



MID-SOUTH LIONS:

“A MIRACLE A DAY”

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Who We Are:

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Our administrative offices are in Memphis, Tennessee, however the reach of our service extends to Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Missouri. Mid-South has even treated patients from several other states and many foreign countries.

The mission of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service is to positively enhance the lives of the indigent sight or hearing impaired by providing light, sound, and hope through partnerships between Lions Clubs, medical professionals and facilities throughout the Mid-South.

Since 1942, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service has been restoring quality and independence to the lives of men, women, and children affected by preventable sight and hearing loss through a compassionate and comprehensive approach to opening avenues to costly medical care and assistance. Over 35,000 people have received the precious gifts of sight or hearing through our program. Many of these people do not have any alternative for receiving care.

There are many factors that combine to make our efforts possible, but the most important people and elements that enable us to complete our mission each day are:

- Support and Donations from Lions Clubs, Individuals, Businesses, Foundations, & Corporations
- Donated time and service from Doctors, Medical Professionals, and Facilities
- The continued support of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Countless hours worked by dedicated Volunteers
- A dedicated and professional office staff to keep everything organized and running smoothly

Our Staff



BRAD BAKER



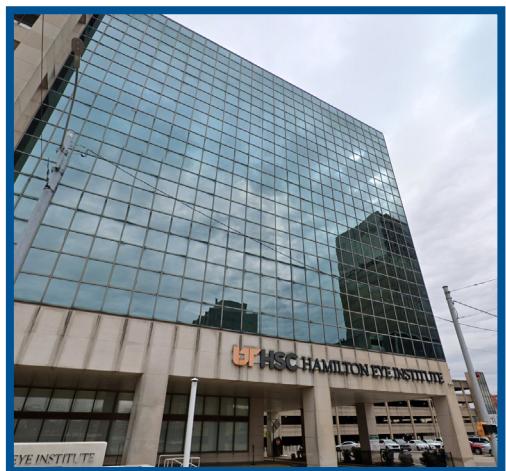
BETTY DOUGLAS



BIANCA GIBSON



TIFFANY SCOTT



Our Headquarters: The Hamilton Eye Institute

From the youngest patient to the oldest, Mid-South Lions provides comprehensive vision and hearing care through our facilities in the Hamilton Eye Institute and our many other medical facilities throughout the area.



Our History:

- » In 1942, a group of Lions Club members from Memphis, with the cooperation of local ophthalmologists and hospitals, formed an organization whose sole purpose was to provide help to needy people in mid-America who had sight deficiencies. This group was known as the Mid-South Sight Conservation Association.
- » Since that time, the organization has grown to become the Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service. As a federally registered not for profit organization, our main service areas include the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.
- » Our main sight clinic is located in the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis and our hearing clinic is located in the Methodist Hospital Central in Memphis.
- » Our other sight facilities in Memphis include: Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Charles Retina Clinic, and Thomas Ocular Prosthetics and the University of Memphis Speech - Hearing Center. The Lions have also made agreements with facilities to create satellite clinics in Columbus, Mississippi and Fayetteville, Arkansas.
- » With collaborations with area medical professionals who donate their professional services, the University of Tennessee Ophthalmology's resident program, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and our other medical facilities and the Lions of the four state area, Mid-South Lions is able to provide about seven dollars in service for each dollar spent on patient care. As in 1942, Mid-South Lions does not accept government funding. Most of our financing comes from Lions Clubs, Foundations and Corporate Partners, Individuals and Special Events.
- » And to this day, Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service provides all of its services at **NO CHARGE** to the patient. Participating Lions Clubs provide transportation and eyeglasses. All other charges are provided by Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.

What We Offer:

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service provides a wide range of medical services for the indigent sight and hearing impaired. Each of these services is geared towards curing preventable blindness and hearing loss, and include:

- Cataract Surgery
- Laser treatments for diabetic retinopathy
- Injections for detached retinas
- Glaucoma treatment
- Prosthetic Eyes
- Surgery for detached retina
- Low vision therapy
- Cornea Transplants
- Surgery for crossed eyes
- Hearing Aids
- And many other procedures and treatments



The Results of Our Miracles:

At Mid-South Lions our motto is "A Miracle A Day". And that's exactly what we try to do... to give the gifts of sight and hearing, bridging the gap between people and the miracles they pray for when faced with the possibility of going deaf or blind.



While prosthetic eyes cannot help a patient see, their self-esteem is greatly enhanced through our provision of this service. Drs. Bob and Rob Thomas are foremost in this field and allow recipients to appear more natural despite their circumstances.



Our Miracles:

Here are some first hand stories of our Miracles:

My name is Van. You assisted me with my application and approval for assistance from Mid-South Lions back in December 2023. I wanted to provide you with an update on my progress with the enucleation and prosthesis of my right eye.

Dr. Brian Fowler and the Hamilton Eye Institute (successfully) performed the enucleation (removal) of my right eye on December 28. I am very grateful to Dr. Fowler and the staff at Hamilton Eye Institute for the treatment and care I received.

Mr. Bob Thomas with Thomas Ocular Prosthetics Laboratories created my prosthesis for my right eye on February 19, 2024. The prosthesis is great. It is incredible how natural the prosthesis looks and resembles my other eye. The amount of movement the prosthesis has is amazing. Mr. Bob contacted me the next day to confirm that everything was going well with my prosthesis. Mr. Bob is a super nice man. I am totally amazed at the level of skill, talent and dedication that Mr. Bob brings to the table. He is one-of-a-kind and irreplaceable in my opinion. I have included a photo for your reference.

