ABOUT OUR CENTERS

The Lions Low Vision Centers of Fairfield and New Haven Counties was established in 1990 by the Lions Club to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with visual disabilities and handicaps.

In 1925, Easton, Connecticut resident Helen Keller challenged the members of Lions International by asking, “Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?...Let no little deaf-blind child go untaught, no blind man or woman go unaided.”

The Lions Clubs of Connecticut are meeting that challenge in many ways including the operation of Low Vision Centers in Danbury, Southbury, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Derby and North Haven. Clients seen at the Lions Low Vision Center must be under the care of an eye professional and must have been seen by them within the last month. We have supplied more information about the six centers on the back of this brochure.

Low Vision Centers

Lions Low Vision Center at Danbury Hospital Rehabilitation Center
235 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810
(203) 730-5900

Lions Low Vision Center at Danbury Hospital Physical Medicine Center
22 Old Waterbury Road, Suite 101
Southbury, CT 06488
(203) 262-4230

Lions Low Vision Center at Saint Mary’s Hospital Health & Wellness Center
1981 East Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06705
(203) 709-6232

Lions Low Vision Center at Saint Mary’s Physical Therapy of Naugatuck
799 New Haven Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
(203) 720-1750

Lions Low Vision Center at Griffin Hospital’s Rehabilitation Services Department
350 Seymour Avenue, 2nd Floor
Derby, CT 06418
(203) 732-7445

Lions Low Vision Center at Quinnipiac University, N1-HSC
370 Bassett Road
North Haven, CT 06473
(203) 582-7703

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Lions Low Vision Centers of Fairfield & New Haven Counties, Inc.
23 Barnabas Road, Suite 212
Hawleyville, CT 06440
(866) 319-9733

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

(1) Visit to an eye care professional within the last month
(2) Prescription for a low vision evaluation

Please contact our TOLL FREE NUMBER at (866) 319-9733 to set up an appointment today.
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“Low vision” is that degree of vision loss that can no longer be corrected by eyeglasses, contacts, medicine or surgery. It is the third most commonly occurring impairment among people ages 70 and over, exceeded only by heart disease and arthritis. The result is that activities of daily living such as driving, reading a newspaper, watching television, maintaining a checkbook, distinguishing among medications, or crossing the street, can no longer be taken for granted.

A variety of disorders that affect the eye may cause low vision. Most are age-related including macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

Although reduced reading vision is most common, deterioration in other aspects of sight include peripheral and color vision, and the ability to adjust to changes in levels of light, contrast or glare.

The prescription initiates collaboration between your eye care professional and an occupational therapist (OT) trained in low vision. The OT conducts evaluations and makes recommendation for vision aids and devices that are provided at no charge. Funding for these aids and devices is donated by the over 50 local Lions Clubs in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

WHAT IS LOW VISION?

CANDIDATES FOR SERVICE

If you are having difficulty seeing the numbers on your telephone dial or reading newspapers and magazines, even with your eyeglasses, you may be suffering from low vision and a candidate for Lions Low Vision Services.

What is required to qualify for Lions Low Vision Services is that you have (1) visited your eye care professional within the last month and (2) obtained a prescription for a low vision evaluation.

HOW TO GET STARTED

CALL (866) 319-9733 to arrange for an appointment at the nearest Lions Low Vision Center. Have with you (1) the prescription for a low vision evaluation written by your eye care professional, and (2) any eyeglasses, magnifiers or other devices you currently use. You will be asked (1) to provide contact information for yourself and your eye care professional for statistical reporting purposes and (2) if you would like to receive monthly announcements for Lions Low Vision Support Group Meetings in your area.

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