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Importance:

High

JD,

Here is the information for Lauren we talked about:

## Cottage Grove Lion's Club:

My daughter, Lauren Farnsworth is 16 years old and was born with a congenital eye condition called Familiar Exudative Vitreoretinopathy (FEVR). It causes deterioration of the retina and is degenerative over time. Lauren has had several surgeries of which she has had performed in Detroit, MI. We travel 2-3 times every year to Detroit, MI for ongoing treatment for her as well. Currently Lauren has stabilized vision of approx. 20/200. She is considered legally blind now and also is getting the aid of a Vision Specialist through the Monona Grove School District, Lisa Tomberlin. She can function well, but now is encountering diminished reading ability and with her increased school load of reading is now requiring the need of a desktop CCTV magnifier so she can magnify her books to more comfortably read and keep up with the reading work load. We anticipate this need to increase throughout high school for her and especially into college as well. These machines range from \$1,500 (black and white) to \$3,000 for color for a larger 17-20" screen.

I was wondering if the Lion's Club would consider any sort of scholarship for Lauren to help offset the cost of this machine since they do support blindness and the eyebank. Your consideration is much appreciated!

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