

# LSRF REPORT TO DISTRICT 2-A2 CABINET, JULY 18, 2020

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

**SYLVIA MADERO and SEJAL PATEL** – FLORESVILLE LIONS CLUB

**ROGER GARY** – SA FOUNDER LIONS CLUB

**JOHN DOUGLAS** – GUIDE DOGS OF TEXAS LIONS CLUB

**JUAN D. SORIANO** – DEL RIO SAN FELIPE LIONS CLUB

WHILE WE WELCOME THESE GREAT LIONS TO SERVICE ON OUR BOARD, WE ALSO CONGRATULATE **LION ROSE ANN BARAJAS** OF THE SA EDGEWOOD LIONS CLUB FOR COMPLETION OF TWO FULL TERMS AS A DIRECTOR. LION ROSE ANN SERVED IN NUMEROUS CAPACITIES IN HER SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONCLUDED BY SERVING AS OUR VICE-CHAIR. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE LSRF MISSION, LION ROSE ANN.

## LCIF MATCHING GRANT UPDATE

ONE OF THE GOALS OF OUR BOARD THIS PAST YEAR WAS TO PRIORITIZE A FOCUS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES.

IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO THAT A RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED AND APPROVED FOR DISTRICT 2-A2 TO MAKE APPLICATION TO LCIF FOR MATCHING GRANT FUNDS TO EXPAND THE LION GENE EBERLIN IMAGING CLINIC AT THE TEXAS DIABETES INSTITUTE. UNDER THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF NOW IPDG JANIE GARZA, THE LSRF SPEARHEADED THE APPLICATION PROCESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UT HEALTH OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT. THE VENTURE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING \$100,000 FROM LCIF TO MATCH \$50,000 OF DISTRICT FUNDS THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED THROUGH THE LSRF SAVE OUR SIGHT / STRIDE FOR SIGHT PROJECTS CAMPAIGN AND \$50,000 COMING FROM UT HEALTH FUNDS RESOURCES.

AT THIS REPORT, THE RENOVATION OF THE **NEW EXAM AREA** IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, THE NEW **OPTOS** ULTRA-WIDE RETINAL IMAGING MACHINE IS IN PLACE AND BEING UTILIZED, AND THE NEW **OCTA (OPTICAL COHERENCE TOMOGRAPHY ANGIOGRAPHY)** MACHINE WHICH ALLOWS IMAGING OF THE RETINAL VASCULATURE WITHOUT USING DYE, IS BEING SHIPPED. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY MID-AUGUST.

WITH THIS EXPANSION, AT LEAST, 1,000 ADDITIONAL PATIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BE SEEN EACH YEAR.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

THE **MOBILE EYE SCREENING UNIT** CONTINUES TO WORK ALTHOUGH COVID-19 HAS SEVERELY IMPACTED THIS EFFORT. BUT THE MESU IS A GREAT ASSET TO US AS WE WORK TO ADD BUSINESSES AS PARTNERS. MILBERGER'S NURSERY IS ONE SUCH PARTNER THAT INVITES US TO COME TO THEIR LOCATION TO SCREEN CUSTOMERS. ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO US IS THEIR PROMOTION OF OUR WORK THROUGH THEIR, ONLINE, PRINTED AND RADIO MARKETING. THEY NOW COLLECT USED EYEGLASSES AND MONETARY DONATIONS FROM THEIR CUSTOMERS. MILBERGER'S SERVES AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW BUSINESS PARTNERS CAN GAIN BENEFIT FROM WORKING WITH US AND LIONS IN GENERAL.

OUR **LIONS LOW VISION CENTER** CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A REAL RESOURCE TO THE LOW VISION POPULATION OF OUR AREA. CHIEF AMONG OUR EFFORTS IS TO HELP CHILDREN AND TO INVITE SPECIFIC DONATIONS TO HELP IN PATIENT SUPPORT.

WE'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT THIS MEANS TO ONE MOM IN PARTICULAR.

***BREAK, HERE, FOR VIDEO PRESENTATION....***

WE'D APPRECIATE ANY CLUB OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TO EARMARK DONATIONS SPECIFICALLY TO PATIENT SUPPORT AT THE LOW VISION CENTER. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW HOW THE DONATION WAS USED.

## **IMPACT OF COVID-19**

WE ALL KNOW HOW DETRIMENTAL COVID-19 HAS BEEN ON OUR TYPICAL WORK AND FUNDRAISING AS LIONS. WELL, IT HAS DEALT A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT BLOW TO LSRF. OUR BINGO FUNDRAISER THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIG PART OF OUR FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THE NON-PROGRAM ASPECTS OF THE FOUNDATION HAD BEEN DOING POORLY BUT COVID-19 STOPPED IT COMPLETELY.

OUR SAVE OUR SIGHT / STRIDE FOR SIGHT MARCH CAMPAIGN WAS SEVERLEY IMPACTED. SOME OF THE LARGE TEAMS THAT HAD REGISTERED FOR THE 5K ASKED FOR REFUNDS. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO HOLD OUR NEW EVENT, THE ST. PAT'S CASINO NIGHT WHICH WE HAVE, TENTATIVELY, RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26. BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE LARGER CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE MADE AS IN NORMAL YEARS.

**SO WE LOOK TO YOU TO NOT FORGET OUR NEED IN THESE WAYS AND IN ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT WAY.** THAT WAY IS A MUCH MORE PERSONAL WAY THAT WE AS LIONS HONOR OUR PLEDGE AS KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY, THAT OF THE PASSING OF A TRULY GREAT LION OF THE KERRVILLE SUNRISE LIONS CLUB, **LION FLOYD CARRIKER.**

LION FLOYD WAS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF LIONS THAT CONSISTENTLY MADE ANNUAL DONATIONS TO LSRF. HIS GENEROSITY TOWARD HELPING WITH VISION ISSUES WAS DUE TO HIS FIRST WIFE'S VISION IMPAIRMENT AND, OF COURSE, HIS COMMITMENT AS A LION. HE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR AT THE AGE OF 104 AND WE HAVE JUST LEARNED OF A LARGE SIX FIGURE BEQUEST THAT WE WILL BE RECEIVING THAT WILL ALLOW LION FLOYD TO CONTINUE HIS WORK AS A KNIGHT OF THE BLIND.

WE OFFER, LION FLOYD, AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW EACH OF US WHILE STILL ALIVE AND KICKING AND EVEN AFTER OUR DEATH CAN LEAVE A LEGACY AS A LION. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO SEEK INFORMATION ON OUR **"PLANNED GIVING"** PROGRAM.