I would like to thank you, and Mid-South Lions, for their assistance with my enucleation and prosthetic eye. None of this would have been possible for me without the assistance of Mid-South Lions. I will forever be grateful to Mid-South Lions. I am willing to volunteer my assistance to help Mid-South Lions in an attempt to help for the assistance that I received. Please contact me if I can ever be of assistance to Mid-South Lions.

Thank you.

Van

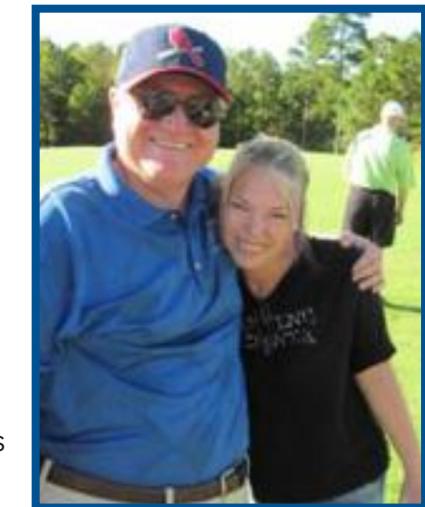


Ms. Ashley Fletcher, 33, has suffered from a pre-existing eye-disease for several years. Fletcher, who works for the Kutting Korner Salon in Hot Springs Village, AR, has been unable to obtain medical insurance coverage because of this condition.

With the assistance of Hot Springs Village Evening Lions, Fletcher had her first surgical procedure in early October at Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service's Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis, TN. She had surgery on one eye and had surgery on the other eye later.

Ashley helped Kutting Korner host a putting contest at the Village Lions October golf tournament and will attend a meeting of the club soon.

The HSVE fundraising efforts over the years allows people like Ashley to get the special care they need at Mid-South facility in Memphis, the Wallace Eye Center and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Hot Springs at no cost to the patient.



Members of the club are proud to be in a position to save the sight of a person who would not be able to receive this care without the Lions and Mid-South.

You can see the biggest difference is not in their eyes...but in the SMILE!



How You Can Help: Become A Booster

Anyone can be a **BOOSTER!**

Just like the Booster Clubs that support fire departments, high school football teams, and youth bands all around the country, our Booster Club is made up of individuals who make regular contributions to provide an on-going stream of funding for Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.

Booster Club members receive a challenge coin with the year they've participated... **EVERY YEAR** they participate! Plus, the Booster Club has varying levels of membership, depending on the amount of the donation, and each level comes with it's own set of benefits and small thank you items!

We could NOT continue to provide "A Miracle A Day" without our Booster Club.

Champion Donors

Champions are members of the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service that have taken their Membership to the ultimate level!

Champions sign up for automatic draft and automatic renewal of their Booster Memberships from their bank account or credit/debit card.
Visit: www.midsouthlions.org

YOU HAVE FULL CONTROL OF YOUR DONATIONS.

Champion donors provide continuing funding for Mid-South Lions. For as little as \$10 per month, you can become a champion.

We need **YOU** to help Mid-South Lions continue to provide miracles for the sight and hearing impaired in your area!

Volunteering

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service
has many opportunities available for
interested volunteers!

You can volunteer your time in the Mid-South Lions office, to help with quarterly meetings, or to work on special events / projects! If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up through a specific event sign-up button our website or contact the office directly to inquire about current opportunities.



Unfortunately, at this time, the volunteer programs at Methodist Hospital and Hamilton Eye Institute are not active. It is our desire to regrow these great programs where volunteers help earn credits that pay for sight-saving surgeries, but we need help to do that!

Honorary Donations

You can make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one.

Giving a gift to Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service means that someone else is receiving the gift of sight or hearing and leading a more independent life.

Do you have a loved one who is deeply committed to Mid-South Lions, the Lions of their home state, or is committed to healthcare issues?

If so, they are no doubt selfless and give much of themselves to the cause. Sometimes when it comes time to give them a gift, it's hard to get something that will reflect their kind and benevolent nature. A gift in their honor to Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service will be a great way to show the person you love that you care about the causes that they care about.



WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OUR CHAMPIONS!

THESE PEOPLE GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT THROUGH SUSTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO MID-SOUTH LIONS!

William A. Gillette
Carol Allen
John & Ann Anderson
Rick & Sydney Bailey
Brad & Mona Baker
Sharon Baker
Rita Barlow-Robbins
Larry Bauer
Mickey & Martha Beach
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Glen Beedle
Bruce Berger
Ed Bierbower
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Ford Williams
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WELCOME TO MID-SOUTH LIONS

THANK YOU
for all you do to help make
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Upcoming Events:

2025

November 14 - 15, 2025

- Second Quarterly Board Meeting
Overland Lions Den, Overland, MO

June 6, 2026

- Annual Members Meeting
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

2026

January 17, 2026

- UMKC Cataract - A -Thon
Kansas City, MO

August 8

- Quarterly Meeting

January 24, 2026

- January M.E.C.A. Cataract - A -Thon
Memphis, TN

Via Zoom

September 3 - 5, 2026

- USA/Canada Lions Ledership Forum
Memphis TN

March 7, 2026

- Third Quarterly Board Meeting
Methodist University Hospital, Memphis, TN

November, 2026

- Quarterly Meeting
Mississippi

April 10 - 11, 2026

- Visiting Lions Weekend & Hall of Honor Induction
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

Details TBD

June 5 - 6, 2026

- Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament
Cherokee Valley Golf Club, Olive Branch, MS