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THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION



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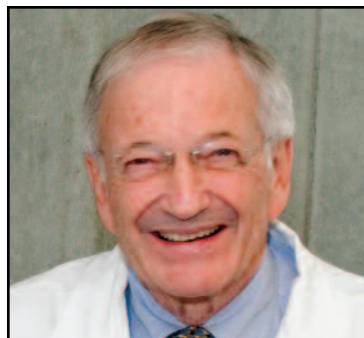




FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

■ The Discovery Eye Foundation's goal is to help as many people, in as many places, as we possibly can. Through our educational programs, we do this in more ways than I'd ever thought possible.

In addition to keeping patients around the world up-to-date on age-related macular degeneration (AMD) through www.amd.org, the Macular Degeneration Partnership's Judi Delgado is like a one-person welcome wagon throughout Southern California. MDP's collaborative work with other organizations, such as the Braille Institute and AMD International, allows us to reach many local seniors dealing and living with AMD. The number of support groups run by



FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

■ I am continually impressed by the unparalleled quality of DEF-funded research — and, of course, DEF-funded researchers. A case in point is Dr. Henry Klassen, one of the world's leading stem-cell scientists.

DEF brought Dr. Klassen to our labs at the University of California, Irvine, in 2006. Henry's research focuses on using regenerative strategies to treat diseases of the retina, optic nerve and retinal pigment epithelium.

Along with Harvard's Dr. Michael Young, Henry is the principal investigator of a multi-university collaboration studying retinal reconstruction using stem cells. DEF has been providing funding for this important

MDP is also expanding — we even hope to start some "virtual" support groups via WebEx.

Helping people for whom English is not their native language has been a priority for the National Keratoconus Foundation, and I am proud to report we have a complete Spanish version of www.nkcf.org, as well as a Spanish-language version of the indispensable booklet, *What is Keratoconus?* With the help of Dr. Daniela Garese, *¿Que es Queratocono?* is now available by request — free of charge.

The people listed in this report make all this possible. On behalf of everyone at DEF, I thank you.

Jack L. Schoellerman
president

work, and it has shown so much promise that the project was recently chosen for funding by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). CIRM gave Henry's proposal to continue his stem-cell work for the treatment of retinitis pigmentosa the highest scientific score among all applications for an early translational grant, as well as the largest individual grant.

I hope you feel as much pride as I feel in our researchers. Thanks to you, we are able to support their work. DEF's ground-breaking research and award-winning educational programs are leading the way in helping people cope with and cure vision diseases.

Anthony B. Nesburn,
MD, FACS



■ The National Keratoconus Foundation (NKCF) helps patients and families understand keratoconus (KC) and deal with the impact this eye disease has on their day-to-day lives. Our free services include informational materials, an e-mail based support group, Web forum, e-newsletters and monthly e-updates, local seminars and a toll-free telephone "warm-line" dedicated to answering patient questions. The NKCF website and informational materials are available in Spanish, as well as English. In 2010 alone, more than 106,000 people visited www.nkcf.org.

NKCF participates in eyecare-provider conferences to increase awareness of NKCF among ophthalmologists,

optometrists and contact lens specialists, and to provide information so they can better help their KC patients. This past year, we hosted a KC Roundtable at the Association of Researchers in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meeting, which brings together researchers to discuss all aspects of KC. It offers them an informal setting to present their research and fosters meaningful collaborations.

Our programs are unique, providing literature and support services to KC patients worldwide. We will continue to help those with keratoconus learn about their condition and cope with vision issues that affect every aspect of their lives.

Catherine Warren
executive director



■ In 2010, the Macular Degeneration Partnership (MDP) expanded its community outreach activities and reached thousands of people at risk for macular degeneration. MDP is known for providing personal and caring attention to both patients and family. Our toll-free warm line lets callers ask questions, gain understanding and just find a compassionate ear. Visitors to our website, www.amd.org, can order the AMD Toolkit; subscribe to our free monthly newsletter, *AMD Update*; and learn about the absolute latest in research and coping techniques for AMD.

We made 30 presentations to senior centers and retirement communities this year. We are happy to report that

other elder organizations in Southern California can request a presentation on AMD, complete with a question-and-answer period, just by contacting us at (310) 623-4466.

