FLORIDA LIONS EYE CLINIC
JULY 2020

OUR MISSION
To provide exemplary medical and surgical eye care to under-served individuals

WHOM DO WE SERVE
We provide free eye exams, eye care and medication to children and families without medical insurance and income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

Celebrating 6 Years
For the past 6 years, Sahira has been a solid fixture at the Florida Lions Eye Clinic. The recent FGCU graduate plans a career in the medical field and her time at the Clinic is preparing her for just that.
The Clinic is not just a job for the Bonita Springs LEO, who moved up the ranks from Chapter Secretary to Vice President and then President. It’s a mission in life. In 2013, she became the District 35-I LEO Cabinet Vice President.

According to Dr. Richard Shapiro: “It’s hard to believe 6 years have passed so quickly and how much Sahira has continued to be a responsible wonderful young lady. We are so delighted that she has taken on the role of clinic director as she is a natural for this. Very responsible, knows everything about the clinic and where everything is. What an asset! During my 40 + years of private practice, every once in a while, a superstar walks in looking for a job. Well we have that now with Sahira at the Florida Lions Eye Clinic. We are so lucky to have her and I along with my wife feel fortunate that she is also our good friend.”

This is echoed by others at the clinic.

“Sahira is a wonderful person with a huge heart. She is smart, disciplined, and works hard to make sure every patient is well taken care of and receives the care they deserve. We are incredibly lucky to have her – she really is the glue that holds the clinic together.”

Nadine Newton, Executive Director of the Florida Lions Clinic.

Sahira looks to the future and attributes her success to the values she learned from her parents. “They taught me that wanting is power,” she said. “When you want something bad enough you will always find a way to achieve it.”
Patient Highlight: Helping international Lions club members

Violeta is a Lions Club International Member from Venezuela who was seen at the Florida Lions Eye Clinic by Dr. Ben Martin. With a history of cataracts and pterygium surgery, she was experiencing itching and pain in her eyes. Dr. Martin removed a small foreign object and prescribed eye drops for her. Violeta is very honored to be part of Lions Club International and thankful for having the Florida Lions Eye Clinic as a resource in her time of need!

WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY

1. Volunteer
2. Become a member of the Gift of Sight Legacy Society
3. Include the Florida Lions Eye Clinic in your Will
4. Donate your old eye glasses and non-prescription sunglasses
5. Join the 100 People Making a Difference 200 Ways Club
6. Initiate a multi-year pledge or give a one time gift
7. Make a suggestion about how we can improve our programs
8. Peer-to-Peer fundraising by asking friends to donate in honor of your birthday or in memory of a loved one

For more information on volunteering, contact the Florida Lions Eye Clinic at 239-498-3937.

YOUR DONATION MATTERS!

- A gift of $50 provides one round trip Lyft ride for one patient
- A gift of $70 provides two prescription glasses for one patient
- A gift of $100 provides medication for two patients
- A gift of $500 helps to provide eye exams for 20 patients

Coming September 2020 - New FLEC Website! Be sure to check us out!