Nebraska Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

- We take great pride in providing the highest quality of eye tissue for transplant to restore vision to those with corneal difficulties, while maintaining the utmost dignity and care of our donor and our donor families.
- We recover, evaluate, process and distribute human eye tissue for the use of transplant in the State of Nebraska.
- We are medically governed by the Food and Drug Administration and certified by the Eye Bank Association of America. The Nebraska Lions were instrumental in starting the Eye Bank, and they maintain their involvement by making up 51 percent of the Eye Bank’s Board of Directors.

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Nebraska Lions Foundation

The Nebraska Lions Foundation is supported by the Lions Clubs of Nebraska. The Foundation raises and appropriates a number of services for the blind and visually impaired. This includes a Mobile Screening Unit which travels the state providing vision and other health screenings to school children and the public. We support the Nebraska Lions Eye Bank financially. We also support Leader Dog for the Blind and International Hearing Dog.

We provide transportation for people from Nebraska to the Wieland Williamson Center for Visual Rehabilitation, located on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha; this is presented in their own articles here.

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Outlook Nebraska, Inc.

“Opportunities for People Who Are Blind”

- Mission: To Enhance the Quality of Life of the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- ONI was formed in early 2000 to promote employment of the blind and visually impaired.
- ONI provides employment and workplace training to the blind and visually impaired in a converting operation that supplies 100 percent recycled fiber content waspden paper products to the U.S. Government and other customers.
- ONI is the largest employer of the blind and visually impaired in Nebraska, and we offer our employees a variety of positions, including leadership roles.
- ONI focuses on many aspects of the personal goals and professional advancement of the blind and visually impaired.
- ONI offers competitive wages and benefits to an underutilized, but very capable, group of Americans.

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Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness Iowa and Prevent Blindness Nebraska’s mission is to preserve sight and prevent blindness for a lifetime of healthy vision. The four core services provided by the organizations are:
- Vision screening for preschool age children and adults
- Educational programs for all ages on various vision related topics
- Training and certification programs for health professionals
- Vision Care Outreach to help people in need obtain eye exams and glasses

Contact Information in Iowa:
Phone: 800-254-4341 Website: www.preventblindness.org/Iowa Contact Information in Nebraska:
Phone: 402-559-6119 Website: www.preventblindness.org/Nebraska

Radio Talking Book Service (RTBS)

RTBS provides information to persons who have visual or physical disabilities which prevent them from reading printed material. There are two key program areas.

The Radio Talking Book Network, founded in 1914, is Nebraska’s only radio reading service. Newspapers, magazines, and books are read to a statewide audience 24 hours a day. Special radio receivers are loaned at no-cost to listeners. Textbooks are recorded for college students through the LISTening Link program.

Contact Information:
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Weigel Williamson Center for Visual Rehabilitation

At the Weigel Williamson Center, we are dedicated to helping individuals maintain their independence, spirit, and quality of life despite irreversible vision loss. Our skilled therapists use the latest advanced technology to determine the tools, including magnifiers and telescopic devices, and training activities that are needed to assist the individual in maximizing the use of their remaining vision. Our skilled therapists provide this training in our specialized low vision house, and, in some cases, in the individual’s own home. In addition to these professional services, a low vision store is also located at the Center.

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