in training future ophthalmologists through the residency program.

The next goal is to equip the second operating room to serve even more patients and continue working towards being a self-sufficient center that cares for all patients in the same safe, clean, sophisticated space.

For more information please visit https://www.pacificvisionsurgery.com
It is not difficult to understand the anxiety associated with surgery. Eufemio S. said he was initially uneasy about his procedure at Pacific Vision Surgery Center.

He lives in Atwater in Merced County. On a good day, that is still more than a two-hour drive from San Francisco. Eufemio says the long drive only compounded his stress.

Surgery was recommended when he was diagnosed with a nasal pterygium in his right eye. He was treated by pterygium excision and autograft. The surgery was performed by Chief Resident Dr. Ahmadreza Moradi and Dr. Bernd Kutzscher as attending.

“I was really very nervous,” Eufemio said. “I don’t doubt that all of the doctors have plenty of experience, and the clinic was beautiful and so clean. But I don’t mind saying I was scared.”

In addition, Eufemio had already been waiting for surgery for nearly a year, due to restrictions and delays associated with COVID-19.

The condition of pterygium is a vascular pink tissue that can grow from the conjunctiva onto the cornea. If it grows into the line of vision, it interferes with a person’s sight. Pterygiums are most commonly found to originate from the inner (nasal) surface of the eye and extend toward the pupil. This condition is often directly associated with long-term exposure to sunlight, particularly ultraviolet rays without proper protection.

Eufemio said he arrived nervous, but ready. Laura Coleman, Clinical Director, welcomed him the morning of his procedure.

“What I remember most vividly is the person who came to talk to me not long after I arrived. She saw that I was nervous. She talked so calmly. She brought me a warm blanket. That simple gesture made everything so much better,” he said.

Once a patient is calm, doctors are able to get to work that much faster. Dr. Kutzscher says working at PVSC has a variety of outstanding benefits for both patients and physicians alike.

“From a physician point of view, the new surgery center has all of the latest operating room innovations,” he said. “From a patient point of view, the new surgery center is very quiet and peaceful. The surgery center allows the patient to immediately relax and feel confident in the procedure.”

Eufemio was thrilled with the results of the procedure. He is able to drive again, spend time with his family and work. He is thankful for the excellent care he received.

Pacific Vision Foundation covers costs of surgeries of uninsured patients through our Patient Assistance Fund. Contact philanthropy@pacificvisionfoundation.org to learn how you can help.
The idea to establish a planned giving mechanism for Pacific Vision Foundation had been in the conceptual stage for some time. The uncertainty and challenges faced in 2020 seemed like the right moment to launch this in earnest. Thankfully, Dr. Bruce Spivey, Dr. Wayne Fung and Dr. Robert Webster Jr. did not hesitate to take charge of this important project, cementing their own commitments in their personal estate plans before reaching out to their vast networks.

The Legacy Society was formally implemented in early 2020. PVF’s closest supporters were contacted to help everyone understand the intention and goal. By definition, a planned gift is a promise noted as part of a donor’s estate plans. These can include gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property or cash. The organization may not see these donations for years but encouraging this type of activity has tremendous benefits.

Having the Legacy Society at Pacific Vision Foundation allows us to focus on the future. It has been documented that planned gifts are often some of the largest gifts a nonprofit will receive all year. Plus, loyal donors can contribute more this way than they could have in their lifetimes.

This type of giving also benefits the donor. Donors who go the planned giving route get income and capital gains tax relief, depending on the specifics of the planned gift they allocated. In addition, donors can deem exactly where their contribution will go while creating a lasting legacy.

PVF decided that commitments received before the end of the calendar year would be considered Legacy Society Founding Members. We are thrilled to have 26 names on that list as of March 2021. PVF hopes this list will continue to grow, as additional supporters decide to join the Legacy Society. Please contact philanthropy@pacificvisionfoundation.org for additional details.

### 2020 Legacy Society Founding Members

- Usha Arunachalam
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**Dr. Joel Porter – Legacy Society, Founding Member**

Pacific Vision Foundation has benefitted from the generosity of Dr. Joel Porter for some time. While his life took him back to the East Coast decades ago, he has demonstrated that his ties to the Bay Area will stand the test of time. We are honored to include him among our list of 26 Founding Members.

