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VISION



Your support is changing lives in the Pacific,
for people today, and tomorrow's generation.

Thank you!





Hello from Andrew

“There are two bequests we can give our children. One is roots; the other, wings”

— Hodding Carter —

This quote came to mind while spending a wonderful day in Dunedin with Tanya Woolcott (nee Hollows) and her husband, Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand, His Excellency Peter Woolcott. Tanya visited the city of her famous father's birth to open a road named in his honour: Fred Hollows Way. In true southern fashion, Mayor Dave Cull and the Vice Chancellor, University of Otago, Professor Harlene Hayne gladly hosted events to honour Dunedin's famous son.

I have little doubt that Fred's Dunedin childhood roots and student years as a *scarfie* developed the tenacity he would need to be a world famous eye doctor. Fred was a proud New Zealander and like many Kiwi's 'flew the coop' to work overseas. But I have no doubt it was in the rugged south that he learnt the dogged determination for which he became famous. As Tanya quipped, "there was only one way for my father; the Fred Hollows Way".

Today, from all around New Zealand, it's you who continues to support the Fred Hollows Way. Thank you so much for helping keep Fred's vision of a world where no one is needlessly blind, alive.

Executive Director

What will you leave behind?



You are precious in the eyes of others. By including The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ in your Will, you continue to transform lives through restoring sight.

Our new booklet, 'Their sight will be your legacy', explains everything you need to know about making a bequest.

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“Leave the world A BETTER PLACE.”

— Professor Fred Hollows —



You are part of Fred's Legacy

Fred's daughter Tanya Woolcott and her husband, Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand, His Excellency Peter Woolcott.

No way like the 'Fred Hollows Way'

If you are planning a road trip to Dunedin, there's a special spot you might want to take a quick picture. Dunedin's Leith Valley has named a street 'Fred Hollows Way' after the famous Kiwi eye doctor.

This has been a powerful way to honour Fred's sight-restoring work, and the legacy that you're helping to build today.

Fred was born in Dunedin, and spent seven years growing up there. Later Fred trekked back down to attend medical school. But Fred wasn't in medicine for the money.

He could see that the poor were suffering from a lack of affordable eye care, and was outraged.

Fred dedicated the rest of his life to reducing the cost of cataract surgery, and training eye doctors in developing countries. When Fred heard he was dying, he sat around his kitchen table with his wife Gabi and founded the organisation that would work to eliminate avoidable blindness.



His Foundation has gone on to restore sight to millions of people. By naming a street after Fred Hollows, Dunedin has solidified Fred's place in our history for generations to come.

Fred's daughter Tanya Woolcott attended the celebration of the street naming.

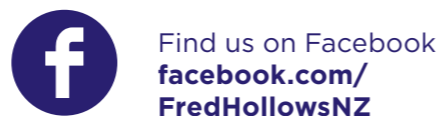
“It's such a privilege to see Dad honoured here. I'm overwhelmed by how much he means to New Zealand and how strongly Kiwis have pulled together to make his dream come alive.”

— Tanya Woolcott —

Fred's legacy might have died with him if it were not for people like you.

You're a part of Fred's legacy by furthering his dream...

...and for that, we can't thank you enough.



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Jesse's Story

"Thank you to the people in New Zealand! Now I can see again!"

Jesse



With your help, Jesse's sight was restored. Thank you!

Top left: Jesse was so thankful to the Pacific Outreach Team for restoring his sight. *Middle:* When the bandages were removed, Jesse's smile was infectious! *Bottom right:* Now, Jesse has returned home to his family – and his livelihood.



Jesse could not stop beaming; his face shone with sheer joy and excitement. He could see again!

The moment his bandages were removed, Jesse's life was changed. Spending long months needlessly blind had left Jesse completely reliant on others, and living in despair. Finally he could return to his family, his work and his life with dignity and hope for the future.

This is the impact of your generosity and we cannot thank you enough for your incredible support.

"It happened suddenly"

The chief of his village and a proud family man, 74-year-old Jesse had been providing for his community for as long as he could remember.

A father of eight and grandfather of 19, Jesse spent his days hunting and harvesting – planting bananas, cabbage and coconuts on rural land in North Ambrym. Then one day,

Jesse began to lose his sight. Almost overnight, Jesse went from being a leader and provider to a man who needed help to complete the simplest of daily chores.

"It happened suddenly. It was scary, because when it happened I can't move, I can't work no more, I could walk no more, I just sit," he said.

With no resident eye doctor in Vanuatu, people like Jesse are often forced to travel far from home and wait months for sight-restoring surgery. But this is all about to change. A local, Vanuatu-born doctor, Dr Johnson Kasso, is just two years away from completing his formal eye care training – training made possible with the kindness of supporters like you.

With your help, there will soon be a dedicated local eye doctor in Vanuatu, and patients like Jesse will no longer have to wait for the help they so desperately need. **Thank you for creating a brighter future for the people of Vanuatu.**

Jesse's life-changing journey

Leaving behind everything he'd ever known, Jesse made the long journey to the capital for surgery to restore his sight. But without their protector, Jesse's family were vulnerable.

"My wife said to me, 'People are coming, people are taking the food from the garden.' And I said, let them take it. If they don't have cabbage, let them take cabbage. If they don't have banana, let them take it. Let them have the food."

Jesse's community-mindedness reminds us of Fred, who believed in "the basic attribute of mankind... to look after each another."

Just like Fred – and like you – Jesse feels strongly about offering help to those in his community who need it.

Restoring sight - and independence

Finally – the long wait was over! Jesse learned

that the Pacific Outreach Team had arrived.

Until Dr Kasso's training is complete, the Pacific Outreach Team will continue visiting Vanuatu once or twice each year to help people like Jesse to regain their sight. This service is truly life-changing for so many people in Vanuatu, and we are incredibly grateful for your support in making this possible.

The jubilant smile on Jesse's face says it all – his surgery was a resounding success, allowing him to return to his family and his role as leader and provider for his village. And it's all thanks to you!

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KIRIBATI

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Your kindness

is going where it's most needed...

In some Pacific Island countries there is no eye care.

You are helping change this by training local eye care doctors and nurses, who will then go on to provide full time, dedicated eye care services. Thank you!

But, specialist eye care training takes years. So, in the meantime, you are sending a specialist Pacific Outreach Team to remote islands to provide immediate eye care.



You're reaching out to those in need Bwabweniiti (centre) and her two closest friends all lost their vision due to dense, blinding cataracts. But thanks to you, these three women – and 101 others – had their sight restored during a one week surgical outreach. And 275 people had their eyes checked. Your support makes it possible to reach many hundreds of people across the Pacific – and we can't thank you enough!

KIRIBATI AT A GLANCE

275 Patient screenings

104 sight restoring & sight saving procedures performed



The face of the Pacific Outreach Team.

We're thrilled to introduce you to the eye care workers you've helped train! Your support sent this team of incredible doctors and nurses to where they were needed most to help many needlessly blind people see again.

Dr Varanisese Naviri, Fiji
Sr Luisa Talatala, Fiji
Dr Duke Mataka, Tonga

In just six short weeks, this dedicated Pacific Outreach Team travelled to five isolated countries and provided **2,041 patient consultations** and performed **738 sight restoring and sight saving surgeries.**

2,041

Patient screenings by the Pacific Outreach Team



738

Sight restoring and sight saving procedures performed by the Pacific Outreach Team



Thank YOU so much!

Bwabweniiti (centre) and her friends celebrate after having their sight restored.



Thank you!

Your support is helping needlessly blind people see again.

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