



DISCOVERY
THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The DEF community is growing. Thanks to our outreach efforts and our research partnerships, The Discovery Eye Foundation is reaching more patients, families and care-providers every day. Nowhere is this more evident than in our online initiatives.

Our three dynamic websites (www.discoveryeye.org, www.nkcf.org and www.amd.org) include treasure troves of information, from general disease facts to research updates to eye-healthy recipes. They also offer geographically dispersed people the opportunity to join our community, through programs such as KC-Link, AMD Updates and others. We hear

Our two outreach programs, the National Keratoconus Foundation and the Macular Degeneration Partnership, do an impressive job of promoting the awareness and understanding of keratoconus (KC) and age-related macular degeneration (AMD), and we at The Discovery Eye Foundation take our charge of educating the public, patients, families and care-providers very seriously.

To that end, we launched our first Los Angeles Vision Symposium in October 2009, and we welcomed hundreds of attendees for a full day of learning from and with the world's top physicians and scientists on topics including genetic

from patients around the world who gain immeasurable value from these sites and forums. I am always gratified when I read their patient profiles in our newsletters and on our sites.

This coming year, we are reaching out even farther, establishing an expanding presence on social-media websites such as Facebook and YouTube.

Our community is growing. We are no longer limited by geography. Our only limit is in our funding. The more financial resources we have, the more lives we can change.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jack L. Schoellerman, president

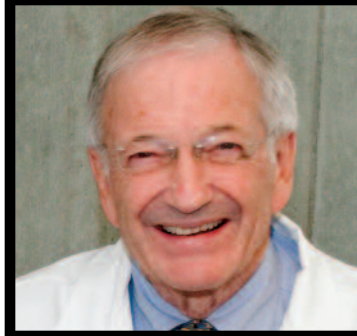
and stem-cell research; treatment for macular degeneration, KC and glaucoma; clinical research and trials; living with eye disease; and nutrition.

Research continues to be at the core of our work. The funding we provide ensures the continuation of vision-saving research on stem-cell retinal regeneration, AMD, diabetic retinopathy, KC and glaucoma. Please visit our website for updates and information.

We are grateful to all our supporters, especially those listed in this report, who make it possible for us to continue our work to change the lives of those affected by eye disease.

Anthony B. Nesburn, MD, FACS

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR



In 2009, NKCF continued to provide information and support to patients and families in the keratoconus community. Our free services include website access, informational materials (in English and Spanish), an e-mail-based support group, newsletters, local seminars and a toll-free phone line dedicated to answering patient questions.

Our updated website, www.nkcf.org, offers immediate information about KC treatment and current research to keratoconus patients worldwide. It gives them the opportunity to ask questions, request information, and sign up for our website forum, our e-mail-based KC-Link and NKCF monthly E-Updates.

Every day, the Macular Degeneration Partnership (MDP) helps patients and families deal with the impact of AMD. In person, and via phone and e-mail, we offer critical information and support, as well as referrals to low-vision resources and clinical trials. More than 70,000 people visited www.amd.org in 2009.

This past year, MDP again played a major role at the AARP Life@50+ Annual Event and Expo. *Everybody Loves Raymond's* Doris Roberts entertained more than 1,500 people at the Vision Pavilion, and MDP educated thousands more.

We worked on the executive committee of AMD Alliance International and

To promote awareness among professionals, NKCF participated in the Global Specialty Lens Symposium, an international conference on diagnostic tools and treatments for KC. NKCF again hosted the Annual Keratoconus Roundtable at The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meeting.

The NKCF programs serve thousands of people and are unique, providing literature and support services to keratoconus patients and doctors worldwide. We look forward to continuing to help those with KC learn about and cope with vision issues that affect every aspect of their lives.

Catherine Warren, executive director

collaborated with other AMD organizations worldwide. During AMD Week 2009, an e-mail campaign reached more than 500,000 people with information on detecting the early warning signs of macular degeneration.

Locally, we partnered with Braille Institute, bringing information to dozens of senior centers and retirement communities, doubling our presentations in this program. The California Women's Conference and local AARP fairs brought us in touch with thousands more.

