

Macular Degeneration Association (MDA)

2024 Annual Report

Message from the Chairman of the Board & President

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to YOU for your unwavering support of the Macular Degeneration Association throughout 2024. By putting people, caregivers and families first, MDA was able to achieve significant milestones, all of which are highlighted in this report.

One of the most groundbreaking achievements this year was the FDA's approval of the Valeda Light Delivery System, the first and only FDA-authorized treatment for Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD). This milestone represents a major step forward for those affected by AMD.

People with vision loss due to AMD face higher risks and unique challenges.

Our website is reaching a more diverse community through our information and recruitment efforts in English and Spanish. MacularHope.org offers educational videos, articles, and resources to help individuals and families navigate life with vision impairments.

We are dedicated to continue to empower the Macular Degeneration community, and none of this would be possible without the dedication of our researchers, doctors, and YOU - our valued supporters.

Our mission is clear: To reach new heights every day in the pursuit of a world free from macular degeneration and vision loss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Hoffheimer". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "H".

Lawrence S. Hoffheimer
Chairman of the Board & President

How We Make an Impact



Research

There are an estimated 11 million people in the United States and 288 million people worldwide affected by some form of macular degeneration. These numbers are projected to double by 2050.

Despite progress, much more research is needed to understand macular degeneration and to find a cure. Our latest research project, conducted in multiple clinic centers across the United States, is focused on genetic treatments and medications aimed at offering HOPE to those living with this condition.

In 2024, MDA invested \$50,000 into AMD research, with plans to allocate at least \$100,000 for research in 2025.

Education

People living with AMD and their families often feel frustrated when searching for reliable, understandable information and meaningful resources to navigate this life-changing vision disease.

Every year, 19.83 million people worldwide are diagnosed with some form of macular degeneration.

Our updated website serves as a valuable resource, providing people with the information and tools they need to better understand and cope.

Through nationwide educational programs, videos, newsletters, etc. we reached 241,658 people in 2024, offering hope and vital information to those living with macular degeneration and vision loss.