

The Gift of Sight is Precious

OUR HISTORY

In 1986, Ophthalmologist P. Kenneth Gieser, M.D., founded Spectrios Institute for Low Vision (formerly Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation) with the support of his friend and patient Edwin Deicke. Their mission was to provide visual rehabilitation services for children and adults with vision loss. Under the direction of Dr. R. Tracy Williams, the Institute has brought hope and independence to over 15,000 adults and children with low vision.

OUR MISSION

Spectrios Institute empowers children and adults with vision loss, regardless of income, to optimize their visual capabilities and independence through the use of prescriptive tools, technology, rehabilitative training and inspiration. We strive to educate every person with vision loss.

PLANNED GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is nothing more rewarding than helping others. By planning ahead you can leave a legacy that will ensure long-term stability of our current vision programs, as well as, expand our mission to serve future generations of persons with vision loss.



"Spectrios' work has been dear to me for 25 years. It gives me great joy that a portion of my estate will ensure the continuation of their wonderful services long after I'm gone."

Peter Whinfrey, Board Chairman



VISIONARY MEMBERSHIP

Make a Planned Gift and you become a Visionary Member!

Benefits Include:

- ✓ A personalized membership certificate
- ✓ A single inscribed brick recognizing you as a Visionary in our Commemorative Garden
- ✓ Invitations to attend special recognition events
- ✓ Listing as a Visionary Member in Spectrios publications

LEAVING A LEGACY

Below are two easy ways:

1. A bequest is a gift of any amount or form made to Spectrios Institute for Low Vision in your Will. Bequests may provide for a specific dollar amount in cash, specific securities, specific articles of tangible personal property, or a percentage of the residue of the estate.

This is sample wording you can put in your Will.

I hereby give and bequeath \$____ to the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision to be used for {(its general purposes) or (specific program of purpose)}.

OR

It is yours to give . . .

I hereby give, devise and bequeath (the residue) {____% of the residue of my estate to Spectrios Institute for Low Vision to be used for {(its general purposes) or (for specific program or purpose)}.

2. Life insurance can be used to create a major gift for Spectrios in one of two ways. First, you can transfer ownership of a policy to Spectrios Institute and receive a current income tax deduction in the year the transfer is made. Second, while retaining ownership of the policy, you can simply name Spectrios as a beneficiary of the policy effective upon death.

ESTATE GIFTS STRENGTHEN OUR PROGRAMS

You may choose to make a gift that supports our mission as a whole or designate it for a specific purpose or one of the following programs:

Seeing is Believing - Our outreach clinic for children with visual impairments that travels to schools in Illinois offering free low vision exams and optical devices which help children succeed in school and in the community.

Home Care Vision Program - Bringing low vision exams and optical devices to home-bound patients with serious physical and health conditions.

Compassion Fund - Providing financial assistance to low income individuals who are unable to afford the services and devices needed to remain independent.

Eye Tec our Technology Center - Makes recommendations and trains people with low vision on specially designed adaptive technology such as reading machines (closed-circuit televisions), computer software and other equipment to manage daily activities or gain or maintain employment.

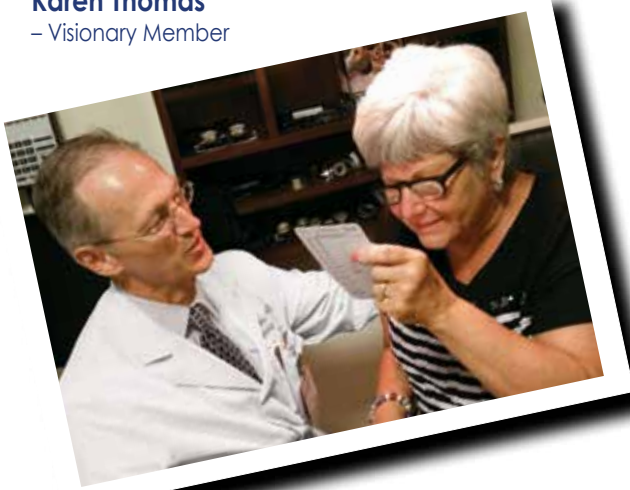
Optometric Residency Program - To meet the shortage of low vision doctors by annually training two doctors in the specialized treatment of low vision rehabilitation.

Low Vision Outreach Clinics in Underserved Communities - Giving low income children and adults access to affordable vision exams and optical devices.

Research - For clinical trials which evaluate the impact of low vision patient testing models, devices, rehabilitation training and access technology.

"I am happy to know that after I am gone, my legacy will help people with low vision receive the same great services that I did as a patient. Spectrios Institute's low vision services meant so much to me. I know how much they will change someone's future."

Karen Thomas
- Visionary Member



There are other methods for making planned gifts in addition to bequests which may offer a substantial tax advantage. We would be happy to work with your financial planner or attorney to determine the best way to include Spectrios in your estate plan.

To request further information about making a planned gift to Spectrios Institute

or

To let us know if you have already included Spectrios Institute in your estate plan so we may recognize your support...

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*for children & adults
with vision loss*

PLANNED GIVING