NOVEMBER IS EYE DONATION MONTH



McKayla Boyd

cornea recipient

Acanthamoeba keratitis is a rare parasitic eye infection that can damage the cornea and cause blindness. Most people who contract it, like McKayla, wear contact lenses and are infected via water.

Although eyedrops successfully killed the parasite, it left severe scarring on Boyd's right cornea, and she was unable to see out of her right eye. In 2024, Boyd received a cornea transplant using tissue recovered, evaluated, and distributed by Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

After the transplant, McKayla saw her quality of life improve. Although she was registered as an eye, organ and tissue donor before her infection, she is extra proud to be registered now that she can see the benefit of donation firsthand.

It only takes a minute to register as a donor: iowalionseyebank.org

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