Dr. Porter first came to San Francisco in 1966 to intern at what was then known as the Presbyterian Medical Center. Dr. Arthur Jampolsky* was the Chair of the ophthalmology department. He met two residents – Dr. Wayne Fung and Dr. Robert Webster Jr. – and soon crossed paths with a certain Dr. Bruce Spivey. Little did any of them know that they would all be Founding Members of the Legacy Society in 2020. Through this special commitment, they will ensure their legacy and dedication continues.

In 2006, Dr. Porter retired from his practice in New Jersey but found himself coming back to the CPMC Lions Eye Clinic as a volunteer faculty member. He does not mince words when he proudly exclaims that the first-year students are his favorites. Then in 2016, Dr. Porter made yet another sizeable investment with a gift for Pacific Vision Foundation in honor of Dr. Spivey. "Bruce was a good steward of the culture of collaboration and education in CPMC’s ophthalmology department. He really should get more credit for everything he does," said Dr. Porter. He continued, "He sits back quietly at Rounds, but he really is the nucleus of the program, and has left it in very good hands."

Dr. Porter also expressed his admiration for Dr. Kevin Denny, Chair, CPMC Department of Ophthalmology. He said he pays attention to how Dr. Denny contributes during Grand Rounds. "He is spot on with his sense of purpose, leadership and knowledge of ophthalmology," Dr. Porter said.

But he is equally impressed and inspired by the high caliber of residents that come through the program. He is typically a visiting faculty member, but the pandemic made that impossible in 2020. He commented, "I've been at a deficit not being there this past year. The program always manages to get such excellent residents."

Dr. Porter continued to speak highly of so many people with whom he’s been connected because of PVF and the CPMC Ophthalmology Residency Program. "Dr. Alan Scott, Dr. Arthur Jampolsky and so many others stay involved and show their continued devotion for the program," he said. "Dr. Jonathan Hernandez is a good example of what happens to people who come through the program," he noted. Dr. Hernandez is now Chief of Ophthalmology at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California.

All of these associations keep Dr. Porter connected to PVF and underscore his intent for including the organization in his estate plans. It is an honor knowing that Dr. Porter feels a deep connection to the work and mission of Pacific Vision Foundation. We appreciate his years of generosity. Welcome to the Legacy Society!

*Pacific Vision Foundation learned of the passing of Dr. Arthur Jampolsky in March 2021, as this issue was going to print. We will miss our friend and colleague.*
WHY I GIVE - Dr. Poorav Patel

After leaving the Bay Area to launch his career in Oregon, Dr. Poorav Patel’s life was busy and filled with activity. A new city, a young family and all the moving pieces of a new practice are all a lot to juggle. Still, Dr. Patel and his wife Dr. Jothi Kanagalingam, a pulmonary critical care physician, found themselves moved to give back.

Dr. Patel completed his residency program in 2020. As he began working, he reflected on the toll of his training, and how he might be able to help others. “Residency is challenging. Both from a learning and physical standpoint,” he said. “Before COVID we had long hours, and after the pandemic began it was more of a psychological stress. Having the guidance of someone looking over your shoulder when we’re in the OR plays a big role.”

He received a letter asking him to consider making a year-end gift. Dr. Patel said he wanted to make a meaningful contribution that could benefit others going through the residency program and thereby benefit patients by giving surgeons an opportunity to gain confidence.

Dr. Patel spoke with his wife and the decision was made to make a donation that would be allocated towards wet lab training.

Little did he know that this gift would be the spark to bring plans to life for a new microsurgical training curriculum. Dr. Bernd Kutzscher is overseeing efforts to provide more structure and rigor to the wet lab program, and to help the more senior residents solidify their surgical skills while helping to teach their junior colleagues. Dr. Patel’s gift makes possible the purchase of special devices that will allow residents to practice microsurgical skills using their mobile phones along with the device. By making this available to each resident, Dr. Patel gives young surgeons the opportunity to practice wherever and whenever they like.

Dr. Patel says it has not been easy to stay as involved as he would have liked, but he is happy to be able to contribute in this way. He also notes that part of what made his educational experience special was the outstanding faculty. “I had so many fantastic attendings,” he said. “Dr. Imes, Dr. Silkiss, Dr. Mandel were all amazing. Dr. De Niro came in on so many occasions to help. Dr. Falkenstein was relatively new and came in for a few cases. You remember all of that, and it makes you want to do something to help the residents and help with patient care.”

