American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is a philanthropic organization which develops and provides financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health.
As Charles Dickens wrote, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” If you turn to the final pages of this Annual Report you will see that the Foundation increased its assets again in 2007-2008. In contrast, the past six months have been challenging for many of us. The financial woes that have stricken the US and the rest of the world have left many investors wondering what's next. At a time when most mutual funds have lost half of their value, your Foundation was affected less than most due to the diversity of our portfolio. Just days before the crises began, we committed 30% of our funds to an annuity paying a fixed rate of 5%. We continue to hold a similar amount in cash. In short, we are weathering the current storm as best we can. Will we be able to support all our endowed fellowships this year? Maybe, maybe not, but as we move forward the Foundation Board and staff will attempt to be good stewards of your investment... your investment in the future of optometry.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Late in 2008, the Foundation received the largest ever single gift from the Estate of Jill Mertz. The Optometric Glaucoma Society recently completed their goal of raising $200,000 for an Ezell Fellowship in glaucoma research. They immediately made a commitment to raise additional funds. These achievements were offset by the loss of a longstanding champion of the Foundation, Fred Rosemore.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. This will be my last message as Foundation president. I have had the fortune to lead the Foundation at a time of extraordinary growth sparked by generous corporate supporters, new partnerships and the generosity of Academy Fellows, friends, and families. Just take a look at the graph on this page to see the results of your support, generosity, and leadership. Five years ago the Foundation had one endowed Ezell Fellowship. We now have five. Five years ago the Foundation gave $200,000 in awards. This past year we gave $400,000. Five years ago the Foundation listed 31 individuals or couples in our Presidents Circle. We now have 67 including 15 Gold members. Following my tenure as your President, I have assumed the role of Foundation Development Director. Thus, I will continue to work with donors and sponsors with the goal of propelling the Foundation forward.

I invite you to read on, to enjoy the photographs of Academy friends, and to learn more about the Foundation's growing portfolio of programs. Moreover, I invite you all to become donors or to explore ways to expand your support.

Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
President 2004 - 2008
2008 Ezell Fellows

The William C. Ezell Fellowships were established to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science. 2008 was a special year in that it marked the awarding of the first Optometric Glaucoma Society-Ezell Fellowship.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY EZELL FELLOW

Patrick Scott, OD, MS, FAAO
Boston University School of Medicine

**Research Focus:** Examining the histopathology of retinas implanted with prosthetic devices as well as investigating remodeling of the central visual system in animal models of retinal degeneration

“I am deeply honored to have been awarded a William C. Ezell Fellowship. The past as well as current recipients of this award are truly remarkable individuals. I consider it a great privilege to be among the list of those whose achievements and efforts have truly impacted the optometric profession. I am thankful to the American Academy of Optometry and American Optometric Foundation for supporting me during my graduate studies.”

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY SECTION ON CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES EZELL FELLOW

Eric Ritchey, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

**Research Focus:** Investigation of molecular mechanisms involved in ocular growth and refractive development

“I would like to thank the American Optometric Foundation and the American Academy of Optometry Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses for selecting me to receive the William C. Ezell Fellowship. I am honored to be considered worthy of an award that has been received by so many talented individuals. The generous support of the AOF and the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses has provided invaluable support to my growth as a scientist. Through the Ezell Fellowship, I hope to develop the skills that will allow me to make meaningful contributions to the field of Vision Science.”
2008 EZELL FELLOWSHIPS

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION
PRESIDENTS CIRCLE EZELL FELLOW

Rachel Redfern, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: To investigate the role of toll-like receptors in the pathogenesis of dry eye using in vitro and in vivo animal models

“As a young investigator, I am extremely grateful to have my research recognized by the American Optometric Foundation and to receive the prestigious Ezell Fellowship. This award reinforces my decision to pursue a career as a clinician scientist and I am honored to be among an esteemed class of previous Fellows that have made significant contributions to the optometric profession.”

