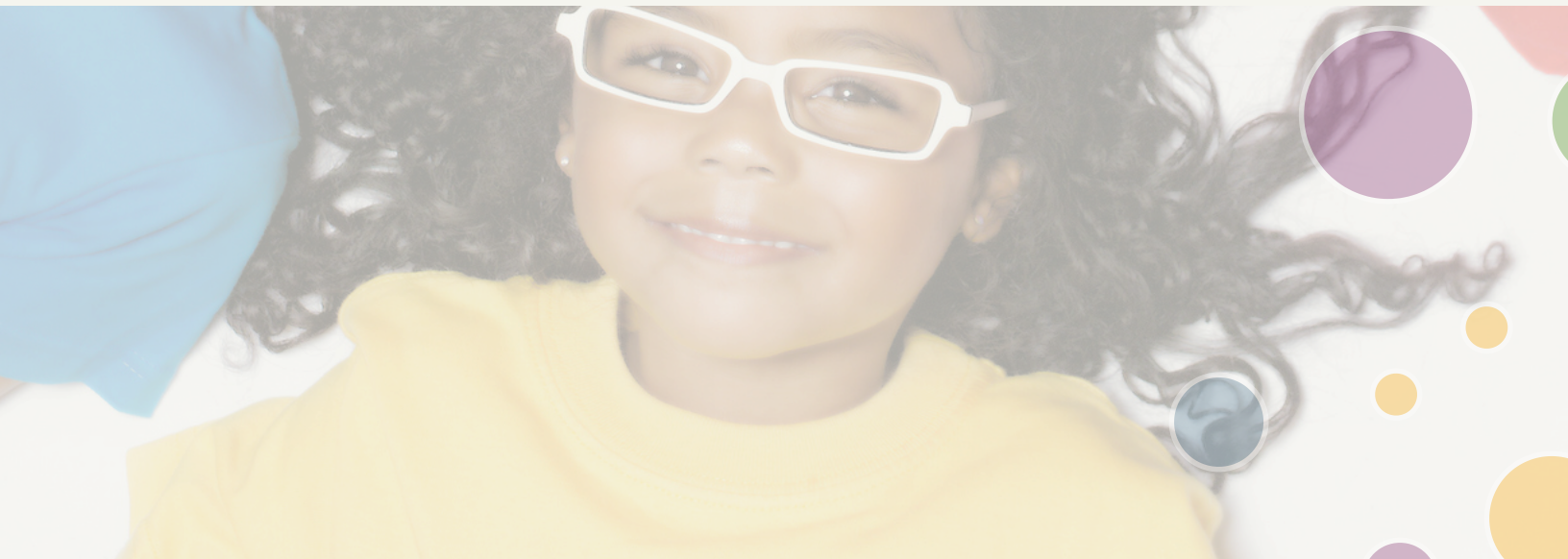




Children's Eye
Foundation of **aapos**™



CREATE A LEGACY OF SIGHT



YOUR LEGACY CAN TRANSFORM LIVES

The Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS (CEF) is dedicated to ensuring that every child—no matter their background or geography—has access to quality eye care. By including CEF in your estate plans, you help us protect and restore the gift of sight for generations to come.

One of the most meaningful ways you can support CEF's mission is by including a gift in your will or estate plan. This thoughtful gesture creates a lasting legacy and ensures that our work continues for future generations. Whether you choose to leave a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or a particular asset, your generosity can make a powerful and enduring impact.

Your planned gift can support our work today and forever through our endowment and four key programs:

- All Children See
- Global Education & Training
- Stop Infant Blindness in Africa
- Vision Through Music



CEF PROGRAMS

ALL CHILDREN SEE

Matches uninsured or underinsured children who have failed a vision screening—or have other concerning eye conditions—with an ACS volunteer physician who provides free eye exams and care.



GLOBAL EDUCATION & TRAINING



Engages international physicians from underserved areas of the world to attend the AAPOS annual meeting, where global leaders in pediatric ophthalmology share knowledge and build relationships to advance care standards worldwide.



CEF PROGRAMS

STOP INFANT BLINDNESS IN AFRICA

Working to end preventable blindness in sub-Saharan Africa caused by Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP). Through training and equipment, local medical professionals are empowered to detect and treat this leading cause of infant blindness.



VISION THROUGH MUSIC



Connects blind and visually impaired children with trained music educators who foster musicality, creativity, and confidence. Students may apply for grants to access lessons or purchase instruments.

WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Bequest in a Will or Trust

Sample language:

"I give [specific amount or percentage] to the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS, a nonprofit organization located at 5034A Thoroughbred Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027, Federal Tax ID number 23-7116400, to be used for its general charitable purposes."

To designate support for a specific program or the endowment:

"I give [amount or percentage] to the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS to support the [program name] initiative. If the program is no longer active, I authorize the Foundation to direct the gift to a similar purpose consistent with my intent."

Beneficiary Designations

Name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your:

- Retirement plan (IRA, 401(k), etc.)
- Life insurance policy
- Donor-advised fund or brokerage account

Sample designation:

"Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS, 5034A Thoroughbred Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027, Tax ID 23-7116400." Add a note if you'd like your gift to benefit a specific program or our greatest needs fund.

Charitable Trusts

Charitable Remainder Trusts provide lifetime income to you or others, with the remainder supporting CEF.

Charitable Lead Trusts allow annual gifts to CEF for a term, then transfer the remaining assets to heirs.

Sample remainder language:

"Upon termination of the trust, the remainder shall be distributed to the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS to support its charitable mission, with preference given to [program name] or to be added to the greatest needs fund."



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The Enduring Power of Endowment

Establishing an endowment is a gift that never stops giving. The principal is invested, and the income is used to support vital programs year after year—protecting children’s sight for generations to come. With a minimum donation, the endowment can be named in your honor (or per your wishes) to support CEF and programs into perpetuity.

Give Through Your IRA: A Tax-Wise Way to Give

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA to the Children’s Eye Foundation of AAPOS. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

Benefits of Giving Through Your IRA

- Avoid paying income tax on your RMD
- Reduce your taxable income—even if you do not itemize
- Make an immediate impact on the lives of children in need of sight-saving care’

How It Works

- You must be 70½ or older at the time of the gift
- The gift must be made directly from your IRA custodian to the Children’s Eye Foundation of AAPOS
- You can give up to \$100,000 per year per person tax-free

Sample Instructions to Your IRA Custodian:

“Please transfer from my Individual Retirement Account the amount of \$[___] directly to the Children’s Eye Foundation of AAPOS, a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 5034A Thoroughbred Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027. The Foundation’s Federal Tax ID number is 23-7116400. This gift is intended to be a Qualified Charitable Distribution for the tax year [insert year].”

You can choose to support CEF’s greatest needs or direct your gift toward one of our signature programs.

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Let Us Thank You

If you've already included CEF in your plans, please let us know. We'd be honored to thank you and recognize your generosity in ways that reflect your values and vision.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Executive Offices of the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS.



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