NOVEMBER IS EYE DONATION MONTH



Zander Raisch

cornea recipient

At 6 weeks old, Zander had his first surgery to remove a cataract in one eye, followed by cataract surgery in the other eye two weeks later. Although Zander's cataracts had been removed, he wasn't out of the woods when it came to vision loss. By 2024, he had been diagnosed with glaucoma in the left eye and had to have surgery again in April 2025. Zander's glaucoma tube shunt surgery utilized corneal tissue recovered, evaluated, and distributed by Iowa Lions Eye Bank to protect the shunt from infection and erosion. Each year, thanks to the generosity of cornea donors and their families, Iowa Lions Eye Bank provides tissue for hundreds of glaucoma shunt surgery patients like Zander.

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