

## **LIONS CHARITY FOUNDATION**

## 2015-2016 YEAREND REPORT

The Lions Charity Foundation of District 24D, Inc (LCF) belongs to the Lions Clubs of District 24D and is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the Lions of 24D. The Foundation operates using contributions, interest on investments and fundraising events. Currently our largest fund raising activity, the Bid 'N Buy Auction is approaching its 7th year.

Your Board of Directors and especially the Grants Committee, chaired by Lion Jerry Phelps, has been very active this past Lions Year. I would like to name just a few of the areas in which your monies were allocated:

We received ten (10) Grant Requests, approved seven (7), one (1) withdrawn, one (1) denied and one (1) grant is still pending. These grant requests were presented by the Lions Clubs of 24D. A sample of the grants include the following:

Thalia - Keratoconus Lens\$500	Gloucester - assist for eyeglasses\$5,000
Town Center Blind, Equip Access Virginia\$5,700	Little Creek Homeless Connect\$5,000
Barrier Island Pre-School Program\$10,000	Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Boy Scouts\$2,160
Franklin equip for two blind children\$10,000	

In addition to the grant requests, 26 District 24-D Lions Clubs submitted 54 grant requests for 112 hearing aids. Twenty-six (26) clubs participated in the Hearing Aid Program this year and responding to the need the Charity Foundation purchased 112 hearing aids valued at \$34,720.00. We are up to 5 suppliers of hearing aids at locations in Williamsburg, Newport News, Franklin, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Our Indigent Cataract and Prosthetic Eye Program headed up by PCC Stan Furman has been coordinating various care centers throughout the area. This committee has referred patients for 1 Ocular Prosthesis valued at \$3,500. The committee further referred 12 Cataract Surgeries to Hampton Roads Eye Associates and 8 to EVMS Sentara Hospital for a total of 20 surgeries valued at \$87,500.

The Board of Directors would like to thank every club that has supported the Lions Charity Foundation through donations and contributions to our largest fund activity, the Bid 'N Buy Auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Donald Fuller, President 2015-2016