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# *Lions Share*

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

*The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation*



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**PLEASE REMOVE EYEGLASS CASES**

As we receive eyeglasses from all over Illinois, the LIF and our local Good Will/Salvation Army are not able to accommodate the hundreds of pounds of eyeglass cases we receive quarterly.

**PLEASE REMOVE EYEGLASS CASES FROM YOUR RECYCLING WHEN YOU ARE ABLE. THANK YOU**

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## Lion Jan Entwistle 2021-2022 Foundation President

Greetings from your new Lions of Illinois Foundation President: Jan Entwistle. As most of you are aware- clubs, district officers, cabinet officers and our Lions of Illinois Foundation have been installing their new leaders. The foundation had its first meeting of newly elected officers and trustees on Saturday July 17 and it was a day we all enjoyed because we finally were able to meet in person!

A very short bio about myself, beginning with my joining the Macomb Lions Club in 2010. Since then I came up the rotation ladder to eventually be President of the club and have been chair of many of its fundraisers. I have also been zone chair of District 1-H and secretary of that cabinet for four years. This is also the fourth year of my being a Trustee and was chosen by the Foundation Trustees to act as their President for the year.

I want to thank the prior President of the Foundation-Johnny Anderson-from District 1-G for including me on all committee meetings during the past year and mentoring me on the complexities of the Foundation operations. Last year was such a bizarre year for all of us- personally and as members of all of our service-oriented Lions Clubs. President Johnny had to conduct all meetings--committee and board meetings over Zoom. He was also managing the programs committee and trying to monitor the budget. With clubs not meeting, the most important aspect of the year was tightening spending and moving forward if possible. The year needed an experienced manager at the helm and we should all be grateful to our President for being that person! Thank you again Johnny!!

And kudos to the Foundation staff for weathering the storm at the Foundation office ...speaking of which went through a physical move during the year in order to save considerable money. Our Executive Director -Lion Trish Fisher- spearheaded the move and we thank her for all that she has been doing during the pandemic.

But hopefully this next year will be one of in-person meetings, community involvement, and back to a “we serve” attitude across the state. At the Foundation Board meeting, I spoke to the Trustees about getting out and visiting clubs in their individual districts. And I now am asking you to reach out to your Trustees and invite one of them to your meeting. Each district has two trustees and one of them should be able to offer you some insights on what your Foundation is doing. And perhaps you will have a call letting you know your Trustee is stopping by your club meeting (yes, without an invitation) to see if they can give you information about our programs.

This newsletter is full of upcoming Foundation events. Take the time to talk about the articles that you’ve read about at your next meeting. And remember to open your hearts to the Foundation. The programs that help those with Visual and hearing- needs have not stopped. Clinics have been continuing to see visually impaired students, adults have been getting orientation and mobility help, and, YES, Camp Lions are expected to be open and running this next summer. So as you move forward having your fundraisers, please remember the Foundation, and generously give to your favorite programs.

Lastly know that you and your Lions Club are appreciated. The most meaningful motto to all is “We Serve.”

Yours in Lionism,

Foundation President

*Jan Entwistle*

## Mark Your Calendar

**August 7, 2021**

**Lions of Illinois Foundation Golf Classic**  
*Lion Mario J. Gumino Memorial*

**September 11, 2021**

**LIF 3rd Annual “Roar-in” Car Cruise**  
*700 N. Peace Road, DeKalb, IL*

**October 9-10, 2021**

**Candy Day**



# Lions Candy Day

Our Candy Day Fundraiser is held the **2nd weekend in October, October 8 & 9, 2021** this year. Lions, volunteers, friends, and family are visible collecting donations in their community and distributing our signature mint candy rolls or our sugar free suckers.

## Candy Available for Purchase

CASES OF MINT CANDY ROLLS

(576 ROLLS IN A CASE)

SMALL CASE OF SUGAR FREE CANDY

(350 SUCKERS PER BOX)

LARGE CASE OF SUGAR FREE CANDY

(1,050 SUCKERS PER BOX)



District Trustees set up District wide **Candy Day Jamborees** where candy and supplies can be picked up by your club to support you in your efforts to move forward with your Candy Day Event.

