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Phillips Eye Institute: Celebrating 30 years

A Q&A with Irving Shapiro, MD

How did Phillips Eye Institute get its start?

“Phillips Eye Institute began as the Ophthalmology Department at what was then Mount Sinai Hospital, which had been built in the 1950s by the Jewish community.

Mount Sinai prospered, but then the era of hospital consolidation began. By the time Mount Sinai no longer operated as an independent hospital, the Ophthalmology Department was doing about 37 percent of the surgeries. From this strong base created by very committed ophthalmologists, which I was very privileged to be one of, rose Phillips Eye Institute.”

What was the intention behind starting this specialty eye hospital?

“Phillips Eye Institute was built as a community of interest, but it was based on three things: service, education and research. We also knew that we were part of a larger society and the society as a whole has finite resources. It is better that one laser be used 20 times a day than 20 lasers be used once a day.

Philanthropy was important in the early days, and I must say, today as well. It has been very important both in beginning Phillips Eye Institute and sustaining it. And for this, I

want to thank the community at large, the Jewish community and the Phillips family.”

What do you think has contributed to its success over these 30 years?

“Like everything that works, there is no single thing. But if I had to pick a few things that made me feel good about what was happening at Phillips Eye Institute, it was the knowledge that under this one roof there were eye doctors from multiple care systems who came of their volition because they felt that the patient care was best.

It's also the Phillips Eye Institute family, and by that I mean everyone that walks through the door. We speak a lot about the doctors because of their role, but none of that would happen without all of the wonderful support of the staff. And with the good leadership that is now in place, I feel that the future is secure.”

Thinking back over Phillips Eye Institute's history, what are you most proud of?

“Phillips Eye Institute has been so much a community of interest. I am proud to have been part of the great fellowship that it has represented.”

Editor's Note:

In honor of Phillips Eye Institute's 30th anniversary, we're focusing on some of the people and events that have shaped our history. That includes Irving Shapiro, MD, a respected ophthalmologist and philanthropist whose dedication and ideals are strongly reflected in Phillips Eye Institute today. We asked Dr. Shapiro to share his thoughts about Phillips Eye Institute's early years and the role it plays today.



Janet and Irving Shapiro, MD

What we've accomplished: 30 years of quality vision care

A second family

Nancy Chamberlain-Leech, surgery technologist

“Phillips Eye Institute started with four operating rooms, then grew to six, then eight and now 10. It is like one of my children; I've watched it grow and thrive over the last 30 years. Many of my co-workers I've worked with that entire 30 years. They're like a second family to me. Don't tell management, but it doesn't feel like work. It's hanging out with a great bunch of people while helping patients improve their quality of life. It doesn't get much better than that.”

Reducing fragmentation of care while elevating the quality of care

Michael Lins, MD, medical director

“Having a place like Phillips Eye Institute has created a fertile environment for local ophthalmologists to collaborate, learn from each other and share technology over these last 30 years. It brings together a diverse group of ophthalmologists from many different specialties, geographic

areas, health systems and clinics, and styles of practice. That's reduced fragmentation of care while also elevating the quality of eye care and the level of ophthalmology education and training in our area. We also benefit from having the critical mass needed to invest in technology, and from having a staff that works only on eye cases. That level of specialization is great for patient care and very comforting for our patients.”

Access to the best eye care available

Menzie Henderson, board member, Phillips Eye Institute Foundation

“As the only hospital in the region that specializes in eye surgery and other eye treatments, Phillips Eye Institute's availability and expertise makes all the difference in our community. Thanks to Phillips Eye Institute, the Upper Midwest has access to leading technology, equipment and the best eye care available. No one plans to need eye treatment, but many need it at some point. We're fortunate to have one of the top eye hospitals in the nation right here in our own backyard.”

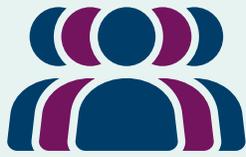


Our founding benefactor was Jay Phillips, who supported many medical and educational efforts in the community. We proudly bear his name today.



Construction on our facility began in 1986 on a shared campus with what was originally Mount Sinai Hospital, and we cared for our first patient on April 20, 1987.

PHILLIPS EYE INSTITUTE TODAY



168
employees

Ranks among the nation's top **2** institutions for total eye surgery volume, and is a leading site for retina case volume.



11,122
surgeries



2,554

diagnostic procedures



160
medical staff

Known as a regional leader in providing ophthalmology education, hosting the annual **Fall CME Conference** and the annual **Ophthalmology Technician and Nurse Conference**.



560
refractive
procedures

Thanks to our generous donors

DURING THE LAST YEAR, WE PROVIDED:



vision screening for more than **27,000** Minneapolis and St. Paul Public School students through the Early Youth Eyecare Community Initiative.



539 pairs of glasses.

care coordination and funding for about **1,360** students in need of vision care.



more than **5,900** rides for patients who needed our services. About **25 percent** of our patients depend on our Transportation Program to receive timely vision care.



67 school visits by the Kirby Puckett Eye Mobile.



\$19,500 to purchase new technology, and **\$72,000** to fund a major research study on retinal detachment repair.

525 vision exams.



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PHILLIPS EYE INSTITUTE

Phillips Eye Institute, part of Allina Health, is the second largest eye specialty hospital (in patient volume) in the United States. Dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases and disorders, Phillips Eye Institute's 160 credentialed ophthalmologists offer an extensive array of specialty services from diagnostic tests and low vision evaluations to laser eye treatments and specialized eye surgery.

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Phillips Eye Institute Foundation helps fund essential hospital programs and services, including transportation to and from the hospital, vision correction for our military through the Sight for Soldiers program, and advanced technology through the Irving and Janet Shapiro Innovative Technology Fund. We also support vision care for children in Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools through the Early Youth Eyecare Community Initiative and the Kirby Puckett Eye Mobile.

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To further Phillip Eye Institute's commitment to eye care excellence, education, research and community involvement while honoring the legacy of Mount Sinai Hospital.

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Donate today

Philanthropy was vital to the opening of Phillips Eye Institute 30 years ago, and it is equally as important today. Thanks to the generosity and support of our donors, we have nurtured and sustained a strong commitment to excellent eye care and service to the community.

We invite you to help us continue this work. Make a donation today by using the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, or visit:

allinahealth.org/donate-phillipseye.



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COCKTAIL PARTY**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 28 | 6 – 10 P.M.
U.S. BANK STADIUM / MINNEAPOLIS**

Join us at the annual fundraising gala for Phillips Eye Institute, and help us provide exceptional vision care to patients and to our community. Register at allinahealth.org/urbancocktailparty