



Illinois Lions Club Candy Day

Humanitarian Services for the Blind and Deaf

Lions of Illinois Foundation Programs

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 - Chicago Lighthouse
 - College of Optometry
 - Spectrios Institute
- Mobile Retinal Services Unit
- Mobile Hearing Services Unit
- Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aid Collection
- Social Services & Referral
- Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.)

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired.

Dear Business Owners:

The Lions of Illinois Foundation have served the blind and deaf in Illinois ever since the great social activist, Helen Keller, challenged the Lions to be “Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness.” Today, with nearly 500 Clubs in Illinois and 14,000 members, we continue to try to meet the challenge. Our services include, mobile retinal and hearing screening units which travel to every corner of the state. We also conduct Low Vision Comprehensive Screenings to students in Illinois. This helps provide them with tools to succeed in school and throughout life. Our “Seeing is Believing” program partners with some of the most forward-thinking vision research and evaluation providers in the world benefitting our youth.

Camp Lions for Youth, an award-winning program, brings peers together for a positive summer camp experience. Many of these children would never be allowed the challenge and activities that the camp provides in their area. Camp Lions provides a safe environment for children to grow and realize there are no limitations in life. A vision or hearing loss is not a disability, it is simply an obstacle to be met and overcome.

Through these combined services we try to reach out and improve the lives of over one million individuals in Illinois that have vision or hearing impairments. As Lions, we strive through education, screenings and fundraising, to help people retain as much of their hearing and vision abilities as possible.

To be able to reach our fundraising goals, we need the help of your business. Side by side, we can continue to battle blindness and deafness throughout Illinois communities. For Lions, we see no need for anyone to live in darkness or silence.

As a means to reach these ends, the Lions of Illinois have relied on our statewide fundraiser, Lions Candy Day. Candy Day is held annually on the second Friday of October. This year’s Candy Day is Friday, October 12, 2018. On that day, Lions will be noticeable on sidewalks, street corners and store fronts.

In an attempt to garner donations for our many service projects, Candy Day has long been supported both locally and statewide by business operators like you. Business people who wish to help with our cause will enrich the lives of patrons in your community.

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Will you stand with us? You can help by simply allowing the Lions of Illinois the opportunity to stand outside your store front and greet your patrons with a gift of candy as our thank you for their support. By this simple action, the Lions hope to raise funds to help prevent blindness and hearing loss.

We look forward to your support in this endeavor.

The enclosed paperwork will give you the opportunity to learn more about us and join us in our cause.

Sincerely,