The new decade brings new hope for those with AMD. The Macular Degeneration Partnership will help lead the way.

Judi Delgado, executive director

THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

2009 GRANTS FUNDED BY DEF

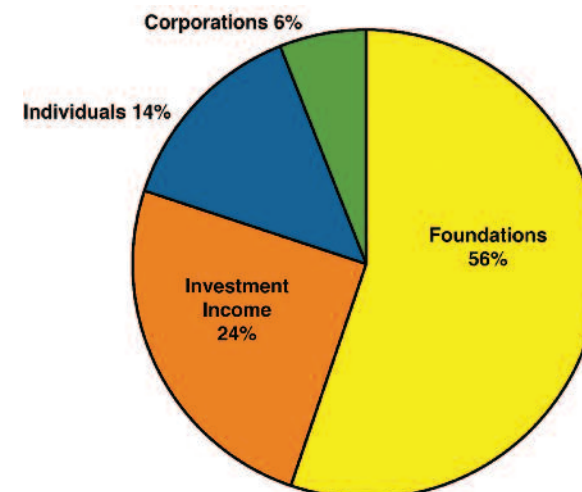
For the year ended December 31, 2009

With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2008

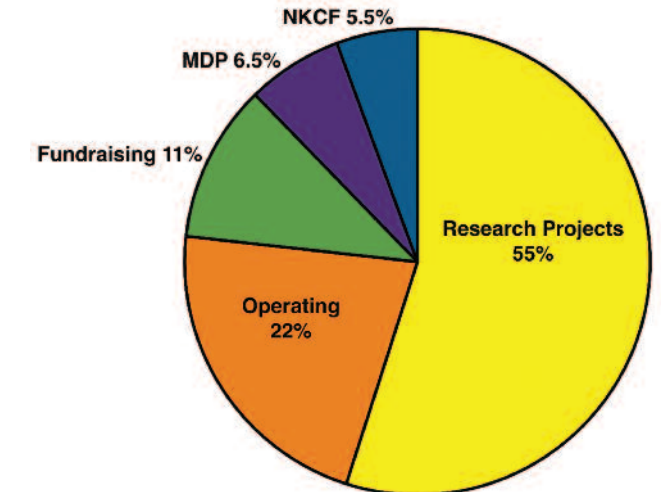
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2009	2008
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 170,616	\$ 1,772,317	\$ 1,942,933	\$ 3,401,479
Gain (loss) on investments	428,190		428,190	(1,693,845)
Interest and dividends	203,419		203,419	341,791
Miscellaneous income	2,772		2,772	69,469
Amortization of discount on pledges		3,696	3,696	(8,799)
(Loss) on disposal of property and equipment				(10,973)
Net assets released from program restrictions	2,122,011	(2,122,011)		
Total revenue and support	2,927,008	(345,998)	2,581,010	2,099,122
EXPENSES				
Program services	2,640,181		2,640,181	2,519,215
Management and general	644,197		644,197	760,519
Fund development	343,586		343,586	428,420
Total expenses	3,627,964		3,627,964	3,708,154
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(700,956)	(345,998)	(1,046,954)	(1,609,032)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,927,091	4,689,248	8,616,339	10,225,371
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,226,135	\$ 4,343,250	\$ 7,569,385	\$ 8,616,339

Project	Amount	Researcher	Affiliation
Retinal Regeneration Project	\$543,285	Dr. Michael Young	Harvard
Retinal Regeneration Project	\$450,000	Dr. Henry Klassen	UC Irvine
Ocular Herpes Lipopeptide Vaccine to Prevent Viral-Induced Keratitis	\$236,498	Dr. Lbachir BenMohamed	UC Irvine
Advanced Genetic Analyses of Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Focusing on Mitochondrial Genetics)	\$163,830	Dr. M. Cristina Kenney	UC Irvine
3-D Reconstruction of the Human Optic Nerve Head	\$63,750	Dr. Donald Brown	UC Irvine
Gap Funding for NIH Grant: Corneal HSV-1: LAT Blocks Apoptosis	\$20,829	Dr. Steven Wechsler	UC Irvine

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