



**A**fter nearly 28 years of practicing ophthalmology at Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons, the eye center he founded in 1982, Dr. Lawrence Lohman remains as passionately committed to his profession as ever.

“It’s just the best job in the world,” Lohman says. “I think most people believe that of our five senses, sight is the most precious. I certainly do. There is nothing more gratifying to me than restoring or improving someone’s vision. It’s a life-changing experience, and I get to be a part of that.”

Throughout his career, this fellowship-trained corneal surgeon, who graduated with honors from Denison University and attended The Ohio State University Medical School, has had countless opportunities to improve vision and lives. And while Lohman has performed tens of thousands of eye surgeries—cataract surgery, LASIK surgery and corneal transplants chief among them—a few patients stick in his mind.

There was the teenager whose eye he reassembled after it was destroyed from a paint ball injury.

And the young man who had a dream of flying airplanes, but couldn’t, because of his poor vision. He traveled from Minneapolis to Northeast Ohio, so Lohman could perform his LASIK surgery. The young man is now a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

Then there was the medical mission trip Lohman took to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia this spring – his second visit in three years. In an attempt to help the desperately poor indigent population, he spent nearly two weeks performing surgery on patients with vision problems that were often severe. Lohman found himself constantly humbled by the strength and dignity of people who live in primitive conditions with little access to health care.

“I was touched by the graciousness of the St. Lucians and by their generosity as well,” he says.

“Patients who literally have nothing would bring me gifts after surgery to express their thanks. Some people brought me exotic fruits and vegetables they had grown themselves. One lady tried to give me a chicken. “Lohman pauses, then chuckles, “Needless to say, I politely declined.”

Lohman continues his passion for ophthalmology at Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons’ two locations: 4277 Allen Road, Stow, OH, 44224 (330-928-0201, 800-548-1729) and 2013 State Route 59, Kent, OH 44240 (330-678-0201, 800-255-3671)

## Dr. Lohman’s Honors

- *Best Doctors in America* and *Top Docs*: 13 consecutive years
- Named in *Guide to America’s Top Ophthalmologists*
- National Registry of *Who’s Who*
- Summit Apex Award for Excellence in Refractive Surgery
- Associate Professor at NEOUCOM
- Diplomat, American Board of Ophthalmology
- Fellow, American Academy of Ophthalmology
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons