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You can help protect sight this Christmas.

The holiday season is coming. You can almost feel the heat of Summer and the warmth of visiting loved ones. It's a time that brings joy, compassion and generosity.

Thank you for being a member of Glaucoma NZ. **I feel proud of the sight saving work you've helped to achieve this year.** You leverage knowledge to manage glaucoma. In doing so, you're preserving your sight. And you're saving the sight of your family.

As you know, **someone could be diagnosed with glaucoma this holiday season.** You'll find research within your enclosed Eyalights newsletter. It suggests that, before being diagnosed, that person won't know much about glaucoma.

They would find out there's no cure. And that they could go blind. They might feel alone. Shocked. In despair. Angry. **Can you help protect their precious sight this Christmas?**

A donation, no matter how small, could provide resources, education and reassurance to New Zealanders who face glaucoma. Awareness of glaucoma risk factors could help families realise the threat that glaucoma poses to their sight.

Edith Robinson shares her story within this issue of Eyalights. She warned her sisters about their family's risk of glaucoma, and they're being monitored. Like you, she's passionate about raising awareness.

With a donation toward glaucoma awareness efforts, you could help a family realise they're at risk of this sight-threatening disease.

You could save them from developing glaucoma. **Can you help protect sight of families like yours with a donation this Christmas?**

Edith says, "it is my privilege and pleasure to be able to donate...If my donation helps towards preventing glaucoma in another person then it is worth every dollar."

As you read Eyalights, you'll meet people who are more aware of their risk of glaucoma. They know to keep their family in the loop. They tell their daughters and their sisters. They're all having regular eye health checks. **We need more New Zealanders to know this.**

Members like you can gain confidence by understanding more about glaucoma. With Glaucoma NZ, you learn about the latest treatment options available to you. And how to live well with glaucoma.

There are people who don't have this information. They don't know what you know about glaucoma. **Will you help reach them? And help protect their sight with a donation today?**

The threat of glaucoma progressing is very real for you. We're grateful you're taking measures to protect your sight. Please consider doing the same for your loved ones and other families this Christmas.

Thank you again for being a member of Glaucoma NZ. Your support means resources, education and reassurance can be available for others.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards,



Pippa Martin,
General Manager, Glaucoma NZ

P.S. A donation, no matter how small, could provide resources, education and reassurance to New Zealanders who face glaucoma. Awareness of risk factors could help prevent the disease entirely. **Please donate to protect the sight of families like yours this Christmas.**

P.P.S., Did you know that you can increase your impact by donating each month? **Use the donation form enclosed to become a Sight Saver today.**