

## **Workplace Case Studies**

eSight Workplace combines cutting-edge assistive technology with a COVID-19 compliant support program. This allows many professionals who have serious visual impairment to productively work at home, the office or on the go. Here are four eSight users who use the device while on the job. Learn how eSight has helped them be more productive at work.

"I have 20/200 vision. If I have eSight on distance mode, I can reach up to 20/20 vision. I go from being legally blind to having perfect vision. I've been using eSight since the summer of 2015 when I worked as a journalism intern. I had just purchased eSight and put it to the test immediately. I used it 8 hours a day, every day to read, write and edit."

Meagan Gillmore, Journalist, retinopathy of prematurity



## Rasheda

Risk Management

Rasheda is a 43-year-old professional living with retinitis pigmentosa. Before getting an eSight, Rasheda managed at work with two technologies, Zoom text and a specialized computer monitor with a high contrast screen. However, the technology slowed her computer down, and she was still forced to sit close to the screen to read.

With eSight, she went from 20/200 vision acuity to 20/20. She liked that she could see in real-time video right in front of her eyes and take control of her vision using the zoom and contrast features. Rasheda's employer was unwilling to provide her with the support she needed to get an eSight so she decided to fundraise for the device herself. Soon after, she moved onto another opportunity at Canada Post, where she has been for several years.

Rasheda can now sit at a regular distance from the computer and is more comfortable. She no longer needs to use a specialized monitor or technology to zoom or enlarge fonts.



She uses eSight's patented bioptic tilt to continue some of her work without having to remove the device. The ability to plug in her eSight, while she works, helps with battery management and allows Rasheda to use her eSight to work a full day. With eSight, she has been able to reduce her eye strain, which she believes has added years to her career.

## Shane

Communications



Shane is a 41-year-old man living with retinopathy of prematurity and cerebral palsy. He landed an exciting role at three local radio stations, doing voice and commercial recordings, and has been there for years. Having grown up with limited vision, he was used to not using any assistive technologies. Before eSight, he tried using screen magnifiers, but the result were not ideal. He would have to be very close to the computer screen to see while straining and squinting his eyes.

In 2018, he discovered eSight at a low vision conference and realized how much more he can do with it. Without eSight, Shane had 20/200 visual acuity in his right eye and no vision at all in his left eye. With eSight, he can see 20/80 in his right eye.

eSight's zoom, contrast and magnification features are Shane's favourites as they allow him to see both near and far. Now with eSight, Shane has taken on extra responsibilities. He says eSight has made him more productive, as it made recording commercials faster for him. He also uses the device to read the computer screen for any songs and commercials that are coming up or any sheets that list local events.



## **Irving**

Information Technology

Irving is a 55-year-old man who works in Information Technology for a software company. He was diagnosed with cone-rod dystrophy at the age of 35. However, his eye condition did not affect his work until he reached his 50s, at which time he started to struggle with reading the computer.

He tried big bulky apps that come with computer operating systems, magnifying glasses and a narrator app to read texts. But none of them worked. He was reaching a point where he was considering early retirement or a job change. He kept his employer in the loop about his vision loss so the company could adjust his workload and how he worked. His employer agreed to help purchase the technology if he could find one that would enable him to keep his job.

He tried different technologies and devices, ultimately deciding on eSight. Since then, Irving claims he is more productive with his eSight. He says eSight has given him more opportunity to take on extra tasks and have more freedom than he enjoyed before his



vision loss. He can view and participate more in presentations and review key documents. He commonly uses zoom and autofocus features and occasionally will use the grayscale contrast mode for specific tasks.

When we asked Irving why his employer agreed to cover eSight, he said they didn't give it a second thought because it meant they could keep Irving working for them even longer. They were always happy with Irving's work, so it made sense for them to provide him with the tools to continue his career with them.



Restaurant Management



Mark had worked at Wendy's for years as a restaurant manager. He was born with nystagmus, an eye condition that limits his vision to seeing outlines and shapes, but not details like facial expressions. Growing up with limited vision, Mark did well without the use of technology, only occasionally using handheld magnifiers or smartphones.

Mark discovered eSight and saw just how much more he could do with it. He began fundraising to purchase an eSight. Wth the help of his coworkers and company owners, Mark was able to receive his very own eSight. As his job requires the use of his hands, having a hands-free device has been helpful to him.

With eSight, he can now read the boards while continuing to use his hands to create sandwiches, making him even more productive than he already was. He even joked that he is now the fastest sandwich maker in his restaurant.

