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Former Fight for Sight Grantee Gives Back

For almost seven decades, *Fight for Sight* has been fulfilling its founder, Mildred Weisenfeld's mission: *to invest in the future of eye and vision research by funding promising scientists early in their careers*. Last month, a grantee from decades past, who wishes to remain anonymous, generously donated \$75,000 to FFS to be used for its Summer Student Fellowship Program.

In a letter to the organization the donor stated: "I received your grant 58 years ago this summer and was the first student in my distinguished department to do research. Of course, now student research experience is so frequent among applicants to residency programs that it can be considered a semi-prerequisite. Still it should be a valuable experience for them all. And from them will come our future physician researchers."

Norman Kleiman, President of *Fight for Sight's* Board of Directors stated: "We are thrilled to receive this magnificent gift. Not only does it validate the value of our awards to promising eye and vision researchers, it also allows us to challenge other former *Fight for Sight* grantees to match our donor's generosity by supporting or co-funding FFS grants to ensure the future of succeeding generations of eye and vision researchers.

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About *Fight for Sight*: Since 1946, *Fight for Sight* (FFS) has supported and inspired eye and vision research by funding promising scientists early in their careers. FFS has granted almost 21 million dollars for research that has contributed directly or indirectly to major advances in ophthalmology and vision research, including development of the IOL, aspects of donor cornea preservation, various use of ophthalmic lasers, glaucoma treatments, and gene therapy. (<http://www.fightforsight.org>)

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