

Donating \$3,000 to Campaign SightFirst II



CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST

At Christmas Party 2006, our Club donated \$3,000 to Campaign SightFirst 2 to support this very worthy project of Lions Clubs International's. Lion Sam Chu, Coordinator of the Campaign, together with DG Peter Mendl, DG Elect Carol Alderson, Region Chairman Amen Lee attending the cheque presentation at the party on behalf of the Campaign.

The SightFirst Program

Since 1990, Lions have done more to prevent blindness and restore sight than in their previous 65 years as

SightFirst is Lions' most ambitious and most successful initiative ever. Thanks to SightFirst, Lions have restored sight to 7 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.

"knights of the blind." In a decadeand-a-half, Lions have prevented severe vision loss or restored sight to 27 million people – more than the combined populations of New York and Tokyo.

How is this possible?

SightFirst makes it possible. SightFirst's strategy of containing and eliminating the leading causes of blindness, creating sustainable eye-health systems, and training eye-care workers who will serve their communities for years to

come, makes it extraordinarily effective and remarkably efficient. On average, just US\$6 can save one person from a life of darkness.

SightFirst has touched the lives of tens of millions around the globe. Through SightFirst, Lions are chang-



President Anthony presenting a Cheque for \$3,000 to District Cabinet Officers

ing the world – and the world now looks to Lions as leaders in the international effort to combat preventable blindness.

Since 1990, SightFirst has...

- Prevented serious vision loss for 27 million
- Provided 80.5 million treatments for river blindness
- Awarded US\$193 million for 818 projects in 90 coun tries
- Restored sight to 7 million with cataract
- Improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions
- Built or expanded 213 eye hospitals, clinics and wards
- Upgraded 325 eye centers with equipment
- Trained 305,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye-care workers and village health workers

Launched world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization. Thirty pediatric eye-care centers will be established.