Dr. Patel lives in Medford, Oregon with his wife, Dr. Jothi Kanagalingam and their son 4-year-old Hrehaan. They are expecting their second child in September 2021.
BARKAN DAY and the
AAO BARKAN SOCIETY RECEPTION

Despite many limitations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPMC Residency Program and the Barkan Society held virtual events in 2020, and they were truly memorable. On Barkan Day, the residents, paired with dedicated program faculty and alumni, presented their cutting-edge research, representing many hours of work and innovation. The keynote presentation by Dr. Szilárd Kiss from Weill Cornell Medical Center gave us a captivating account of how ophthalmologists were responding to the COVID-19 crisis in New York City, which was the U.S. epicenter of the pandemic at the time. The Erdbrink Award for the best resident research presentation was given to Dr. William Carrera, along with other accolades for faculty participation in grand round lectures and for outstanding faculty of the Lions Eye Clinic, Highland Hospital and Kaiser Permanente ophthalmology clinics.

A virtual Chicken Party was even held for Chief Resident, Dr. Michael Ang. Under mysterious origins, many decades ago, this tradition was started in which every graduating CPMC ophthalmology resident signed their name on a rubber chicken. The rubber chicken was passed down each year for the next graduating resident to sign. When there was no room left on the rubber chicken, a new one was passed down. The Chicken Party tradition reminds alumni, faculty and residents to bring some levity and joy into their profession every year. As his predecessors had done for years, Dr. Ang signed the rubber chicken on screen and guests made a toast in his honor.

In November 2020, the Barkan Society had intentions to gather in Las Vegas for the American Academy of Ophthalmology conference and their annual alumni reception. Moving the event to virtual format did not stop our Barkan Society community from connecting with friends and colleagues, old and new. We heard updates from leadership of CPMC, the Barkan Society and Pacific Vision Eye Institute and we heard from several members during the open mic.

We hope that someday soon Barkan members will be able to gather safely and reminisce on how we overcame the obstacles of this unprecedented time while looking to the future together.
Much has been said about the various obstacles that so many people endured – and continue to endure – during the pandemic. Maria H. is no exception. But she is thankful that her eyesight is better today than it was just a few months ago.

She first learned of the Lions Eye Foundation during the summer when her mother was referred for a procedure. In the process of accompanying her mother to appointments, she made a connection with Connie Jackson, Coordinator with the Lions Eye Foundation Clinic at Pacific Vision Eye Institute.

After her mother’s procedure, Maria returned home to help her father through an illness that quickly progressed. She had already been out of work for nearly a year and was busy trying to care for her parents. She was the only person in the home who could drive, but unfortunately, she soon began experiencing vision problems of her own.

Within a week or so, she could no longer see from her left eye. She was unable to drive and was even scared to walk for risk of losing her balance and falling. She made an appointment to see a doctor in Nevada where she lives and was told she needed cataract surgery. Desperate, she reached out to Connie who she remembered had given her mother such wonderful care just a few months prior.

“I was embarrassed to call her, but I didn’t know what else to do. She was such a kind person, so I prayed she could help me,” Maria said.

Thankfully, Maria got the help she needed, and she was soon scheduled for surgery at Pacific Vision Surgery Center under the care of Dr. Gena Damento with Dr. Kevin Denny as attending. Just prior to the scheduled date, Maria’s father passed away from cancer and Maria became apprehensive about her procedure. On the day of Maria’s surgery, the PVSC team and her surgeons made her feel comfortable and at ease – something she had not felt since losing her father and her vision.

“My doctors were amazing!” she said. “I was so grateful for the help. I have seen the opposite happen too often where my family has faced so many problems. I know this kind of kindness is rare.”

“Dr. Damento is an excellent human. She may be young, but she is a marvelous doctor. She also has the most beautiful eyes,” Maria said. “I also really admire Dr. Denny. His professionalism is everything. They both have my full respect and admiration.”