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION
PRESIDENTS CIRCLE EZELL FELLOW

Kathryn Richdale, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research Focus: To evaluate the mechanism of presbyopia by studying age-related changes in the dimensions of the lens and ciliary body, the elasticity of the lens, and the geometry of the entire accommodative system

“I am extremely appreciative and honored to receive an American Optometric Foundation William C. Ezell Fellowship for a second year. I continue to strive to meet the expectations associated with the Ezell Fellowship in my research, teaching and clinical work. I would especially like to thank the members of the AOF Presidents Circle for supporting this award.”

BAUSCH & LOMB EZELL FELLOW

Jessica H. Mathew, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: 1) Histopathology of the keratoconic cornea using transmission electron microscopy; 2) Topographical and clinical analysis of the keratoconic cornea

“It is such an honor to, once again, be awarded the William C. Ezell Fellowship, presented by the AOF and generously sponsored by Bausch & Lomb. This award has provided me great encouragement and has been an important stepping stone for my academic and research career. The support given by such a prestigious award stimulates young emerging researchers to follow in the footsteps of their mentors. Thank you so much for your continued support and belief in me to uphold this prominent position.”
BAUSCH & LOMB EZELL FELLOW
James Su, BS, MEng
University of California at Berkeley
School of Optometry
Research Focus: Investigation of novel biomaterials to inhibit the progression of high axial myopia

“I’m honored to receive the William C. Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Bausch & Lomb for sponsoring this prestigious award. This award has made it possible to take full advantage of the opportunities to broaden my research knowledge, maintain and establish new research collaborations, and attend excellent talks and deliver presentations at vision conferences. Thank you for this inspiring recognition.”

BORISH EZELL FELLOW
Dean VanNasdale, OD
Indiana University at Bloomington
School of Optometry
Research Focus: Early detection of pathology in diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration using polarized light imaging

“I am extremely honored to be a 2008 William C. Ezell Fellowship recipient. This prestigious award means a great deal to young researchers. I am enthusiastic about the future of patient-based research in optometry, and support from programs like the Ezell Fellowship is helping to make significant advances in eye care. I am grateful to the AOF and the sponsor of my Fellowship, the Borish Fund, and Essilor for their substantial contribution to my award.”

CIBA VISION EZELL FELLOW
Tracy Nguyen, OD, FAAO
Indiana University at Bloomington
School of Optometry
Research Focus: Lactic acid transport across the corneal endothelium

“I would like to thank the American Optometric Foundation and CIBA Vision for the renewal of the Ezell Fellowship. It is truly an honor to once again receive such a prestigious award. I’m very proud to be part of the elite group of Ezell Fellows and join the ranks of many of the researchers and educators whom I highly respect. This award not only supports me financially but also provides me with encouragement as I pursue a career in optometric research and education.”
CIBA VISION EZELL FELLOW

Zan Pan, MS, MD
State University of New York
College of Optometry

Research Focus: The involvement of cation channel TRPV1 in hypertonic stress induced proinflammatory responses in corneal epithelial cells

“I am honored to receive this Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation. I am grateful to CIBA Vision for providing the financial support of this award. This award symbolizes academic excellence in vision science. I am more than thrilled to join people who paved the way of vision research. The support of the Ezell Fellowship has assured my pursuit of being a professional vision researcher.”

ESSILOR EZELL FELLOW

Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research Focus: Clinical low vision research including rehabilitation outcomes and safety of bioptic driving

“I would like to sincerely thank the AOF and Essilor for their generosity and support in awarding me an Ezell Fellowship. It is a tremendous honor to be included in this prestigious group. Past Ezell Fellows have demonstrated with distinction the many ways in which optometric researchers can contribute to the improvement of vision care for our patients and the education of future clinicians and researchers, essentially creating the blueprint for everything that I hope to accomplish in my career.”

