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## **The Gift of Sight-Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin**

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One of the many ways Wisconsin Lions support their Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Inc. (LEBW) is with their aptly named “Cornea Express”. The “Cornea Express” is comprised of over 2,600 volunteer Lion, Lioness and Leo’s that transport eye tissue to the eye bank for evaluation and processing, and then to Surgery Centers for transplantation. The “Cornea Express” and its passionate and dedicated volunteers are unique to Wisconsin. It is hard to express the rewarding feeling that comes when you look over at the transport box in seat next to you and know you are helping give the gift of sight!

LEBW, a nonprofit 501 (c)3, is a team of professionals and volunteers dedicated to the mission of restoring the Gift of Sight through recovery and transplantation of corneas, research to advance the knowledge and treatment of eye diseases, and education to increase donations of human eyes after death.

Serving the entire state of Wisconsin, LEBW fulfills its mission by procuring, processing, and distributing eye tissue to corneal transplant surgeons, researchers, and educators. LEBW continues its commitment to people in the present through transplantation, and to those in the future who will benefit from the research.

An affiliated Lions Organization for the Wisconsin Lions of Multiple District 27, LEBW is governed by a Board of Directors that includes representatives from all 10 Lion districts within Multiple District 27. Their ultimate goal is to improve people’s quality of life through the Gift of Sight. Equally important is the commitment to education through their network of medical professionals, Lions and Lioness clubs and members, and other volunteers who give generously of their time, talent and treasures.

If you would like to become a donor please visit [yesiwillwisconsin.com](http://yesiwillwisconsin.com) and register on the Wisconsin Donor Registry. You can also visit LEBW’s website at [www.lebw.org](http://www.lebw.org) for more information on the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) and be sure to watch the “Cornea Express’ transporter video.

The Past District Governor Organization of Wisconsin invites you to be a part of Lions International as a Wisconsin Lion or Lioness, where you can get that rewarding feeling of serving others. Please contact the Wisconsin Lions at 715-677-4764 and find the club closest to you. Catch that Lion Spirit, its priceless!