MDP also participated in an international effort to recognize wet AMD as a chronic disease, since chronic diseases often receive more attention and funding than acute illnesses. As part of this important effort (and thanks to a grant from AMD Alliance International), MDP conducted a focus group to gather information on the experiences of patients and family caregivers that will be part of a white paper on this topic, to be published in 2011.

Judi Delgado
executive director

THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

2010 GRANTS FUNDED BY DEF

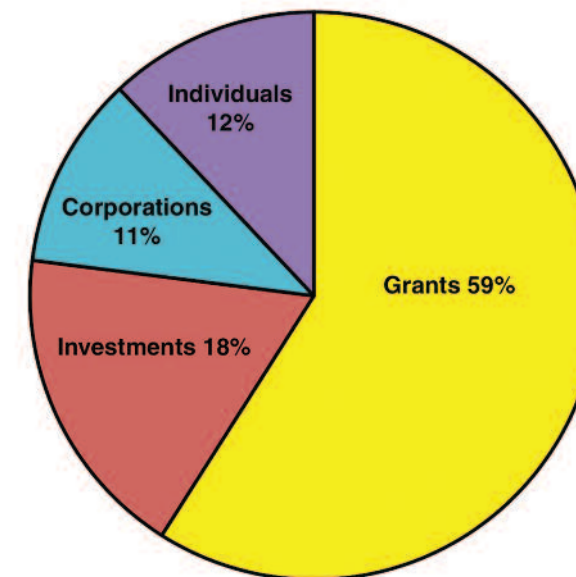
For the year ended December 31, 2010

With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2009

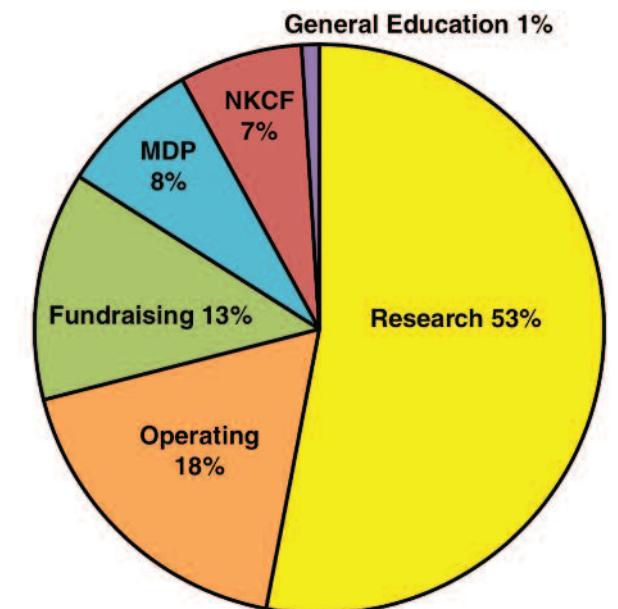
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2010	2009
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 460,924	\$ 1,468,802	\$ 1,929,726	\$ 1,942,933
Gain (loss) on investments	212,045		212,045	428,190
Interest and dividends	185,280		185,280	203,419
Amortization of discount on pledges		7,576	7,576	3,696
Miscellaneous income	3,765		3,765	2,772
Net assets released from program restrictions	1,679,477	(1,679,477)		
Total revenue and support	2,541,491	(203,099)	2,338,392	2,581,010
EXPENSES				
Program services	1,682,371		1,682,371	2,640,181
Management and general	632,703		632,703	644,197
Fund development	267,421		267,421	343,586
Total expenses	2,582,495		2,582,495	3,627,964
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(41,004)	(203,099)	(244,103)	(1,046,954)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,226,135	4,343,250	7,569,385	8,616,339
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,185,131	\$ 4,140,151	\$ 7,325,282	\$ 7,569,385

Project	Amount	Researcher	Affiliation
Retinal Regeneration Project	\$1,100,000	Dr. Henry Klassen & Dr. Michael Young	UC Irvine Harvard University
Novel Therapeutic Vaccine to Prevent Recurring Ocular Herpes	\$145,000	Dr. Lbachir BenMohamed	UC Irvine
Genetics of Age-Related Macular Degeneration	\$163,830	Dr. M. Cristina Kenney	UC Irvine

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