GEORGE MERTZ EZELL FELLOW

Wendy Harrison, OD, MS, FAAO
University of California at Berkeley
School of Optometry

Research Focus: Use of multifocal electroretinograms (mFERG) for evaluation and prediction of diabetic macular edema

“I want to thank the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) and The George Mertz Scholarship Fund for awarding me a William C. Ezell Fellowship. I feel very honored to be included in this group of optometrists and vision scientists who have been chosen for this prestigious honor, and I find this award very encouraging as I move forward toward my goals in optometric research and education. I will continue to work hard to uphold the ideals and goals set by the Ezell Fellowship.”
2008 EZELL FELLOWSHIPS

OPTOMETRIC GLAUCOMA SOCIETY
EZELL FELLOW

Joe Wheat, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: To investigate the relationship between structural and functional measurements in glaucomatous disease

“It is an honor to receive the William C. Ezell Fellowship award and I would like to thank the American Optometric Foundation and the Optometric Glaucoma Society for their support. This Fellowship will assist me in my research and it is an incentive to continue to strive for excellence. I am both grateful and humbled by this recognition; it is an incredible honor to be listed among current and past Ezell Fellows, and I consider it one of the greater accomplishments in my career in research.”

VISTAKON® EZELL FELLOW

Joe Phillips, BS
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: Investigating the neurogenic capability of Müller glia cells for the treatment of retinal disease

“I am honored to receive the Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation. This generous award will allow me to spend more time in the laboratory, conducting research. The travel funding will help me disseminate my findings and foster new collaborations. Beyond the financial benefits of the award, there is the prestige that accompanies the Ezell Fellowship. I would especially like to thank VISTAKON® for their generous sponsorship of my award.”

VISTAKON® EZELL FELLOW

Lakshman Subbaraman, BSOptom, MSc, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry

Research Focus: Protein deposition and bacterial adhesion to silicone hydrogel and conventional hydrogel contact lens materials

“I would like to sincerely thank the selection committee of the American Optometric Foundation for honoring me with the prestigious William C Ezell Fellowship and VISTAKON® for graciously sponsoring my Fellowship. This coveted award provides invaluable encouragement and motivation to pursue my future academic and research goals. It will be my earnest aim and endeavor to further the cause of the Foundation, which will in turn serve the society and the world.”
In 1947, inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, William C. Ezell founded the American Optometric Foundation. As a means to fulfill his vision, AOF established the William C. Ezell Fellowship, which to this day continues to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science.

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American Academy of Optometry
Ezell Fellows
2006: Charlotte Joslin
2007: Jason Ng
2008: Patrick Scott

American Academy of Optometry
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2003: Melissa Bailey
2004: Loretta Szczotka-Flynn
2005: David A. Berntsen
2007: Jessica Mathew
2008: Eric Ritchey

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2007: Tracy Nguyen
2008: Dean VanNasdale

George Mertz Ezell Fellows
2005: Loretta Szczotka-Flynn
2006: Jennifer Choo
2007: Lakshman Subbaraman
2008: Wendy Harrison

Optometric Glaucoma Society
Ezell Fellow
2008: Joe Wheat

Howard Purcell, Irv Borish, Dean VanNasdale, Bradley Dougherty, Rod Tahran and Danne Ventura
2008 CARL ZEISS VISION FELLOWSHIPS

The second class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows—a student from every school and college of optometry in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico—was honored at Academy 2008 Anaheim. These outstanding individuals represent the future of our profession and each received a $5,000 fellowship and a travel award to attend our meeting in Anaheim, and will be sponsored to attend Academy 2009 in Orlando where they will help welcome the third class of Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows.

