



**VLEIF, Inc. c/o Sandra Armendaris, 7623 Virginia Ave, Falls Church, VA 22043
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REPORT FROM VLEIF

This will be a brief update on the activities of the VLEIF for the current year.

- 1. Scholastic Grants – We received 25 Scholastic Grant Applications. 2 were deemed ineligible, so 23 were approved. Total payout will be \$49,700.00. None of this would be possible without the Clubs. Thanks to the sponsoring clubs for your participation. Our Grant Presentation ceremony on February 22, 2025, was attended by over 100 people including Grant Recipients, their Families/Friends, Lions, Doctors and Guests. All who attended seemed to enjoy the event.**
- 2. VLEIF lost a dedicated board member with the passing of Lion Ralph Thompson. A grant to award selected Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) funds to be spent on students was established in his honor. The Grant Committee approved four \$1,000.00 grants this time. The reactions from the TVIs was gratifying and it was money well spent, as it went to increasing their ability to provide extras for their students.**
- 3. Unfortunately, the Eyecare for the needy that was offered by the Moss Free Clinic is no more. The Clinic ran out of funds and had to close. Lions in that area worked very hard to help, but it just wasn't enough. We hope that some philanthropic efforts will revive the clinic which was and still is much needed in that area.**
- 4. The "Lion Richard A. Falls Research Grant" program continues to fund research projects dedicated to curing and/or preventing eye diseases and improving the life of those with vision impairments. Research Grants of \$20,889.00 were awarded last year.**
- 5. VLEIF continues to fund and support the Lions Eye Clinic at the Inova complex. We contribute \$25,000.00 per year to the operating expenses. This clinic is dedicated to providing eyecare to indigents who have no insurance, and once per week perform eye exams and provide eyeglasses to needy individuals.**
- 6. This year, VLEIF celebrated 50 years of association with the Lions Eye Clinic. The clinic underwent major restoration (\$200,000.00) and purchased needed equipment. VLEIF donated half the cost of the equipment, \$47,000.00 and donated \$50,000.00 for Furniture. (This will be paid in two payments, \$23,000.00 last year and \$27,000.00 this year.**

7. VLEIF also joins with the “Prevention of Blindness Society of the Washington Metropolitan Area” in support of the Alexandria Low Vision Learning Center. This practice is dedicated to serving those who are chronically visually impaired in our community.

8. The VLEIF Board has approved funds to assist the clubs with providing needed eyecare assistance when they come up against budget shortfalls. The remaining funds from the dissolution of the Sight and Hearing Van Corporation were turned over to VLEIF, and these funds will be used to assist the Clubs in their screening efforts. Contact me or our District Representative and we will help when we can.

Sincerely,

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