



About Us

- Recovers, processes and distributes ocular, musculoskeletal, skin and cardiovascular tissues for transplant and research
- Educates the public about the need for eye/cornea, organ and tissue donation
- Educates healthcare professionals on current policies, procedures and regulations
- Funds local ocular and transplant-related medical research
- Accredited by the Eye Bank Association of America and licensed by NY State

Our service region

The agency serves the NY counties of Monroe, Livingston, Seneca, Yates, Wayne, Steuben, Schuyler and Ontario, as well as North Central PA under the name — **Rochester Eye & Tissue Bank.**

The agency serves the NY counties of Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, and Tompkins under the name — **Finger Lakes Eye & Tissue Bank.**



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EYE & TISSUE BANK

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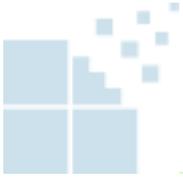


Lindsay, cornea recipient

EYE . ORGAN . TISSUE
DONATION



Serving the community since 1952



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OUR HISTORY

R/FLETB, a nonprofit agency, was founded in 1952 by the Downtown Lions Club and originally named the Rochester Eye-Bank and Research Society. The agency operated solely as an eye bank until the mid 1980s when it began to recover other tissues, such as bone, to meet a community need due to advancing technologies in tissue transplant applications.

Today, the agency recovers, processes, preserves and distributes eyes/corneas and other tissue for transplant and research, provides public and healthcare professional education and funds local ocular and transplant-related research projects.

EYE & TISSUE BANK

Eyes/corneas, bone, skin, heart valve, tendons, ligaments and blood vessels are surgically recovered by trained coordinators and technicians for the options of transplant and research.

To date, the agency has provided more than 11,000 transplant corneas. Other tissues recovered by the agency have enhanced the lives of thousands of individuals in our community and beyond.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

R/FLETB educates the public of the need for and benefits of eye/cornea, organ and tissue donation and works to dispel myths and misconceptions. Staff and volunteers attend health fairs, festivals, community events and present to school, civic, religious and workplace groups.

HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Hospital Development staff educate healthcare professionals in the hospitals and facilities we serve, providing information regarding the identification of potential eye/cornea and tissue donors and the role of hospital staff in the donation process. This is accomplished through in-service programs, attending new employee orientations and monthly rounds.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Annual funding to local researchers for their studies in ocular and transplant-related medical research projects has been a program of the agency since 1955. This ensures continued advances in tissue and organ transplantation and in the treatment of underlying conditions and diseases. To date, more than \$1 million has been awarded.

DONOR FAMILY SERVICES

The agency hosts *A Celebration of Life* reception to honor all donors and their families.

Additionally, the *Patterns of Life* donor family quilt project offers a way to pay tribute to those who have given the Gift of Life and Sight. Donor families can make a quilt square and have it placed on a panel of this never-ending quilt.

The *Forever Remembered* storybook accompanies the quilt panels when displayed. Families may write a one page note about their quilt square and loved one to include in the storybook. For information on how to make a quilt square please call the office.

Katie's Star Memorial Fund of REHPB

This fund, administered by the agency, is named for Katie Lynn Maiellano whose family said "yes" to organ and tissue donation after her death. She helped save the lives of two people through her donation gift.

The Fund's purpose is to help transplant recipients, candidates and living organ donors and to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation.

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