Seated l to r: Michelle Calder Cardwell, Gelea Ice, Billi Jayne Prinzen, Ashley Scantling and Lynn Trieu
Standing 1st row: Eric Gengenbach, Rachel Brackley, Susana Toledo, Debbie Luk, Elissa Dornbach, Teresa Mathew, L’Erin Harmon, Jennifer Truong, Nathan Lighthizer
Last row: Mark Bullimore, President of AOF; Scott Noal Gunderson, David Meyer, Aarlan Aceto, Stephane Rivard, Steve Mitrakos, Carl Zeiss Vision, Fred Howard President-Americas of Carl Zeiss Vision
Not pictured: James Freddie Hill III
The George and Jill Mertz Scholarship Fund

Last November, the Foundation received a donation of $200,000 from the estate of Jill Mertz, the widow of former Foundation President George Mertz. Friends and Family gathered in October to share memories of Jill and George and to scatter their ashes in the San Francisco Bay. In recognition of this extraordinary donation, the Foundation Board has renamed the George Mertz Scholarship Fund, the George and Jill Mertz Scholarship Fund. The Foundation is grateful to all of Jill and George’s friends and family who have supported the fund. We extend our special thanks to Jill’s sister, Sheri Strickland, and Jill’s father, James Strickland for their generosity.

Optometric Glaucoma Society Completes $200,000 Goal

A little over two years ago the forward-thinking Optometric Glaucoma Society committed to endowing an Ezell Fellowship. The goal was to raise $200,000 from sponsors, members, and clinicians. That goal has been met, due in no small part to the leadership and vision of Murray Fingeret and John Flanagan. In 2008, the Foundation awarded its first Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellowship to Joe Wheat of the University of Houston.

Fredric Rosemore, OD, FAAO (1923-2008)

All associated with the Foundation were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Fred Rosemore last year. Fred is survived by his wife Marion. Fred and Marion are long-term supporters of the Foundation and were among the first members of the Founders Circle. Fred was a champion of the Foundation and, as investment advisor, he laid the groundwork for future growth. AOF President, Tony Adams, commented that, “We owe much of the Foundation’s current strength and vitality to the vision, leadership, and generosity of Fredric and Marion Rosemore.”
2008 GLENN A. FRY LECTURE AWARD
To recognize a distinguished scientist or clinician for her or his current research contributions. The recipient is invited to present a special paper at the American Academy of Optometry’s Annual Meeting.
Laura Frishman, PhD, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

2008 MICHAEL G. HARRIS FAMILY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION
To recognize an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.
Charles M. Wormington, OD, PhD, FAAO
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

2008 JULIUS F. NEUMUELLER AWARD
To provide an opportunity for one selected student chosen by their dean, who submits a 3,000 word paper on a pre-selected topic of interest in optometry, to attend an Academy conference.
Bret Lehman
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

2008 VINCENT SALIERNO SCHOLARSHIP
A rotating scholarship that is awarded to the student chosen by the faculty as most deserving financially and educationally. The scholarship is renewed through the student’s fourth year of optometry school, provided that the student remains in good standing and maintains a 3.0 grade point average or higher for all coursework in optometry school.
Adam T. Gorner
Pacific University College of Optometry
Francisco J. Martinez III
University of Houston College of Optometry
Mary Alice Saluke
New England College of Optometry

2008 ANTOINETTE MOLINARI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
A rotating, regional scholarship designated to assist an exceptional student who has extraordinary financial needs and, as such, would have difficulty meeting the financial requirements of attending optometry school. The student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average at the time of application.
Marc Kenneth Lay
State University of New York College of Optometry

Michael G. Harris presents the Harris Family Award to Charles Wormington
Laura Frishman (center) is honored by previous Glenn A. Fry awardees
Mark Bullimore presents the 2008 Neumueller Award to Bret Lehman
2008 VSP SEED GRANT
To support research into the efficacy of optometric care and optometric medical interventions.
$42,000 Grant
Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO
Queensland University of Technology School of Optometry

2008 VISTAKON® RESEARCH GRANTS
To support basic or clinical research in the area of soft disposable contact lenses.
$25,000 Grant
Danielle M. Robertson, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
The Role of the Post Lens Tear Film in Lipid Raft-Mediated Pseudomonas Internalization.

