



Duaa Babekr was just 4 years old when she began experiencing vision problems. Realizing their daughter—the second oldest of five children—would have to struggle to do things that came naturally to other kids was heartbreaking for her parents.

They worked to stay positive, and brought Duaa to an ophthalmologist, who understood that she required special treatment. They were advised to take her to the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, but their insurance wouldn't cover the expense.

Luckily for the Babekrs, though, help was available much closer to home. Their doctor put them in touch with ophthalmologist and Eversight partner Dr. David Chu, founder and director of the Metropolitan Eye Research and Surgery Institute of New York and New Jersey.

After examining Duaa, Dr. Chu recommended corneal transplantation—first in her left eye, then a year later, in her right.

It has been several years since Duaa's second transplant, and she's doing great. She's an energetic child who enjoys playing with her four brothers and sisters and watching cartoons. "It wouldn't be easy for her to do the things she loves without her cornea transplants," her father Faris said. "Life wouldn't be easy."

He is quick to encourage everyone to consider donation. "I tell people to never hesitate to make somebody's life better," he said. "If you're able to help, you should not hesitate."

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