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THE LIONS OF VIRGINIA

Through your hard work and dedication to the VLHF, we were able to raise our donations to \$90,312.00. “Thank you” to all the Lions Clubs who contributed this year. Below are the clubs that donated \$1,000 or more.

24-A

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FACTS ON HEARING LOSS

- In Virginia, hearing loss affects more people than heart disease, cancer and blindness combined.
- 10% of Virginians have a hearing loss.
- 25% of Virginians over 60 are hearing impaired.
- Sensorineural Hearing Loss (nerve deafness) is the most common, preventable cause of irreversible hearing loss and its main cause is NOISE damage.
- Exposure to a large tractor for 1-2 hours or to a chain saw for 15-30 minutes or to a single gun blast will cause serious injury to the inner ear hair cells which are vital for transforming sound waves into electrical signals for the brain: without these hair cells a person suffers from permanent hearing loss.
- Research indicates that 1 in 1,000 normal infants will be born with a hearing loss. These odds increase to about 1 in 25 for those infants whose birth condition requires hospitalization in an intense care unit, or who have 1 or more of the following characteristics:
 - a) relatives with hearing loss
 - b) congenital infection
 - c) abnormalities of the head or neck
 - d) Jaundice