



Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation

For the advancement of Eye Research, Education and Care
At the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimmons



RMLEIF Council Report

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The Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation has been in the process of evaluating our next steps after completing the recent expansion of the Eye Institute and funding the purchase of equipment for 10 examination lanes, raising over \$1.3 million dollars in this effort. The Lions of Colorado and Wyoming have done an outstanding job of providing support for the Institute which served over 150,000 patients in 2016.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

With the new Trustees from Wyoming and Colorado working hard, we are currently reviewing our marketing materials, including the web site, information for Lions, and the public.

In December, at the Department of Ophthalmology reception for supporting donors, we were introduced to a new doctor from Johns Hopkins who is researching the use of stem cells in combatting eye disease. She is bringing most of her team as well, providing an indication as to quality of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute. This organization is one of the top institutions of its kind, not only in the United States, but the entire world. She expressed an interest in speaking to Lions Clubs as her schedule might allow.

The Foundation is also working on expanding our reach to Lions from all Rocky Mountain states, from New Mexico to Montana. We strongly feel we are at the beginning of some very exciting changes in the world of curing eye diseases and the Lions are a major part of that effort. Thank you very much for the tremendous support you have provided and continue to provide. We look forward to engaging Lions throughout the region in our common goals!

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Argotsinger, 6C Trustee (2018) and Vice President
Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation