Dear Supporters, Alumni, Mentors and Friends,

We are pleased to share Fight for Sight’s (FFS) 2018-2019 Annual Report with you. Over seven decades ago, FFS’s Founder Mildred Weisenfeld, who lost her sight from retinitis pigmentosa, started our organization determined to cure blinding eye diseases by funding promising eye and vision researchers early in their careers. In 2018 and 2019 we funded 34 new clinical and academic researchers from some of the nation’s most prestigious institutions including the Schepens Eye Research Institute, United States Army Institute of Surgical Research, University of Washington, Cleveland Clinic and University of Houston, to name but a few. The thumbnail descriptions included in this report briefly describe their work. FFS is thrilled to be the first source of funding for many of them.

In recent decades, FFS has funded extraordinary eye and vision science, including the development of the intraocular lens, donor cornea preservation, various applications of ophthalmic lasers, glaucoma therapies and ocular stem cell research. Many of our past grantees have gone off to receive significant and prestigious funding – FFS Board member and past grantee, Joel Schuman, MD, received the Chapalimaud Award, the world’s most prestigious vision research prize. We are confident that our 2018-2019 grantees will follow in the steps of Dr. Schuman and others like him.

FFS is dependent of donor generosity to support our critically important grant award program. Support is raised each year by direct mail and social media, through our annual Lights-On Gala and Strike for Sight, a bowling event started almost a decade ago by John LaSpina, another Board member. We are also grateful for ongoing funding partnerships with other vision non-profits including American Macular Degeneration Foundation, International Retinal Research Foundation, Aniridia Foundational International and Saving Sight, to list but a few. These mutually beneficial partnerships allow both organizations to fund critical research while wisely stewarding their donor dollars.

During 2019, FFS received one of the largest gifts in its history, a $500,000 contribution from the estate of Madame Mae Sun Wang. Interest from this magnificent gift will be used to fund glaucoma and macular degeneration research. Generosity such as Madame Wang’s ensures FFS’s future. Please consider including us in your estate plans. A planned gift will help fulfill Mildred’s dream of eye and vision research for generations to come.

As always, we thank you for your partnership with FFS during the past two years – as a donor, grantee, Scientific Review Committee member, fundraising volunteer or friend. We look forward to continuing our work together, curing blinding eye diseases and finding better treatments for those afflicted with vision disorders.

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Mary Elizabeth Hartnett, MD, University of Utah Moran Eye Center and 2018 ARVO Weisenfeld Award winner, with Sheila West, PhD, Wilmer Eye Institute and the Department of Epidemiology at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. ARVO’s 2019 Weisenfeld Award winner.

Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, Vice Dean for Inclusion and Diversity of the Perelman School of Medicine, and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, received the 2019 Physician Scientist Award at the 2019 FFS Lights-On Gala. She received a 1985 FFS Grant-in-Aid.

James Wang presented an estate gift of $500,000 to Norman Kleiman, PhD, FFS Board President, during the 2019 Lights-On Gala. It will be used to fund glaucoma and macular degeneration research.

Paul Sieving, MD, PhD, Director of The National Eye Institute, who received a 1980 FFS Grant-in-Aid, was recipient of our 2019 Alumni Achievement Award.
In 1980, while a Resident in Ophthalmology at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, I received a Fight for Sight Grant-in-Aid to study the early receptor potential (ERP) in several human hereditary retinal diseases. Like many others, this helped me in establishing my credentials in eye and vision research. Later, as a faculty member at the University of Michigan and now in my current role as Director of the National Eye Institute, NIH, I have come to appreciate and respect Fight for Sight’s grant program even more for a variety of reasons: among them that it serves as an entry point for fledgling researchers, many of whom go on to international prominence. This program also creates life-long linkages between giants in ophthalmology and those on the cusp of their careers. I dare say my own career might have taken a different trajectory without early support from Fight for Sight. I applaud the organization for its role ensuring the development of world-class eye and vision scientists for over seven decades.

Paul A. Sieving, MD, PhD, Director, National Eye Institute, National Institute of Health

Since 2014, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine has received five Fight for Sight awards. One of the significant non-financial benefits of the program is in how former FFS grantees mentor their younger colleagues. Rebecca McGreal, PhD, who received a 2016 Post-Doctoral Award, was mentored by Alves Cvekl, PhD, recipient of a 1998 Grant-in-Aid. Other faculty, myself included, have also served as mentors, learning more about FFS in the process. This institutional peer support is often the beginning of rewarding professional affiliations and lifelong friendships.

Roy S. Chuck, MD, PhD, Chair, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

In 1989, while a fellow at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, I received a Grant-In-Aid which, as it did for so many of my colleagues, helped launch my career as an ophthalmology researcher. A few years later, while at New England Medical Center - Tufts University, I had the opportunity to mentor Drs. Tamar Pedut-Kloizman and Lisolette Pieroth, who received a FFS Post-Doctoral Award (1995) and Summer Student Fellowship (1996) respectively. Dr. Pedut-Kloizman has gone on to a distinguished career at Bnai Zion Medical Center in Haifa and has also collaborated with me on scholarly articles relating to glaucoma. Dr. Pieroth has also gone on to a distinguished career in ophthalmology and, like Dr. Pedut-Kloizman, has been a collaborator on scholarly works. This is at the heart of a Fight For Sight grant, where someone who begins as a mentor, becomes a colleague and friend in the decades that follow. Mildred Weisenfeld would be proud of how her original vision has grown.

Joel Schuman, MD, Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, NYU Langone Health
**2018**

**2018 Grants-in-Aid (GIA)** are intended to fund pilot projects and generate preliminary results for investigators who have limited or no other research funding. Grants-in-Aid are awarded to junior faculty members who are developing their independent scientific skills. A majority of Grant-in-Aid recipients go on to successfully compete for larger, multi-year awards from NIH or other governmental and private sources, utilizing preliminary results generated by their FFS-funded GIA award.

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**Henri Leinonen, Ph.D.**  
Case Western Reserve University  
*Project Title:* Preventing retinal degeneration with FDA-accepted compounds  
*FFS – Curing Retinal Blindness Postdoctoral Award*

**Jae-Hyun Jung, PhD**  
Schepens Eye Research Institute  
*Project Title:* Characterization of an Ion-Mediated Protein-Based Retinal Implant  
*FFS – International Retinal Research Foundation Grant-in-Aid*

**Jordan Greco, PhD**  
University of Connecticut  
*Project Title:* Field Expansion for Acquired Monocular Vision  
*FFS – MTEC Grant-in-Aid*

**Gregory Bramblett, MD, PhD**  
US Army Institute of Surgical Research  
*Project Title:* Preservation and Restoration of Vision after Traumatic Optic Nerve Injury  
*FFS – MTEC Grant-in-Aid*

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**Keirnan Willett, MD**  
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*FFS – Choroideremia Research Foundation Postdoctoral Award*

**2018 Post-Doctoral Awards** support individuals with a doctorate who are interested in academic careers in basic or clinical research in ophthalmology, vision or related sciences. Awardees typically spend a year or more engaged in vision and eye research under the supervision of a senior scientist/clinician mentor.

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**In 2018,** we supported twenty **young scientists** – from eighteen universities – researching twenty eye-related diseases.
2018 Summer Student Fellowships are awarded to undergraduates, graduate and medical students interested in pursuing eye-related clinical or basic research. For most students, this is their first exposure to eye or vision research, and the experience has helped influence many students to choose academic ophthalmology or eye and vision research as a full-time career.

David Castillejos
Small molecule regulators of retinal cell function
Columbia University
Mentor: Jonathan Lin, MD, PhD

Kore Chan
Rapalog therapy to mitigate Vigabatrin retinal toxicity
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Mentor: Gillian McLellan, PhD

Amy Evans
Molecular mechanisms of signal transmission in retinal photoreceptor cells
University of Iowa
Mentor: Sheila Baker, PhD

Daniel Hass
Glaucoma therapy
Pennsylvania State University
Mentor: Colin Barnstable, DPhil

Jaeyoung Heo
Primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG)
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Mentor: Douglas Rhee, MD

Min Tae Kim
Corneal wound healing in diabetes
Boston University
Mentor: Vickery Trinkaus-Randall, PhD
FFS – Saving Sight Summer Student Fellowship

Christopher Le
Biomarkers for measuring glaucoma progression
University of Maryland
Mentor: Osamah Saeedi, MD

Nicole Mattson
CRISPR/Cas9-based gene therapy for inherited visual disorders
University of Washington
Mentor: Tim Cherry, PhD

Laura Pardon
Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) diagnosis in Papilledema
University of Houston
Mentor: Nimesh Patel, OD, PhD
2019 Grants-in-Aid (GIA)

Reyna Martinez-DeLuna, PhD
The Role of B2 and y3-Containing laminins in intrinsically photosensitive ganglion cell development
Upstate Medical University, SUNY
FFS-International Retinal Research Foundation Grant-in-Aid

Collin Richards
Retinal rod cell mitochondrial reserves during oxidative stress
Wayne State University
Mentor: Bruce Berkowitz, PhD

2019 Summer Student Fellowships

Samuel Adade
Neural innervation of superior oblique muscle during vertical vergence in non-human primates
University of Houston
Mentor: Vallabh Das, PhD

Weilin Song
Epidemiology of age-related macular degeneration
Cleveland Clinic
Mentor: Rishi Singh, MD
FFS – American Macular Degeneration Foundation Summer Student Fellowship

Elisa Arlotti
Memory T cells in the parthenogenesis of glaucoma
Schepens Eye Research Institute
Mentor: Dong Feng Chen, MD, PhD
FFS – Aniridia Foundation International Award

George Tye
Glaucoma risk and structural differences between ethnicities
Case Western Reserve University
Mentor: Carol Toris, PhD
FFS – Earl & Shirley Herbst Eye Research Foundation Summer Student Fellowship

Sean Wang
Therapeutic targets for treating retinitis pigmentosa
Harvard Medical School
Mentor: Constance Cepko, PhD

Salma Al Saai
Investigation of TDRD7 Function in lens development and cataract pathobiology
University of Delaware
Mentor: Lachke Sallil, PhD
FFS – Basil V. Worgul Lens Research Award

2019 Post-Doctoral

Sriganesh Ramachandra Rao, PhD
Studies on the requirement of dolichol synthesis-dependent N-glycosylation during photoreceptor development
University at Buffalo, SUNY
Mentor: Steven Fliesler, PhD

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Xiaoke Bi
ATF6 signaling of unfolded protein response is essential for cone photoreceptor survival
University of California, San Diego
Mentor: Jonathan Lin, MD, PhD
(Not Shown)
Ari Stoner
Objective measurement of sleep quality and physical activity in open-angle glaucoma by actigraphy
University of Colorado
Mentor: Leonard Seibold, MD

Andrew Suscha
Anti-inflammatory dietary tryptophan metabolites and diabetic retinopathy
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Mentor: Nader Sheibani, PhD

Ali Salehi
Detecting progression of glaucoma from optic nerve head images using a convolutional neural network
University of Memphis
Mentor: Balasubramanian Madhusudhanan, PhD

Ari Stone
Properties of primary somatosensory cortex eye position neurons in strabismic monkeys
University of Houston
Mentor: Vallabhi Das, PhD

Nicole Karson
Functional and structural retinal examination outcomes in patients with prediabetes and type 2 diabetes
University of Houston
Mentor: Wendy Harrison, OD, PhD

Ashley Park
Quantification of the effect of IOP lowering on erythrocyte velocity in episcleral veins in vivo
University of Maryland
Mentor: Osamah Saeedi, MD

Tu Tran
CRISPR/Cas9-mediated gene editing to suppress choroidal neovascularization
University of California, Davis
Mentor: Glenn Yiu, MD, PhD
FFS – American Macular Degeneration Foundation Summer Student Fellowship

Kalila Wash
Advancing stem cell based therapeutics for age-related macular degeneration
University of California, Santa Barbara
Mentor: Dennis Clegg, PhD
FFS – American Macular Degeneration Foundation Summer Student Fellowship

Congratulations to all of our 2018 and 2019 Grants-in-Aid, Post-Doctoral and Summer Student awardees!
The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) is charged with reviewing and evaluating grant applications for Summer Student Fellowships, Post-Doctoral Awards and Grants-in-Aid. It is composed of prominent research scientists, academic ophthalmologists and clinician scientists representing a broad range of disciplines in ophthalmology, vision and eye research. Many received a FFS grant earlier in their career and/or have served as FFS mentors to succeeding generations of awardees.

FFS strives to create a diverse group of reviewers representing many of the finest academic and clinical institutions across the country, who help us choose the best and brightest young students and scientists for our awards. Our review process is modeled on the peer review system utilized by the National Institutes of Health, which evaluates and ranks each application on scientific merit, strength of institutional resources and clinical relevance. The SRC meets annually to review award applications. We are extremely grateful for their assistance, dedication and hard work.

If you would like to join us, please download a Scientific Review Committee Application and return by fax or email click here to apply

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Finances

2018 Financial Highlights

Source of Funds
- Contributions and grants: $92,002
- Legacies and bequests: $46,097
- Interest and dividends: $35,590
- Rental income: $4,200
- Special events: $100,063
- Other revenue: $7,703

Total operating revenue: $285,655

Expenses
- Program services: $514,643
- Supporting services:
  - Administration: $93,790
  - Fundraising: $47,571

Total expenses: $656,004
Change in net assets: ($370,349)

2019 Financial Highlights

Source of Funds
- Contributions and grants: $96,591
- Legacies and bequests: $557,893
- Interest and dividends: $37,395
- Special events: $57,181
- Other revenue: $15,500

Total operating revenue: $764,560

Expenses
- Program services: $394,918
- Supporting services:
  - Administration: $74,410
  - Fundraising: $136,279

Total expenses: $605,607
Change in net assets: ($158,953)
Thank You

**Fight for Sight** recognizes and thanks all of the organizations listed in our **Partner Spotlight** as grant partners, allowing us to co-fund scientists in specialized areas of eye and vision research.

We thank all of our **donors** for their **generosity** in helping **Fight for Sight** provide grants to uniquely qualified students.
# Partner Spotlight

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<td>Since 2012, we have co-funded Summer Student Fellowships focusing on macular degeneration through our partnership with AMDF.</td>
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<td><strong>Aniridia Foundation International</strong></td>
<td>Fight for Sight co-funds a Summer Student Fellowship focused on aniridia research in partnership with Aniridia Foundation International.</td>
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<td><strong>Choroideremia Research Foundation</strong></td>
<td>A Summer Student Fellowship, Post-Doctoral Award and Grant-in-Aid are eligible for funding in partnership with the Choroideremia Foundation.</td>
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<td><strong>Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation</strong></td>
<td>A new Post-Doctoral Award was created in partnership with the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation.</td>
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<td><strong>Earl &amp; Shirley Herbst Eye Research Fund</strong></td>
<td>Two Summer Student Fellowships are offered annually through a partnership with the Earl &amp; Shirley Herbst Eye Research Fund.</td>
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<td><strong>Glaucoma Research Foundation</strong></td>
<td>A Post-Doctoral Award and Summer Student Fellowship are funded in partnership with the Glaucoma Research Foundation.</td>
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<td>Fight for Sight funded its first annual Grant-in-Aid with the International Retinal Research Foundation in 2013. Two Grants-in-Aid are now funded through this partnership.</td>
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<td><strong>Lions Eye Institute for Transplant &amp; Research</strong></td>
<td>A partnership related to transplantation of eye tissue was formed in 2012 between Fight for Sight and the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant &amp; Research.</td>
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<td><strong>MTEC</strong></td>
<td>A Post-Doctoral Award or Grant-in-Aid with The Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) focuses on vision restoration after traumatic nerve injury.</td>
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<td><strong>North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society</strong></td>
<td>In partnership with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society, we offer a special research fellowship for neurology or ophthalmology residents or fellows pursuing academic research in neuro-ophthalmology.</td>
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<td><strong>Streilein Foundation for Ocular Immunology</strong></td>
<td>We have offered a Summer Student Fellowship focusing on ocular immunology in partnership with the Streilein Foundation.</td>
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<td><strong>THE EYE-BANK FOR SIGHT RESTORATION, INC.</strong></td>
<td>Since 2011, we have partnered with The Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, co-funding a Summer Student Fellowship related to corneal transplantation research.</td>
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<td><strong>Women’s Eye Health Site</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Basil V. Worgul Lens Research</strong></td>
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In fulfilling her lifelong commitment to research into all forms of visual loss and blindness, Mildred became a role model for philanthropists in medical science. Her broad, long-term outlook and her understanding and realistic support of scientific inquiry were applied faithfully and optimistically to her personal goals for research.
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