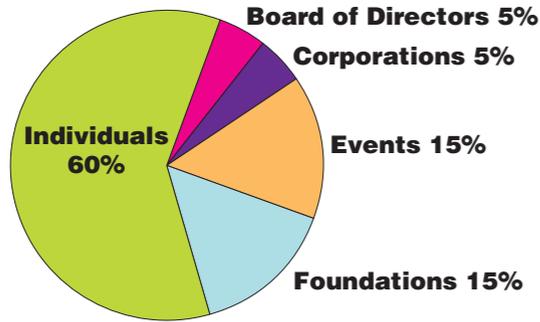
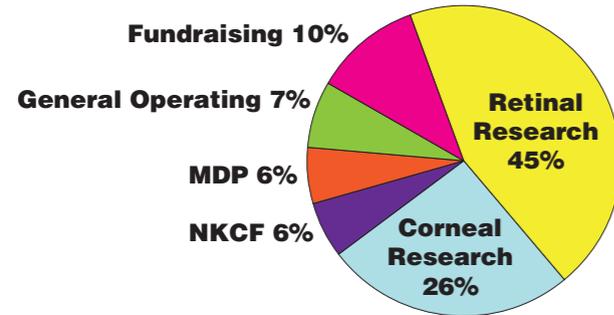


## FUNDING THE FOUNDATION

DEF relies on donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.



DEF works to ensure that every resource goes to fund our vision-saving research and our outreach and education programs.



## WHO WE ARE

The Discovery Eye Foundation (DEF) exists to facilitate the development of cures and improve patient care through corneal and retinal research and educational programs for eye disease.

DEF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

### **The Discovery Eye Foundation**

- supports groundbreaking research
- provides outreach and education for people affected by keratoconus and macular degeneration through two programs:

**National Keratoconus Foundation (NKCF)**

**Macular Degeneration Partnership (MDP)**

## **THE DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION**

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## HOW TO GIVE

To make a secure donation online, please visit our Web site at [www.discoveryeye.org](http://www.discoveryeye.org).

For additional information and assistance, please contact Susan Lee DeRemer, vice president of development, at (310) 623-4466 or [sderemer@discoveryeye.org](mailto:sderemer@discoveryeye.org).

## WAYS TO HELP DEF

- Make a gift of cash or securities.
- Make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion.
- Include DEF in your estate plans.
- Donate your time as a volunteer.

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## DEF RESEARCH

Since 1970, **The Discovery Eye Foundation** has supported innovative research projects related to corneal and retinal research.

At the **Morris S. Pynoos Eye Research Laboratories** on the campus of the University of California, Irvine, DEF-supported scientists conduct groundbreaking eye-related research:

DEF is the lead partner, in collaboration with the Lincy Foundation, in the **Stem Cell Retinal Regeneration Program**, a study that includes researchers from 10 other national and international universities.

Through the **Age-related Macular Degeneration Genetics Program**, DEF researchers study alterations in specific genes that play a part in the development of age-related macular degeneration.

The **Corneal Transplantation and Scarring Research Program** studies new technologies to improve transplantation results, as well as the causes of corneal scarring to prevent corneal blindness.

DEF also supports research on

- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- Keratoconus
- Ocular Herpes

## DEF RESOURCES

In addition to supporting important research, The Discovery Eye Foundation provides invaluable resources to people with eye disease, their families, caregivers and medical practitioners.

DEF's Web site at [www.discoveryeye.org](http://www.discoveryeye.org) contains a wealth of information in one easy-to-navigate location, including the most up-to-date information on research and trials; helpful tips and tricks for people living with eye disease; referrals, resources and references; and much more.



The DEF **newsletter** is published four times per year, offering key updates and information to keep people connected to the foundation and the eye community. In addition to being mailed to those who request it, the newsletter may be viewed online at [www.discoveryeye.org](http://www.discoveryeye.org).



The Discovery Eye Foundation's outreach and education programs through **NKCF** and **MDP** ensure those affected by keratoconus and macular degeneration have crucial support and resources.

## DEF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

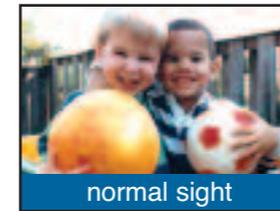
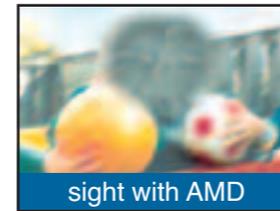
### **The National Keratoconus Foundation**

Keratoconus is a degenerative eye disorder that causes structural changes within the cornea, causing it to thin and change to a more conical shape than its normal gradual curve, greatly affecting sight. Keratoconus occurs in about one out of every 2,000 people in the general population and is usually first diagnosed in young people in puberty through their late teens.

Please visit [www.nkcf.org](http://www.nkcf.org) for information.

### **The Macular Degeneration Partnership**

Macular degeneration is a medical condition that results in a loss of central vision because of damage to the macula at the back of the eye. Macular degeneration affects the ability to read, recognize faces and handle other simple day-to-day tasks, though some peripheral vision usually remains. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of blindness in Americans above the age of 60.



Please visit [www.amd.org](http://www.amd.org) for information.

AMD photos: National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health

## MAKE A GIFT

DEF depends on your donations to help people with low or no vision due to eye disease.

Please direct my gift to:

- The Discovery Eye Foundation
- Macular Degeneration Partnership
- National Keratoconus Foundation

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make my gift in monthly donations of \$\_\_\_\_\_. *Please note: DEF will stop charging your card upon your request.*

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- I prefer to receive an e-mail link to the online newsletter.
- Please send me information about including DEF in my estate plan.
- My employer has a matching-gifts program. *Please include a copy of the matching-gifts form.*