

## The Lions Research and Rehabilitation Center

## Sources of Support

## Multiple District 22

### Clinical services to the visually impaired

- Comprehensive and individualized low vision clinic offering evaluation and rehabilitative training in adaptive skills and use of low vision aids
- In-clinic facilities for training in activities of daily living
- Coordination with care providers in the community, school, and work place

### Current research activities

- Development and application of virtual reality technology to enhance vision, mobility, and driving
- A computer controlled device that can help map a person's blind spots for vision evaluation and rehabilitation
- New ways to measure results of retinal transplants and prosthetic vision to help in creating electronic chip implants
- Safety issues related to low-vision driving
- Portable technology that can recognize print and speak it aloud to the vision impaired user

### LOVRNET Low Vision Rehabilitation Network

- New project with goals to increase effective and efficient delivery of expanded low vision patient care in our communities.

The LVRF Board has established an endowment fund to help support and sustain the Lions Vision Center in the future. The endowment addresses the need for low vision research and care, and their potential benefit to low vision patients worldwide.

The LVRF, a 501 (c)(3) organization, relies heavily on individual tax deductible contributions, memorial and tribute gifts, bequests, and proceeds from Lions Club fund-raising activities. We invite you to consider a donation. Inquiries and donations are accepted at the following address:

#### Lions Vision Research Foundation

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Website: [www.lionsvision.org](http://www.lionsvision.org)

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For more information on how you can help, contribute, or about the LVRF Endowment, contact us at the address above, call the LVRF Office at:

410-955-1883

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Research  
Foundation, Inc.**



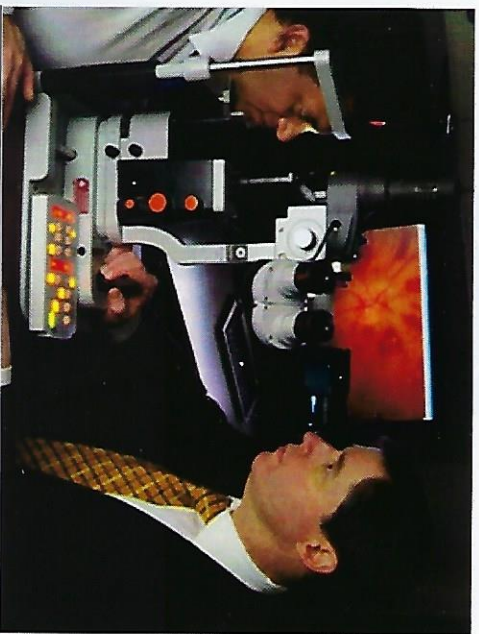


## Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs are nonpolitical, nonsectarian worldwide volunteer service organizations composed of community-minded men and women.

The purpose of a Lions Club is to recognize needs in the community and to develop the means of meeting them through the efforts of Lions members and in cooperation with other agencies.

Since the foundation of Lionism, sight conservation and aid to persons with vision loss have been a primary mission of Lions throughout the world. Lions clubs continue to emphasize direct assistance to the visually impaired and active support for blindness prevention programs.



## Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF)

Through the Lions Vision Center, the Lions Vision Research Foundation and Wilmer are committed to support low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disability caused by low vision and blindness. The Center's professional staff includes physicians, optometrists, research scientists, rehabilitation therapists, and ophthalmic technicians. Together they have created a model low vision rehabilitation program.



## The Wilmer Eye Institute

The Wilmer Eye Institute of the prestigious Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions is the world's leading ophthalmology center. Wilmer is acclaimed for pioneering research discoveries and outstanding clinical services. Wilmer physicians and scientists have made major contributions to the treatment and prevention of blinding eye diseases around the world.

## Low Vision

"Low vision" is vision loss that cannot be corrected by eyeglasses, medicines, or surgery. People with low vision have trouble reading and writing, recognizing faces, grooming, maintaining a household, driving getting around in unfamiliar places, and keeping up with jobs, school, and leisure activities. Major causes of low vision are macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and inherited eye diseases.

As many as 5,000,000 Americans suffer from low vision, and the problem is growing. Although vision once lost cannot be restored, most patients can improve their quality of life by:

- ▶ Learning to make optimum use of their remaining vision
- ▶ Developing new skills to foster independence
- ▶ Learning to use low vision devices

