



GEORGIA LIONS  
**Lighthouse**  
**Foundation**



# Transforming Vision Care in Georgia

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## **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. provides access to affordable vision services.**

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. is one of the few statewide organizations to provide a full continuum of vision services to children and adults who need it most.



### **The need in Georgia for access to affordable vision services is great.**

- Average patient cost exam/glasses = \$60/person vs. \$300 retail.
- 52 Georgia Counties (30%) currently have little to no access to vision services.\*
- 1.4 million Georgians are uninsured or underinsured.
- 408,000 low-income Georgians do not qualify for Medicaid in Georgia and make too little to get financial help to buy private insurance at healthcare.gov. These Georgians have incomes below the poverty line (less than \$15,060 a year for an individual or \$25,820 a year for a family of three) and fall into the coverage gap with no affordable health insurance options.

# Vision Services

## Tele-Optometry Program

This program is focused on one goal – serving patients who need us most where they live. By leveraging cutting-edge technology, we provide services in areas of the state with no access to vision services.

## Vision Clinics & Optics

We offer free eye exams and low-cost glasses to qualifying patients at the Harrell Vision Clinic located in our Chamblee facility and through our statewide traditional mobile and tele-optometry clinics. In partnership with optometrists and ophthalmologists, we provide fully dilated eye exams. Our eyeglasses are produced in our optical lab in Chamblee.

## School Program

As part of our Transforming Vision Care for Georgia School Children program, we partner with Georgia Lions Clubs to provide vision screenings. If a student is identified as needing an eye examination, students receive an exam and first pair of glasses at no charge by our doctors. If a doctor is not available a certificate for a free eye examination and prescription glasses will be provided. Clear vision offers students a greater opportunity for success.

## Vision Surgery

We partner with ophthalmologists, anesthesiologists, and surgery centers across the state to facilitate sight-saving surgical procedures, including treatment for glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, and retina-related impairments.

**Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. believes all lives have value and everyone should have access to high quality vision services.**



In FY24 23,557 Georgians received vision services.



Over 200 mobile clinics are provided annually including rural Georgia and schools.



In April 2022, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. launched the first-ever statewide tele-optometry program.

## Ways you can help bring sight to Georgians who need it most:



### Volunteer.

The time that our volunteers share with us is invaluable in the following ways: sort, clean, read and package donated glasses; help us screen students at school clinics; plan a mission trip with your church, employer or civic organization. You can also volunteer individually or as a group; every effort helps.



### Recycle.

In addition to eyeglasses, we accept readers, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Recycled eyeglasses are shipped overseas with medical mission groups and money earned from selling recycled items goes directly to Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation services. Look for information about how to order our new GLLF branded recycle containers.



### Doctors Needed.

The services we provide are made possible through our network of volunteer and contracted doctors and healthcare professionals across Georgia. Tell ophthalmologists and optometrists you know about our services and encourage them to partner with us in their communities.

There are many ways for doctors to bring vision care to Georgians in need:

- Your time.
- Your donations.
- Your influence.



### Refer a person or an organization.

People need our services, but many do not realize help is available.



### Donate.

80% of every dollar donated goes directly to providing vision services.

Your financial contributions and gifts help bring improved sight to Georgians who need it most.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.  
is a proud partner of local  
Lions Clubs across the state.



To learn more about Lions Clubs, visit  
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for more information.



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