

## Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust is to create a Fund of sufficient quantity and quality to provide a steady and adequate stream of revenue to the Lions of Illinois Foundation and other organizations embracing similar charitable purposes.

## Mission Statement

The Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust exists for the sole purpose of creating a consistent and permanent stream of revenue to fund the programs and services provided by the Lions for people with vision and hearing needs. It is recognized that future unmet human needs may need to be addressed and the Lions may not be able to affect those needs directly. Therefore, the Lions of Illinois through this Fund are creating a present day capability for those future needs.

## Monetary Support

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is funded mainly by club contributions from Candy Day, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Gift Card Campaign, Annual Gala, Car Show and BBQ.

The Foundation led the campaign to raise \$5 million to finance construction of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (L.I.E.R.I.) in Chicago, as well as the campaign to raise \$1.1 million to finance the Charles I. Young Professional Chair.

## Why the Lions Help

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is a nonprofit organization with members throughout the state of Illinois. Since 1925, the Lions have taken the challenge given to them by Helen Keller. Addressing the Lions at their convention she urged them to become:

**“Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Blindness.”**



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**Lions of Illinois Foundation**

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**Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust**

*Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.*

*Do you know about the  
Tree of Service?*



**Located in the lobby area of your LIF office, the Tree of Service showcases clubs' and individuals' devotion to serving through the Lions of Illinois Foundation and Endowment Trust's programs.**

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## The Tree of Service

The Lions are a symbol of hope, courage and integrity. Through their Clubs and affiliated philanthropies, the Lions have created a better and more independent life for the blind and deaf in Illinois. The Tree of Service stands for various service programs. The branches are symbolic of how Lions Clubs reach out into the community through their services. The Leaves are symbolic of the communities in Illinois, and the trunk of the tree is symbolic of the programs and services the Lions and Lioness of Illinois support through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

## How Your Gift Grows

The contributions for the Tree of Service are deposited into the Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust. This account will continue to grow like the tree it represents. Only the interest from the donation is used to help support the programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

## Services Your Gift Supports

- ◆ Camp Lions for Children and Adults
- ◆ Low Vision Services for students
- ◆ Mobile Retinal Unit
- ◆ Mobile Hearing Unit
- ◆ Used Eyeglass Collection
- ◆ Used Hearing Aid Collection
- ◆ Hearing Aid Bank
- ◆ Social Services and Referral
- ◆ Lions of IL Funds for Emergency (LIFE)
- ◆ Lions of IL Eye Research Institute
- ◆ Endowed Chair in Ocular Research

## Your Gift

To become part of the Tree of Service, you can give a tax deductible gift to the extent allowed by the law.

## Levels of Involvement

- ◆ **Leaf** \$1,000.00
- ◆ **Cluster of Leaves** \$3,000.00
- ◆ **Rocks**
  - ✓ **Contributor** \$5,000 through \$25,000
  - ✓ **Benefactor** Over \$25,001 through \$75,000
  - ✓ **Patron** Over \$75,001 through \$150,000
  - ✓ **Sponsor** Over \$150,001 through 300,000
  - ✓ **Pacesetter** Over \$300,001

**The inscription you choose can honor or memorialize another person or event, or it can simply reflect that you gave a gift.**

**Please inscribe the rock or leaf (leaves) on the Tree of Service as follows:**

A Gift From \_\_\_\_\_ or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ or

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or

**Thank you on behalf of the thousands who will benefit from this gift.**



Lions of Illinois  
Endowment Trust

## Tree of Service Gift Form

*Here is my gift to the Lions of Illinois  
Endowment Trust in support of those in need.*

Club Name or Individual Donor Name:

Club or Individual's mailing address:

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order should be made payable to  
**Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust.**

If you would like to place a birdies guess, please  
fill in your number here:

**If you would like to pay with a Credit Card,  
please visit us online at**

**www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org and click  
the Donate Now button. Under "Select  
Donation Type," click "Endowment" and fill  
in the remaining fields as appropriate.**