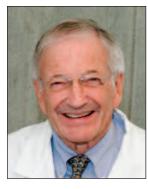


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT/ MEDICAL DIRECTOR

n 2013, the DEF board voted to make a \$3 million gift to the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Of this, \$2 million was designated for the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute (GHEI) building and played a vital role in a \$2 million matching gift from the Beckman Foundation for retinal research. The remaining \$1 million established a research fund directed by the new Discovery Center for Eye Research at GHEI.

This decision was based on a productive five-year relationship between DEF and UCI, which has seen breakthrough research in age-related macular degeneration genetics and the establishment of a retinal stem cell research project heading toward clinical trials. This collaborative agreement will help accelerate research into the treatments and cures of eye disease.

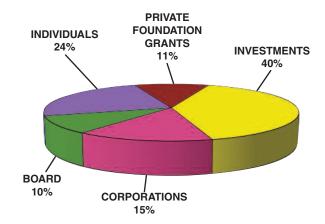
This year, we thought you might like to learn a bit more about some real people whose lives have improved because of our educational programs: the Macular Degeneration Partnership and the National Keratoconus Foundation. We've included two profiles (on pages 4 and 5) of people who have benefited from your donations.

Please take a moment to peruse the list of those who made gifts of \$500 and more to DEF in 2013. We are deeply grateful to all the donors who make our sight-saving work possible.

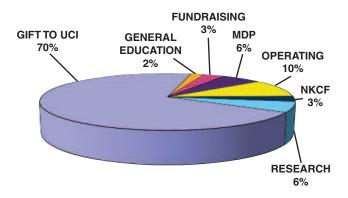
-Dr. Anthony B. Nesburn

## **INCOME & DISBURSEMENTS**

## DEF 2013 INCOME



## DEF 2013 DISBURSEMENTS





#### MACULAR DEGENERATION PARTNERSHIP'S SUPPORTING ROLE



Pauline Windman jokes that she became a hypochondriac at the tender age of 9, when her father brought home some used medical books, which she read "voraciously."

Some 70 years later, medical issues became all too

real when she began to lose her sight and was diagnosed with the wet form of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Following laser treatments and intra-ocular lens implants in both eyes, her sight is better, but not perfect. "I do a lot with fingers and touch — my makeup, putting the key into the door, etc.," she says. "Little by little, you learn how to manage things."

One of the things that helps her manage is a monthly support group run by the Macular Degeneration Partnership (MDP); she has been a member for about 20 years.

"I just don't know what I would do without it," she says. "MDP Director Judi Delgado goes to medical conferences and brings the information back to us, explaining in lay language what we're facing, what kinds of assistive technologies we can use, what to expect, what new drugs are out there. We need this to help us remain as independent and hopeful as possible. It's really opened my world."



## NATIONAL KERATOCONUS FOUNDATION PROVIDES LINK TO GIVING BACK



Kevin Bosetti is so grateful for the help he has received from NKCF that he tries to give back to the keratoconus (KC) community every day.

In 1994, more than a decade after his second corneal transplant due to KC, Bosetti's vision was rapidly deteriorating again.

He found NKCF online, and soon had a list of doctors and a new way to learn: KC-Link, NKCF's e-mail-based support group. KC-Link welcomes people with KC, as well as family members, eyecare professionals and lens fitters. Subscribers receive individual e-mails posted by others or a digest of them once a day.

"It's a fascinating place to learn about treatment options, types of contact lenses and practical advice on coping with KC," Bosetti says. "You can go to one place and be connected to people and doctors throughout the world and learn from their knowledge and experiences. It gives you the ability to educate yourself, so you can partner with your eyecare specialist and make the best decision for your treatment."

A bank auditor in Los Angeles, Bosetti reads KC-Link every day, looking to help others. "I learn something new on the NKCF website every day," he says. "I was so fortunate to have found NKCF, and KC-Link gives me the opportunity to give something back."

#### www.nkcf.org

#### www.amd.org

## THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### For the year ended December 31, 2013

With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2012

	Temporarily			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2013	2012
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 138,825	\$ 576,412	\$ 715,237	\$ 1,128,606
Gain on investments	400,932		400,932	402,680
Interest and dividends	87,845		87,845	180,013
Miscellaneous income	5,710		5,710	11,208
Special event			-	9,564
Net assets released from program				
restrictions	830,111	(830,111)	-	-
Total revenue and support	1,463,423	(253,699)	1,209,724	1,732,071
EXPENSES				
Program services	3,737,233		3,737,233	1,733,158
Management and general	430,861		430,861	282,703
Fund development	131,241		131,241	121,011
Total expenses	4,299,335	-	4,299,335	2,136,872
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,835,912)	(253,699)	(3,089,611)	(404,801)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,726,612	1,268,445	6,995,057	7,399,858
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,890,700	\$ 1,014,746	\$ 3,905,446	6,995,057

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