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**Pacific Vision Foundation and Lions Eye Foundation
Announce \$3 Million Gift to New Pacific Vision Surgery Center**

Pacific Vision Surgery Center will open Winter 2019 in San Francisco's Civic Center

SAN FRANCISCO (April 4, 2019) – Pacific Vision Foundation (PVF) and Lions Eye Foundation (LEF) announced a \$3 million commitment to the upcoming Pacific Vision Surgery Center. This partnership and gift is supporting the build out of a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center and will continue to support their commitment to treat low-income patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Currently, the Lions Eye Clinic at the Pacific Vision Eye Institute serves over 4,000 patients annually. The forthcoming ambulatory surgery center will enhance the ability to serve their surgical needs. Pacific Vision Foundation and Lions Eye Foundation are matching \$1.5 million gifts to continue ongoing sight-saving work taking place at the Pacific Vision Eye Institute.

“Physicians have moved the vast majority of surgical cases into ambulatory surgery centers. So the idea of building one where clinical faculty performs and the ophthalmology residency program resides was a natural choice,” said Dr. Bruce Spivey, outgoing board chair of Pacific Vision Foundation. Dr. Spivey co-founded the Pacific Vision Foundation in 1977 to support the CPMC Ophthalmology Department residents, fellows and faculty. The partnership with PVF and the Lions Eye Clinic (located in the Pacific Vision Eye Institute) has been ongoing since.

“Lions Eye Foundation is a proud grant contributor toward Pacific Vision Foundation's development of an ambulatory surgery center,” said Mike Rogalski, president of Lions Eye Foundation. *“Our mission is to preserve and restore the gift of sight by providing free eye examinations, surgeries and medication to the less fortunate members of our community. The ASC will enhance and further our ability to provide free eye surgical care in an efficient, cost effective and safe environment for our patients.”*

Pacific Vision Surgery Center is slated to open in Winter 2019. For more information please visit: <https://www.PacificVisionFoundation.org>

About Pacific Vision Foundation

Pacific Vision Foundation's mission is to provide excellent eyecare to all regardless of ability to pay. PVF is the catalyst behind the new Pacific Vision Eye Institute headquartered at 711 Van Ness Avenue near San Francisco's Civic Center. The Eye Institute is built around the clinical faculty of the CPMC Ophthalmology Department, providing the highest level of patient care, medical education and community service.

About Lions Eye Foundation

The Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, Inc. (LEF) is a 501(c)(3) corporation that has been in existence over 59 years, serving underserved residents of Northern and Central California and Nevada. LEF is supported by local community-based lions clubs and community health clinics who refer patients to the Lions Eye Clinic in San Francisco.

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