Candy Day information is sent to your club secretary, you can visit our website at: [www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org](http://www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org) for complete information and fundraising forms.



**Thank You to all of our Lions who participate in our Candy Day Fundraiser. Lions of Illinois Foundation Candy Day Fundraiser supports all of our Vision and Hearing Programs and Services.**

Questions? Contact your LIF Office by calling 815-756-5633 or email [LIFoffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LIFoffice@lifnd.org).



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 2021 CANDY DAY ORDER FORM

**\*\*Sugar Free Suckers  
Small & Large cases  
available**

### CLUB REQUESTS

(CLUB NAME & DISTRICT)

\_\_\_\_\_ **CASES OF WINTERGREEN CANDY (\$95.00 + SHIPPING)**  
(576 ROLLS IN A CASE)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SMALL CASE OF SUGAR FREE CANDY (\$45.00 + SHIPPING)**  
(350 SUCKERS PER BOX)

\_\_\_\_\_ **LARGE CASE OF SUGAR FREE CANDY (\$95.00 + SHIPPING)**  
(1,050 SUCKERS PER BOX)



**CANDY DAY APRONS** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$18.00**

**COUNTER TRAYS** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$7.00**

(INCLUDES 2 TRAY BACKINGS)

**WILL PICK UP CANDY AT DISTRICT JAMBOREE CANDY PICK? [ ] Yes [ ] No**

**(If NOT picking candy up at Jamboree, please contact your local Trustee)**

**Our Club will hold Candy Day on the following date** \_\_\_\_\_.

CANDY DAY SUPPLIES (WE SUGGEST YOU ORDER ONLY THE AMOUNT YOU ARE POSITIVE TO USE)

**WINDOW POSTERS (11X17)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER BUTTONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERWRITER LETTERHEAD** \_\_\_\_\_

**MILK CARTON STICKERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE READ AGREEMENT CAREFULLY**

WHEREAS; Illinois Lions Candy Day is perhaps the greatest state-wide fund-raising activity EXCLUSIVELY BENEFITING SIGHT, HEARING, and HUMANITARIAN SERVICES in Illinois; and WHEREAS: Illinois Lions Clubs work together to ensure success and benefits; and WHEREAS; Lions have directed their Lions of Illinois Foundation to provide extensive Services, Programs & Grants, like our award-winning Camp Lions, Mobile Retinal Unit, Mobile Hearing Unit, Our Low Vision Program, and our design for research and much more and WHEREAS; recognizing that each individual Lions Club also has a real responsibility to its own sight, hearing, and humanitarian services in their own community, often to a degree that cannot be met from retained Candy Day funds alone, but must be supplemented by other club fund-raising activities; so, THEREFORE, By signing this agreement. Our Lions Club AGREES TO PARTICIPATE in FULL MEASURE in this Lionistic activity; **AND MUST CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF 60 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE NET PROCEEDS** to your Lions of Illinois Foundation for your provided projects, and services; and we FURTHER AGREE that ALL FUNDS RETAINED by our Club shall be used EXCLUSIVELY for aid to sight, hearing, and humanitarian services in our own community. It is FURTHER AGREED that a full accounting of funds shall be made to the Lions of Illinois Foundation before December 1st of this calendar year.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY DELIVERIES TO A HOME OR BUSINESS LOCATION, -PO BOX NUMBERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED-

DELIVER TO \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  
700 N PEACE ROAD, SUITE B  
DEKALB, IL 60115  
815-756-5633-TELEPHONE

815-758-2041-DIRECT LINE 815-758-8157- FAX [dortega@lifnd.org](mailto:dortega@lifnd.org) - EMAIL



# Traditional Candy Day Fundraising

Your District Trustees are setting up District Jamborees To support you in your efforts to move forward with your Candy Day Event Jamboree Dates will be e-mailed to your club secretaries.

**Contact your District Trustees or Dianne Ortega for more information or to order your candy and Candy Day supplies**



# Non Traditional Candy Day Fundraising

We have rewritten Underwriter Letters, Business Owners Letters, Radio Spots and Press Release to use "as is" or for clubs to use as a guideline to ask community businesses and past underwriters to assist in your efforts to fund programs such as Camp Lions and Student Low Vision. Either with a cash donation, a raffle donation or a donation to purchase items to assist you in your fundraising event.

