# FBC Town Hall April 22, 2020

To our Volunteers… Thank you!

National Volunteer Week

Covid-19 Impact on Revenues in March

35% drop in revenues

March 2019 - $264,000

March 2020 - $173,000

Fighting Blindness Canada: Mission in Action

Fighting Blindness Canada is responding to the COVID-9 challenges through our mission:

* Funding vision research
* Providing information through our Health Information Line and View Point webinars
* Luxturna Treatment access strategy – achieve public health care funding for the first sight-restoring treatment for an inherited retinal disease

Canadians living with a seeing disability 1.5 million +

Over 5.59 million are living with an eye condition that puts them at significant risk of losing their sight

Age-related macular degeneration – 1.4 million

Diabetic Retinopathy – 800,000

Glaucoma – 400,000

Cataracts – 2.5 million

Our fundraising events

Comic Vision

Sight Savers

4.2.4 Virtual Fundraising Day April 24

Cycle for Sight

Monthly Giving

Monthly giving means people give a little each month to support vision research.

To join our monthly giving program call 1.800.461.3331, or email [info@fightingblindness.ca](mailto:info@fightingblindness.ca)

Fighting Blindness Canada Mission Programs

Dr. Michael Walter, Edmonton

Studying the genetic cause of pigmentary glaucoma

Dr. Vincent Tropepe, Toronto

Using zebrafish to study Usher syndrome

Dr. Rod Bremner, Toronto

Finding new ways to treat retinitis pigmentosa

Dr. Elizabeth M. Simpson, Vancouver

Can gene therapy treat congenital blindness?

Dr. Gregory Borschel, Toronto

Finding new treatments for neurotrophic keratopathy

Dr. Susan Leat, Waterloo

A new test to diagnose children earlier

2020 FBC Clinician Scientist Emerging Leader Award – Dr. Tianwei Zhou

Fighting Blindness Canada Patient Registry

For inherited retinal diseases

Connects registrants to clinical trials

Drives research and clinical trials

Fightingblindness.ca/patient-registry

### For more information and support

[www.fighitngblindness.ca](http://www.fighitngblindness.ca)

Health Information Line: 1.888.626.2995 or [healthinfo@fightingblindness.ca](mailto:healthinfo@fightingblindness.ca)

Upcoming webinars

[www.fightingblindness.ca/virtual-events](http://www.fightingblindness.ca/virtual-events)

Low Vision Devices

New Pharmaceutical therapies

Tracing inherited retinal disease

Public Policy

Make your voice heard: [www.fighitngblindness.ca/news/2020-fbc-surveys/](http://www.fighitngblindness.ca/news/2020-fbc-surveys/)

Fill out a survey to bring new vision treatments to Canada

tHANK yOU

Please complete the survey after this call.

We want to improve our next Town Hall meeting.

Please contact Fighting Blindness Canada

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