

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

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LIONS
BRIGHTSIGHT

A Multiple District 410 Project

Dear MD410 Lions,

Hard to believe, but here we are at the beginning of 2026, looking forward to another impactful year in the life of Lions BrightSight.

It is indeed my pleasure, and privilege to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Lions Clubs in MD 410 for your support and dedication to the mission and objectives of Lions BrightSight during what can be termed a challenging 2025. Your collective efforts have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life for so many individuals through our initiatives and programmes.

Your commitment has enabled us to expand our reach, provide essential services, and bring hope to communities in need. Every project, screening, and donation has made a tangible difference. Together, we have shown what it truly means to serve and uplift those who need it most.

A special word of gratitude to our

Management Committee members Dave, Donovan, Graeme, Jacqui, James, Keith, Liz, Malcolm, Rochelle, Rocky and Sue for their efforts at all times and for walking the extra mile when required.

To our dedicated staff Kirsty, Angie and Fortunate, a huge thank you for keeping the ship afloat all day every day in the interests of ensuring that the BrightSight flag flies high.

From the desk of
the Lions BrightSight
MANCO Chairman



As we look forward to the new year, let us continue to work hand in hand, inspire compassion, and strive for even greater achievements. Thank you for your passion,

generosity, and the positive spirit you bring to Lions BrightSight.

Wishing all and your families a very prosperous New Year.

Yours in service,

Cliff Hocking
Chairman, Lions BrightSight



Ever since Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" at the 1925 International Convention in Ohio, USA, and the subsequent declaration by LCI to institute Helen Keller Day on 1 June annually, Lions around the globe have implemented many sight-related service projects to take up this challenge!

BrightSight was initially established in 1974 as a multi-club collaboration in District 410B. In 1991, the Council of Governors of MD410 constituted the successful project as an official MD410 project called LCI Multiple District 410 Operation BrightSight.

Since inception, Lions BrightSight has been supplying low cost spectacles to thousands in need across the Multiple District from the current head-office located in Benoni, Gauteng.

We accepted the challenge and strive to serve those in need!

BRIGHTSIGHT STATS

From 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025

EYE TESTS (Clinic)

752 patients

READERS SUPPLIED

180 pairs

SPECTACLES SUPPLIED

1,952 pairs

PATIENTS HELPED

2,138

PARTICIPATING CLUBS

43 of 114 = 37%



We are pleased to announce that our pricing for spectacles will remain unchanged until 30 June 2026.

Our current price list is available on our website. [Click here!](#)

Telephone: 011 422 5577

Address: 110 Woburn Avenue, Benoni, 1501

Email: manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za



Business Hours

Monday to Thursday: 08:00 - 16:00

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With Thanks!

The MANCO would like to express their thanks to the staff at the Lions BrightSight offices for their hard work and dedication during the past year. We appreciate you all and the effort you display in keeping the spectacles going out. Well done!



(Left to Right) Anna Mulder (Vehicle Attendant), Fortunate Khosa (Locum Optometrist), Angie Tshabala (Clerk & Technical Assistant) and Kirsty-Anne Mackenzie (Operations Manager)

SCHOOL SCREENING TOOL KIT FOR CLUBS



Download our updated **Vision Screening Tool Kit for Schools** from our website. It is a great resource to assist your Club run a successful **Vision Screening Project**.

It is a comprehensive guide for Clubs to approach schools in their community to offer a learner screening service.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, GO!

Click here to download the School Screening Tool Kit

A School Vision Screening Project is one of the easiest projects for a Club to run!

Active Clubs have seen many children's lives transformed simply through the gift of spectacles!

Start planning your Club's Vision Project and improve vision in your community. IT'S EASY...



A REMINDER TO CLUBS!

Lions BrightSight now has five vision screener devices available to be used for Club Vision Projects!

Book a device with Kirsty-Anne at manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za complete and return the required **Indemnity Form** and we'll courier a unit to your Club.

It's as easy as one, two, three, GO!



HOW TO ORDER SPECTACLES From Lions BrightSight



Go to our website and download our Club Script Order form which includes examples of frame styles to help your patient choose a frame ...

www.lionsbrightsight.co.za/order/



Fill in the Yellow portion of the form with all the details we need to process your order quickly and deliver the spectacles to you. When you have an appointment for the patient, email or send the form to the Optometrist, who will then complete the Blue section of the form including the style of frame chosen and then also sign the prescription section ...



Once you have a signed form back, scan or photograph it, then go back to our website, complete the short cover form on the order page and upload the signed Club Script Order Form and send the Order to our offices in Benoni.

www.lionsbrightsight.co.za/order/



Check the email inbox for a reply from our system, acknowledging your order. Once the spectacles have been made, they will be shipped to the address you chose on the Club Script Order Form. You will receive an Invoice from the BrightSight office, which you can submit to your Club Treasurer for payment.

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Lions BrightSight Wall of Fame



This wall is dedicated to our strategic partners that have generously given to our project and enabled us to change the lives of so many people in our Multiple District. We express our appreciation and gratitude to them for their amazing support!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

The LCIF Grant programme has been vital to Lions BrightSight through funding assistance received to the value of over R760,000.00 since 2021. We have been able to run two major screening projects as well as procure two new Plusoptix Vision Screening units in 2025 that are available to Clubs in MD410.

**SEABOURNE
LOGISTICS**



Seabourne Logistics and their team have been invaluable to Lions BrightSight since 2020 by generously collecting and delivering thousands of spectacles and other packages to Clubs throughout MD410 at no cost. This has enabled us to provide excellent service to Clubs and patients alike!

plusoptix



Since inception, Jenito Menezes, has supported and trained staff on the use of their excellent vision screening devices. Full technical and after-sales support has kept our units operational and is a critical factor in Lions BrightSight being able to meet it's objectives in serving the Clubs and patients in MD410.

**FOCUS
OPTICAL**

John Weir's professional laboratory has been supplying lenses to Lions BrightSight for over 25 years. Their commitment to keeping our costs as low as possible without sacrificing quality has never wavered and we enjoy the fast completion of our orders. Focus Optical is a highly valued strategic partner.

autoZONE
your ride. our passion.

Our newest collaborative partner, Autozone, has come on board with all cylinders firing! Their generous donation of another Plusoptix Vision Screener as well as providing Used Frame Collection Boxes to all their stores across their national dealership network has proven to be the perfect partnership!

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