

# EYE AND VISION RESEARCH PROGRAM

When it isn't possible to give the gift of sight through corneal transplantation, Midwest Eye-Banks offers the gift of hope by supporting preliminary research into the causes of and cures for blinding eye diseases. Innovative vision research initiatives supported by Midwest Eye-Banks bring new ideas to life for the treatment and prevention of vision impairment and blindness.

Several research grants provided through Midwest Eye-Banks' Eye and Vision Research Program have led to the development of larger research studies. Two studies have resulted in significant financial support for researchers from the National Institutes of Health and one study led to the discovery of a gene that, if defective, can cause early childhood blindness.

Since the Eye and Vision Research Program began in 1980, Midwest Eye-Banks has awarded nearly \$3 million in seed money grants. This funding sustains the development of promising ideas that can have a direct and positive impact on human health issues.

More information about Eye and Vision Research Program can be found on our Web site, [www.midwesteyebanks.org](http://www.midwesteyebanks.org).

