

Donna Mae Balkan Litowitz learned the power of vision and the spirit of charity at a young age in Chicago as she watched her mother help a stranger who had stumbled in the street and broke her glasses. Unable to safely see, Litowitz's mother, Ethel Balkan, went out of her way to walk the distraught woman to



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a doctor. Upon learning that replacing the glasses would be a hardship for the woman, Balkan volunteered to have the glasses repaired or replaced. Litowitz never forgot the impact of her mother's generosity or the importance of vision. It is in this spirit that Litowitz has given \$2 million in honor of her parents, Samuel and Ethel Balkan, to save vision in the most vulnerable: infants and children. Inspired by the work of glaucoma specialist, **Alana Grajewski, M.D.**, the Litowitz gift will fund an integrated care service for children with glaucoma at Bascom Palmer. This international program, to be led by Grajewski, is the first of its kind worldwide. **The Samuel & Ethel Balkan International Pediatric Glaucoma Center** will serve as the hub for treatment and international collaboration on the research and treatment of infants and children with glaucoma.



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