PACIFIC VISION EYE INSTITUTE

Located at 711 Van Ness Avenue in the heart of San Francisco, the Pacific Vision Eye Institute houses all of these organizations in addition to private practices for optometry and ophthalmology.

PACIFIC VISION FOUNDATION
Supports the CPMC Residency Program and charity cases from Lions Eye Foundation. PVF also operates the Low Vision Clinic.

SUTTER HEALTH CPMC
Provides hands-on surgical training to ophthalmology residents.

LIONS EYE FOUNDATION
Underserved patients are examined, supported, and referred for surgical care.

PACIFIC VISION SURGERY CENTER
Supported by the Pacific Vision Foundation, CPMC Residents treat the patients referred from the Lions Eye Foundation.

The Co-Location Model: More Impact Together
UNMET NEEDS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

18K
There are only 18K Ophthalmologists in the US

1/3
Only 1/3 of adults are screened for vision impairment

75%
75% of adults will experience vision loss or blindness

24M
24M Americans over 40 are affected by cataracts

1.3B
1.3B Americans over 40 are legally blind

$410B
Globally, vision impairment resulted in $410B in lost productivity last year
A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Viveka Rydell-Anderson
CEO, Pacific Vision Foundation

Reflecting on Pacific Vision Foundation’s achievements in 2023, we feel immense gratitude for our impact in the field of eye care. Our mission to provide top-tier eye care has guided us in making significant strides toward excellence. Despite challenges like financial barriers, high demand for care, and limited specialist access, we’ve made substantial progress in reducing wait times for treatment through our innovative access solution.

By uniting three mission-driven entities under one roof, we’ve delivered crucial eye care, serving over 3,500 patients since 2020 at Pacific Vision Surgery Center (PVSC), including 353 charity cases. Thanks to our unique collaboration & co-location with our partners at Lion’s Eye Foundation, the CPMC Residency Program, & Sutter Health, we’re proud to say that over 14,800 patients from throughout California and Nevada have received care. Since 1977, we’ve also supported the training of 160 residents. Together, we help address provider shortage and support revolutionary research in eye care.

Our efforts symbolize more than numbers—they represent restored sight and empowered communities, thanks to our dedicated team, partners, and supporters. Pacific Vision Foundation and the Pacific Vision Eye Institute is more than a concept; we break down barriers and ensure that no one in our community faces unnecessary vision loss due to lack of access to care.

As a beacon of hope, Pacific Vision Foundation is committed to ensuring accessible care for all. Moving forward, we remain dedicated to innovation, compassion, and excellence for all.

Thank you for supporting our mission.
A MESSAGE FROM
OUR BOARD &
BOARD CHAIR

Robert Tomasello
Chair, Pacific Vision Foundation

This year, the Board is celebrating the significant impact we've made in eye care in 2023. We've had the honor to connect with our philanthropic leaders and dedicated donors who energize our community.

Based in the heart of San Francisco, PVF and the Pacific Vision Eye Institute, led by top ophthalmologists, exemplify excellence in patient care, medical education, and community service. Together, we are committed to providing superior eye care, from routine exams to advanced surgeries, because we recognize the profound impact of vision on one's quality of life.

A cornerstone of our efforts is the CPMC Department of Ophthalmology Residency program, which continues to attract global talent. Our program offers residents unparalleled experience, preparing the next generation of eye care specialists.

In 2023, donor support enabled us to achieve an astounding increase in fundraising, welcoming 68 new donors. This growth enhances our capability to deliver critical eye care, underlining the impact of your support on our mission to offer accessible, top-tier eye care.

Your generosity fuels our success and vision for a healthier world. As we reflect on our 2023 achievements and look forward to future advancements, we invite you to continue this journey with us, making a profound difference in the eye care realm. On behalf of the board, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our cause.

Robert M. Tomasello
OUR IMPACT

3,571
Patients treated at PVSC since the 2020 opening

353
Charity cases treated at PVSC since 2020

14.8K
Patients treated at CPMC/Lions Eye Clinic and Low Vision Center

160
Residents educated

Our vision: a world where everyone has access to quality eye care services, regardless of their income, location, or background.

We believe that vision is a basic human right, and we are committed to breaking down barriers to eye care services.
In 2023, Pacific Vision Foundation experienced a remarkable growth in generosity, with donations marking a 102% increase from 2022.
WE SERVE PATIENTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA
**Gustavo Galicia-Gonzalez:** Gustavo Galicia-Gonzalez had his cataract surgery done at PVSC. He reports that his vision is clearing up and is thankful for the experience. He said "Fue una gran ayuda para mi vista y recomiendo este procedimiento." Translated to: “It was a great help for my eyesight, and I recommend this procedure.”

**Maria Lopez:** Maria was referred to us from the Lion’s Eye Clinic. After suffering vision loss from cataracts, she received sight-saving care at no cost to her at the Pacific Vision Surgery Center. When asked how her life has changed after cataract surgery, she replied: "I can now see better after my surgery. It allows me to complete my chores around the house, and hopefully, this means that I can return to work.”
PVSC CASES

Total Lions Patients: 353

SURGERY BREAKDOWN

- Cataracts: 56.4%
- Cornea: 19.4%
- OPH: 11.5%
- Glaucoma: 5.6%
- Plastics: 7.1%
BARKAN DAY
2023

In June, the Barkan Society Research Symposium celebrated Dr. Adolph Barkan's legacy.

CPMC Department of Ophthalmology residents got to shine, sharing their latest research with the wider eye care community, including past alumni.
AAO VISIONARY RECEPTION

Pacific Vision Foundation's Visionary Reception took place in November, bringing our community together from all over the world, including ophthalmologists from Nigeria, Guatemala, and India!

Thank you to everyone involved for making it a memorable and impactful event.
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