

## **LOW VISION CARE**

With the aging of our population the incidence of diseases such as macular degeneration continues to increase. Other diseases and eye conditions, such as glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy, can adversely affect vision. Fortunately medical and surgical treatments for these conditions have been improved, but what help is available for those who have already suffered vision loss?

Low vision evaluations are available to Levin & Luminais Eye Associates. Low vision care involves services provided by eyecare or rehabilitation professionals to help maximize the remaining vision in those who are visually impaired.

### **What is Low Vision?**

If someone has low vision, or is visually impaired, it generally means that their vision can not be corrected to normal levels with conventional eyeglasses, contact lenses, or through the use of therapeutic or surgical treatment.

### **What is Low Vision Care?**

Low vision care addresses individual needs and visual goals, but in general includes a careful assessment of a person's current level of visual function, the use of optical or electronic low vision devices, non-optical devices, and improvements in illumination. A complete low vision care program also includes education and training in the use of these devices.