Some districts have already had successful walks, curb side fish fry's, raffles, 50/50 drawings, curb side barbeques just to name a few.

**Please contact the Foundation Office if you have questions or need assistance in marketing your Non Traditional Candy Day Fundraising Event [LIFoffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LIFoffice@lifnd.org)**



# Lions of Illinois Foundation

## Candy Day 2021

### Jamboree/Candy and Supplies Pick up Schedule as of 7/26/2021

District	Date
1-M	<b>Thursday August 19, 2021 6:00 pm</b> Yoder's Kitchen 1195 E Columbus Street, Arthur, IL 61911 Buffet 17.50 per person
1-F	<b>Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 6 pm</b> Lake Zurich Lion Club Den 81 E Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL
1-CN	<b>Thursday August 26, 2021</b> 5:00 pm Photo Ops 6:00 dinner Central City Lion's Den S. Morrison & E. Prairie
1-D	<b>Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm</b> Lena community center @ 497 Lions drive Lena
1-CS	<b>Saturday August 28, 2021</b> 4:30 pm social hour 5:30pm dinner Sparta's Lions Club
1-H	<b>Monday August 30, 2021 4:00 pm</b> Gibson Woods Shelter in Monmouth 1321 N 11 <sup>th</sup> St, Monmouth, IL 61462
1-J	<b>Tuesday August 31, 2021</b> Elburn Lions Community Park 500 Filmore Street, Elburn, IL 60119 5:30 pm candy pick up & socialization 6:30 pm
1-G	<b>Sunday September 12, 2021</b> 3pm candy pick up 5pm dinner Greenfield Lions Park, Greenfield, IL
1-A	<b>Wednesday September 15, 2021</b> Starting at 5:30 pm dinner at 7:00 pm 115 Bourbon Street 3359 W 115th Street, Merrionette Park, IL 60803
1-BK	<b>Wednesday September 22, 2021</b> 6-7 Meet & Greet Marseilles Lion's Den 511 Commercial Street, Marseilles

**\*\* Recycling will be accepted at various Jamborees\*\*  
Contact your district trustees for more information.**

# 3rd Annual **Roar - In'** Car Show

## Sat. September 11, 2021

700 N. Peace Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

### 10am-3pm

*Raffles*

*Giveaways*

*Multiple  
Classes*

*Director's  
Pick*



**\$10**

### *Registration*

*Free to the Public*

*Registration begins at 9:00am*

### **Dash plaques to first**

### **50 cars!**

## Contact [LFOffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LFOffice@lifnd.org) or call 815-756-5633

Pre-Register to be placed into a special Drawing

### **Proceeds to Benefit Lions Student Low Vision Program**

Hosted By:

## **Lions of Illinois Foundation**

[www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)

# Lions of Illinois Foundation

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

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(815) 756-5633 [www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)

Through the Foundation, communities and clubs benefit from these services:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Camp Lions for Children                                     | 6. Mobile Retinal Screening Unit                                  |
| 2. Camp Lions for Adults                                       | 7. Mobile Hearing Screening Unit                                  |
| 3. Lions Low Vision Clinics:<br>For Students                   | 8. Reconditioned Hearing Aid Bank                                 |
| 4. Low Vision for Adults-<br>Orientation and Mobility Training | 9. Recycling: Used Eyeglasses,<br>Hearing Aids, Keys, Cell Phones |
| 5. Children's Vision Screenings                                | 10. Social Services and Referral                                  |
|  | 11. Lions of Illinois Funds for<br>Emergency (L.I.F.E.)           |

Please detach and send completed form to LIF at the address above or email to [LIFoffice@LIFnd.org](mailto:LIFoffice@LIFnd.org).

LIF Roar-in' Car Show REGISTRATION PLEASE PRINT

Send Check or Pay On-Line using the **"Donate Now"** Button-Special Events

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability:** In consideration of the right to participate in this cruise-in, I hereby release and discharge the Organizers and Committee Members and any and all people who are connected with the management of the event from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, or claims to myself, my vehicle, and its occupant.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# July 2021 Board Meeting



Lion Jan Entwistle  
Foundation President



Lion Pam Graney, PCC  
LIEF President

The Lions of Illinois Foundation Board and the Counsel of Governors enjoyed their meetings the weekend of July 17th! It was great to see familiar faces in person again and share some good times.





