

Presidential Award Given to Public Service Program Thanks to Efforts by Local Ophthalmologist

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Reston, VA -- (ReleaseWire) -- 11/09/2015 -- Ophthalmologist [Jacqueline D. Griffiths, MD](#), who has practiced eye care in Reston for the last 16 years, volunteers with EyeCare America to restore vision for seniors. Thanks to the sight-saving contributions of these dedicated volunteers, the national public service program has just received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

EyeCare America, a program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is one of the largest public service programs in American medicine. In Virginia, over the last 30 years, the program has helped more than 14,651 people obtain access to medical eye care and resources through 166 volunteer ophthalmologists.

The program was recently recognized by the President's Volunteer Service Award which is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

"Thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country," wrote President Obama in a letter that accompanied the Award. "Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise."

"Losing vision can be devastating, but some seniors may think it's inevitable due to their age and suffer in silence rather than seeking help," said Dr. Griffiths. "Today, we are very fortunate to have several treatments to help stop and even restore vision loss for older Americans. It's an honor to be part of a national program that helps make it so much easier for seniors to access these treatments, and I'm pleased that my work has helped gain recognition of EyeCare America from the President."

Those interested in the program can see if they qualify for a sight-saving eye exam and care at no out-of-pocket cost by visiting EyeCare America's online referral center at <http://www.eyecareamerica.org>. This online referral center also allows friends and family members to find out if their loved ones are eligible to be matched with an EyeCare America volunteer ophthalmologist.

About Jacqueline D. Griffiths, MD and NewView Laser Eye, Inc.

Dr. Griffiths, a board certified ophthalmologist, has been in private practice since 1994. She started her own practice and laser center, NewView Laser Eye, Inc. in 1999 where she serves as the Medical Director. NewView is the first and only Laser Eye Center in Reston, VA and one of a handful of woman owned laser centers in the world. NewView's Mission is to provide Excellence in Ophthalmologic services by giving Personalized attention to every patient. Dr. Griffiths has repeatedly been voted "Top Ophthalmologist" by Washingtonian Magazine and Northern Virginia Magazine.

NewView's services include [Laser Cataract Surgery](#), [Custom LASIK](#) & PRK, NearVision CK, Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Eyelid Surgery, Botox Cosmetic, Facial Fillers, Contact Lenses, and an Optical providing the latest high quality, designer frames and lenses for the entire family.

More information can be found at <http://www.NewViewEye.com>

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