

## Donation Form

Yes, I want to help children and adults struggling with vision/hearing loss with a gift:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Of get well wishes to \_\_\_\_\_

General donation

In the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor/Club Name (Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please notify the family or individual of my gift  
to:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to: Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

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## 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 Endowment Fund



*Help create a  
lasting legacy.*

# What is the Endowment Fund?

The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund offers the opportunity for members of the Lions family and the general public to give a tax-deductible gift that keeps on giving. It is a restricted fund in which contributions are pooled and invested, with the principal remaining intact. Only the income can be used to support Lions of Illinois Foundation programs and services for people with vision and hearing needs.

## How are funds contributed?

### Memorials

Donations may be given in the name of someone who has passed on.

### Honorariums

Donations may be given to honor a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, promotion, retirement, becoming a Foundation Fellow, etc. or to wish someone well.

### Sustaining Supporters

The Sustaining Supporter Program is a method of giving in which anyone (Lion or non-Lion) is encouraged to give a \$25 donation on an annual basis to help support

### *Sustaining Supporters continued*

the many programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation. The \$25 donation entitles the Sustaining Supporter to receive a pin (or numbered tab for renewal). Donations to the Sustaining Supporter Program are completely convertible to Foundation Fellows.

### Foundation Fellows

A Foundation Fellow is the greatest level of recognition that can be bestowed by the Lions of Illinois Foundation and can honor anyone (Lion or non-Lion). It can be presented to a person who donates \$500 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund, or it can be used as a way for others to honor a person's dedication to the club, community, Lions District, Lions of Illinois Foundation, and/or Lionism in general. For those who wish to contribute more than \$500 or to begin a program of giving, there are 25 levels of the Foundation Fellow, with each level attained affording honor to the individual named.

### What does the Foundation Fellow receive?

For the initial \$500 donation, the person named as a Foundation Fellow receives a pin, patch, chevron and beautiful engraved plaque. For each progressive level, the person will receive a pin and chevron. The person's name is also listed in a computerized scrolling role of honorees located at the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Upon request, a shadow box containing the five pins and chevrons awarded for the respective levels will be presented for those who have completed levels 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25. An additional recognition is bestowed with the achievement of the 25th level.

### Tree of Service

The Tree of Service provides permanent acknowledgement and recognition of a gift and may be used to honor or memorialize a person, a group (club, family, organization), or an event. This bronze sculpture was designed to represent the many Lions of Illinois Foundation programs. On the trunk of the Tree are the laborers who provide these services - those who offer help, hope, and courage to the visually and hearing impaired within Illinois. The branches symbolize the Lions and Lioness Clubs reaching out into the communities to provide these services; the leaves represent the communities.

Anyone can contribute through the Tree of Service program. For each contribution of \$1,000, a bronze leaf is inscribed on the Tree; for a contribution of \$5,000 or more, a rock at the foot of the Tree is inscribed. The person or group so honored also receives a patch and framed certificate.

### Wills, Bequests, Trusts

Individuals may choose to give an estate tax deductible gift by naming the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund or Lions of Illinois Foundation as (1) a beneficiary of part of an estate; or (2) an assignee of part of a pension/retirement fund, IRA, insurance policy, or investment account. Individuals who provide appropriate documentation to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund become members of the **Legacy Club** and receive a beautiful pin.

**For more information, please refer to the brochure of any of the listed programs or contact the LIF office.**