Maria knows it is a matter of time before she needs surgery on her right eye. But for now, she is grateful to be seeing much better from the left eye and profoundly grateful to Pacific Vision Foundation for funding her surgery at Pacific Vision Surgery Center.

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$5,732,534

Program 86%
Fundraising 7.6%
Management/General 12%
Foundation 7.3%
Endowment 69.8%
Corporate 4%
Individual 22.5%

2020 EXPENSES
$1,822,885

Program 77.5%
Fundraising 10.5%
Management/General 12%
Foundation 7.3%
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2019 INCOME
$2,739,409

Foundation 69.9%
Endowment 5.6%
Corporate 2.2%
Individual 22.3%

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IN MEMORIAM

With great sorrow, we note that our beloved colleague and friend Dr. Arthur D. Fu, passed away on April 8, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Dr. Fu was an avid fan of North Carolina Tar Heels basketball and a dedicated player of golf and tennis. Dr. Fu served as Chief of the Retina Service at CPMC and practiced at West Coast Retina.

Dr. Fu completed medical school and internship at University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, residency at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC, and fellowship in diseases and surgery of retina and vitreous diseases at CPMC and West Coast Retina, with an additional year of medical retina at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, England.

According to Dr. J. Michael Jumper, Arthur made the CPMC fellowship program, retina service and department of ophthalmology better. The moment he arrived in San Francisco to start his retina fellowship at CPMC he became the department’s favorite son. He inspired countless residents and fellows to be just like him: compassionate, skilled and hard-working. Arthur was adored by his patients, admired by the staff and loved by his colleagues. More than any of this, Arthur was an incredible father and husband.

In June 2018, Pacific Vision Foundation honored Dr. Fu with the inaugural Distinguished Service Award to recognize his exemplary inspiration and mentorship to the CPMC residents, while furthering PVF’s mission to provide excellent eye care to those in need.

Dr. Robert C. Johnson, beloved friend and former colleague, passed away on May 27, 2020 at his home in Sausalito.

According to Dr. Alan Scott, Dr. Johnson was born in Minnesota of immigrant Swedish parents, was a good skier, a good golfer, a solid biker, a great doctor to his patients, an excellent surgeon, and an outstanding social presence. “Bob was fun to begin with and was a natural teacher, so the CPMC residency profited greatly by his presence and help.”

Dr. Johnson was first an optometrist and worked in a large ophthalmology practice in Minneapolis to put himself through medical school and residency. It is partly from this background that CPMC residents learned so much of refraction and strabismus from him. In the 1960’s, Dr. Arthur Jampolsky, also a former optometrist, needed help in his busy practice and Dr. Johnson fit right in. Dr. Arthur Jampolsky noted that he and Dr. Johnson operated on thousands of patients during their 30 to 40 years of ophthalmological partnership. “I was indeed lucky and our relationship will be long remembered. He was full of cordiality and good feelings. I loved the guy and enjoyed every minute operating with him. I will miss him dearly. Happy dreams, Bob.”

We sincerely apologize for any unintentional omissions. If someone was not included in this tribute to colleagues we lost in 2020, please contact philanthropy@pacificvisionfoundation.org
RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Pacific Vision Foundation is proud to support the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) graduate medical education programs in ophthalmology, including the residency program and fellowships in retina, oculoplasty and research. The eye residency program is among the most competitive in the nation. Hundreds of promising students apply every year, but only three are accepted. Maintaining the program’s high standards includes ensuring compliance with national accreditation criteria. This is achieved by collaborating with volunteer faculty of CPMC, Highland Hospital and Kaiser Permanente ophthalmology clinics to optimize the educational curriculum and creating customized learning tracks that meet each resident’s unique educational needs.

Kasra Eliasieh, MD serves as Program Director for ophthalmology residents:

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This year’s residency interview season was completely virtual, but the caliber was no different. For three days, 48 inspiring medical students were interviewed out of over 450 applicants from across the country. Although CPMC was unable to host the students physically on site at Pacific Vision Eye Institute, the candidates were able to attend grand rounds and resident lectures via Zoom, and their virtual interviews were held on a new SF Match platform. The virtual format gave many more faculty members the opportunity to interview the applicants, including alumni who now live outside of the Bay Area. Candidates who match with the CPMC Ophthalmology Residency Program will begin their training as interns in July 2021.
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