

Lions BrightSight launches successful School Vision Screening Project in District 410E!

Made possible by the generous donation of the Lions Club of Harrow & Pinner, UK and the Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions BrightSight has been providing corrective spectacles to underprivileged people throughout the Republic of South Africa as well as the neighbouring states, since its inception in July 1978.

Thousands of spectacles have been distributed to people, bringing smiles to the faces of senior citizens, children and indigents alike, across Southern Africa.

Without the generous help of benefactors, donations, business partners, Lions members and Clubs, as well as an unselfish public at large, many would have gone through life with impaired vision.

The **Learner Eye Screening Project 2021** was launched specifically due to the generous donation received from the Lions Club of Harrow and

Pinner in the UK with the kind assistance of the Global Grants Department of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The specific goals of this project were:

- To provide vision screening & refraction services to an estimated 3,350 underprivileged children for early identification and intervention, for sight problems, in selected schools in the Tshwane District of the Gauteng Province, South Africa.
- To treat learner's minor eye ailments in the early stages and to dispense spectacles to those in need;
- To refer those learners with other eye conditions for further medical treatment;
- To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the project.



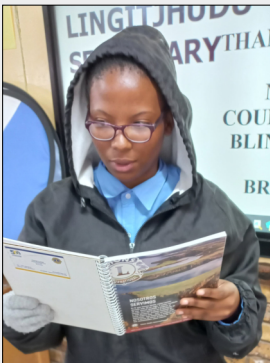
A few of the happy recipients of new spectacles supplied by Lions BrightSight.



Choosing my frame!

The goal of the project was pleasantly exceeded:

- **3,976** learners were screened;
- **663** learners were examined by Optometrists;
- **373** were supplied with prescription spectacles;
- **25** referred for further medical treatment.



Wow, I can see!

Our most sincere thanks and appreciation ...

This much needed and overdue project was made possible by the generous donation received from the Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner in the UK with the kind assistance of the Global Grants Department of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The local (South African) Lions Members of District 410E give grateful thanks for the wonderful support given by our fellow Lions in the Harrow & Pinner Lions Club and LCIF!

When we evaluate the results that we achieved in an under-served rural area where underprivileged learners were screened and tested for vision problems, we assisted 373 with prescription spectacles and referred another 25 for further treatment we are humbled and delighted! Our contribution to affording these learners a better opportunity of securing a stronger future for themselves, is the very basis of our Lions motto, "We Serve!"

We are grateful and very satisfied that the goals we set were more than achieved, despite several logistical challenges encountered along the way. It was an excellent project and learning experience for

all involved, which will enable us to improve similar efforts and projects moving forward.

The Lions of District 410E, South Africa, gratefully acknowledge receipt of the legacy from the late Mrs. Arlette Pettersen, in whose memory this sight project was dedicated. ■



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Lions District 410E thanks the following for making the generous donation possible for this project:

- Lions Clubs International Foundation, USA.
- The Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner, United Kingdom.
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Lions BrightSight Committee Chairman, PDG Pierre Theron, assisting a learner with the fitting of her new spectacles.