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*Funding the development of treatments and cures for blinding disease*

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Founded in 2005, Hope For Vision (HFV) has raised millions of dollars for the development of treatments and cures for blinding diseases, with particular focus on retinal degenerative diseases. **With the support of thousands of advocates across the country**, and guided by its board of Visionary Scientists, **HFV distributes over 95 percent of the funds it raises to innovative researchers** at leading American medical institutions, who employ a broad range of approaches to cures and treatments---from nanotechnology, to gene therapy, to biotechnology chip implantation.

The cost of vision loss is extraordinary; according to the most recent National Eye Institute study:

- **The nation loses over \$67 billion annually** due to the direct and indirect costs of vision loss, which is more than 100 times the annual budget of the National Eye Institute
- As the population ages, the costs will only increase; aging babyboomers will make retinal degenerative disease an epidemic, and **blind seniors are ten times more likely to require nursing home care.**

Recent, groundbreaking successes in vision research – including the **restoration of vision in human trials employing gene therapies** and biotechnology prosthetics – along with the innovative work of interdisciplinary scientists across the country, will eradicate blinding disease and its great costs. These treatments also hold untold promise for many other diseases and conditions beyond vision loss. The **sole limiting factor is the availability of research funding**; the quicker the science is funded, the sooner Americans will see again and blindness will be relegated to the realm of tragic history.

- HFV is organized to keep **scientists doing science, not paperwork**. It has a streamlined grant proposal and review process that is unparalleled in the medical research world.
- HFV is growing fast! Since 2005, 12 HFV Communities of Hope across the country have hosted over 30 events. **And HFV's base of supporters has increased tenfold—to more than 4,000.**

To learn more about what Hope For Vision is doing across the country, please visit [www.hopeforvision.org](http://www.hopeforvision.org).