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Vascular Volunteers Improving Service To All (VISTA) Program

There are significant disparities in health care services in the United States and many who do not receive appropriate vascular care resulting in limb loss, stroke and death. Contributing factors include lack of community resources and distance from modern health care facilities.

The SVS Foundation Vascular Volunteers In Service To All (VISTA) Program will provide outreach, screening and other resources to those who are impacted by lack of access, inadequate resources and/or distance from modern health care facilities. Many SVS members have expressed an interest in addressing disparities in care. Building on the Foundation's successful grant programs for community awareness and prevention, VISTA will provide opportunities for members to make a direct impact.

This program focuses on bringing vascular care to areas of need – particularly underserved populations, e.g., African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and others who lack access due to low socioeconomic status. VISTA is being implemented through a phased approach with the first phase focusing initial efforts on awareness, education and prevention through pilot projects.

The SVS Foundation anticipates the development of additional pilot projects in Phase 1. Future phases are aimed towards the provision of wound care and the full spectrum of vascular care with the intent of engaging vascular surgeons to work alongside other health professionals to highlight contributing factors to PAD.

*You can support the VISTA Program by **making a donation** to the **SVS Foundation Awareness and Prevention fund**.*

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