$10,000 Grant
Lyndon Jones, PhD, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry
The Impact of Rub and No-Rub Care Products on Protein Removal and Localization.

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To promote the practice and development of the field of optometry by providing incentive and support to talented optometric residents who demonstrate a passion and commitment to practice, research and education in the field of contact lenses and pediatric vision.

2008 George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award
John Laurent, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
Catherine Pannebaker, OD
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

2008 Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award
Neeta Chhabra, OD, MS, FAAO
NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry
Trevor Irish, OD
Northeastern State University College of Optometry

2008 Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award
Megan Allen, OD
Illinois College of Optometry
Emma Vicuna, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

Lyndon Jones, 2008 VISTAKON® research grant winner
2008 VISTAKON® AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE
To recognize outstanding fourth-year student clinicians who have demonstrated excellence in contact lens patient care during their optometric education.

Amber Baxter  
University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Sabrina Charrier  
University of Houston College of Optometry
Sally Chetrit  
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Southern California College of Optometry
Emily S. Kachinsky  
New England College of Optometry
Mindi Kieffer  
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Casey Wells  
Southern College of Optometry
Nicole J. Wood  
Pacific University College of Optometry
Julie Young  
Indiana University at Bloomington School of Optometry

2008 VISTAKON® ACUVUE® EYE HEALTH ADVISOR STUDENT CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
To recognize outstanding third-year student clinicians who best exemplify ideal eye care standards of practice.

Julie Bélanger  
University of Montreal School of Optometry
Augusto Carrion  
Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry
Tangee Davis  
Southern College of Optometry
Jennifer Deakins  
University of Houston College of Optometry
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The Ohio State University College of Optometry
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Jaime L. Gold  
University of Missouri at St. Louis School of Optometry
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Ryan McKinnis  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
Yos Priestley  
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Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Jadyn Wilkes  
Southern California College of Optometry
The Foundation would like to convey its heartfelt appreciation to the individuals, groups and corporations whose generosity ensures that the American Optometric Foundation will reach new levels of achievement.

**FOUNDERS CIRCLE**
The American Optometric Foundation’s Founders Circle recognizes major supporters who contribute $100,000 or greater. This contribution can be in the form of cash, appreciated securities, or through a planned gift such as a charitable trust or future bequest.

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**Academy Board member Bernie Dolan is recognized for joining Presidents Circle**
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VISTAKON® are First Members of the Visionary Circle

When an organization has to create a new giving level, it means someone has done something truly exceptional. VISTAKON®, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc, have been leaders among leaders when it comes to the Foundation. In the last seven years alone they have contributed over $1 million. With VISTAKON®’s support the Foundation has provided research grants to scores of researchers, funded dozens of Ezell Fellows, and given scholarships to hundreds of optometry students. At the 2008 AOF Celebration Luncheon, VISTAKON® were recognized as the first members of the Foundation’s Visionary Circle. We look forward to others joining them.

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AOF extends it appreciation to the following sponsors, who in the past year provided much-needed support for optometric students and researchers through AOF’s fellowships, research grants, residency awards, scholarships, student award programs and fundraising efforts.

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The Legacy Society recognizes the following individuals who have informed us that the American Optometric Foundation is designated as a beneficiary of a bequest through their will:

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Total Assets $2,851,520 $2,464,407
Total Liabilities $96,464 $19,712

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Board-Designated Endowments $566,745 $420,889
General Unrestricted $457,049 $373,603
Temporarily restricted $1,309,118 $1,229,017
Permanently Restricted $422,144 $421,186
Total net Assets $2,755,056 $2,444,695

REVENUE, SUPPORT AND GAINS

Unrestricted $856,017 $628,768
Temporarily restricted $80,101 $326,709
Permanently restricted $958 $240,675
Total Revenue, Support and Gains $937,076 $1,196,152

EXPENSES

Education and Research Support $457,437 $337,983
Fundraising $113,594 $79,510
General and Administrative $55,684 $40,500
Total Expenses $626,715 $457,993

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