

Lions District 410W Sight Newsletter



I am really excited by the involvement of the Clubs of District 410W in the Lions Brightsight Multiple District Project, with the following statistics telling the upward trajectory of the Sight portfolio in this District.



From 1st July to 31st December 2021 Clubs in District 410W sent 116 scripts to Brightsight. Over the same 6 month period in 2022 the figure was 263, which is a big improvement of 147 scripts. Of these 263 scripts, 36 were scripts for school children from the LCIF grant, which is encouraging.

Remember, District 410W was given \$10,000 by LCIF to provide school children with spectacles. This equates, at the current exchange rate, to about R180,000 which is a lot of money. At the current Brightsight price of R200 for a single vision pair of spectacles, which is what the vast majority of school children would require, about 900 pairs of spectacles. It is really important that the District makes a concerted effort to use as much of this grant as possible as otherwise we will literally have “egg on our faces” at Lions Clubs International.

I know that many years ago some Lions may have had problems with Lions Brightsight, but I would like to assure all Lions that currently the Brightsight setup is a much better, sleeker and more efficient operation compared to 10 years ago. I would encourage the doubters to give Brightsight a try and I am sure you will be very pleasantly surprised. The new script form has examples of frames which the patient can choose from, and I am sure most patients will be delighted with these options.

A reminder of how a Lions Club can become involved in a Vision related project. The most important thing is to find an optometrist to help your Club, some will do so as their “social responsibility”, while others will charge a nominal fee of say R200 for an eye test. The Club then needs to go to www.lionsbright.co.za on the web and click on the “Place an Order for Spectacles” and download the prescription form, which can then be taken to the participating optometrist.

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