

## **May Newsletter**

Friends,

As we head into Summer, Operation Sight has so much to celebrate.

Since the year began, we welcomed three new Board Members to the organization, expanded our partnerships with free clinics around the state, and, in March alone, **Operation Sight volunteer physicians and their staff performed 14 sight-saving surgeries!** 

Operation Sight also welcomed College of Charleston intern, Alexis Schueller, to the organization for the Spring semester. I encourage you to read on to learn more about Alexis' experience as an intern with Operation Sight.

Kindest regards,

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P.S. Don't miss out on our Operation Sight Give Back event at Kendra Scott on May 12. Kendra Scott jewelry is the perfect Mother's Day, Graduation, Just Because, or Treat Yourself gift!

## My Internship at Operation Sight

written by: Alexis Schueller

My experience as an intern at Operation Sight has been nothing short of wonderful. As a Charleston native studying Public Health at the College of Charleston, I felt strongly about choosing an internship site that addressed the health needs of our community. When I came across Operation Sight, I was immediately intrigued by their



mission to restore vision and improve the lives of South Carolinians.

Operation Sight is a non profit organization tackling public health issues head on by serving financially vulnerable populations that experience a multitude of barriers to obtaining healthcare services. These common barriers include low socioeconomic status, difficulty accessing services, lack of health insurance, and cultural and language barriers. This internship has provided experience in applying my public health studies to "real world" scenarios through learning how a non profit operates, obtains funding, assesses community needs, and builds trusting relationships between program participants and partners. My time with the organization has heightened my awareness of how these barriers can impact an individuals' quality of life and overall financial, emotional, and spiritual stability.

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