NORTHERN ILLINOIS RADIO  
INFORMATION SERVICE

# Northern Illinois Radio Information Service

## What is NIRIS?

Your Lions of Illinois Foundation has partnered with the Northern Illinois Radio Information Service (NIRIS). NIRIS is a division of Northern Public Radio, the public broadcasting service of Northern Illinois University. NIRIS is a unique broadcast service which provides current print information to blind and print-impaired citizens of northern Illinois.

## How Does it Work and Who Qualifies for a Receiver?

Programming is transmitted on a sub-carrier (SCA) frequency of WNIJ. A special receiver, which looks like a small table radio, can be used to hear the NIRIS programming. **Any person who is unable to read, hold a book, or turn a page because of a visual, physical, or learning disability may borrow a receiver.** Listeners do not have to be legally blind to receive programming. Criteria for eligibility are similar to those used by the Library of Congress Talking Book Service. These receivers are loaned free of charge to eligible listeners at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. **Additionally, NIRIS programming is streamed for free at [WNIJ.org](http://WNIJ.org) and on the WNIJ mobile app.**

## What do NIRIS Listeners Hear?

Listeners can keep up to date with readings of newspapers, food and shopping ads, books, popular magazines, and special interest programs. A sample of the more than 25 newspapers read each week includes the *Rockford Register Star*, *DeKalb Chronicle*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Christian Science Monitor*.

If you know someone who needs the NIRIS service, or if you would like to make a contribution please contact Phil Masterton at 815-753-0598 or [pmasterton@niu.edu](mailto:pmasterton@niu.edu).

# The Holidays are just around the corner!



Visit our Webstore  
<https://LIF.terri Lynn.com>

receive 20% back  
 on all sales  
 for this Holiday Season  
 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
 thru  
 January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022



You can support LIF Vision and Hearing Programs and Services throughout Illinois by purchasing premium nuts, gourmet confections, and sweet and savory snack mixes from our Terri Lynn webstore. And now your club will **receive 20% of all sales** for the Holiday Season **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 thru January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**.

Everything you buy, for yourself, for a friend or loved one, will get shipped right to their door and a portion of every sale goes directly to support our cause. Be sure to include your Lions Clubs name before you check out so the club can **receive 20% of all sales**.

Tell all of your family, friends, co-workers, and teachers...everyone you know about the 38 delicious products. Tasting is Believing!



## LIF Gift Card Campaign Christmas in July

1. Plan ahead to buy groceries, gas or other everyday household items by using gift cards from the [LIF Gift Card Campaign](#).
2. Purchase gift cards at face value from over 750 national retail stores where you already shop.
3. Shop in-store or online with participating retailers.
4. Use the gift cards at checkout to pay for purchases, just like you'd pay with debit or credit card, but without risk of fraud.
5. Scrip earnings are much greater than credit card rewards programs.
6. No unnecessary spending on unwanted items. Spend money on things that you need, that are already a part of your household budget; while shopping at stores you already frequent.
7. Scrip earnings add up fast! It's easy for a single family to generate \$600 to \$1,000 or more per year.
8. There are no random sales or asking for donations required. No one is required to donate or purchase unwanted or overpriced items.
9. At the end of the year. Your club will receive 40% of the rebate generated to be used in your community.

By participating in  
The Lions of Illinois Foundation's  
Gift Card Campaign, you can earn money for your  
Foundation and your club without spending an extra penny.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

### CONTACT LIF TO OBTAIN YOUR ENROLLMENT CODE

Then Go to [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com)

- Click on "GET STARTED" in the upper right hand corner.
  - Click on "JOIN A PROGRAM" then **ENTER LIF ENROLLMENT CODE**
  - Create a user name & password, this can be whatever you want. *Make sure to write it down.*
  - **PLACE YOUR CLUB NAME IN THAT AREAS MARKED:** Classroom/Teacher or Student
  - Finish filling out your name, address and e-mail information AND CLICK "REGISTER"
  - The next page you will be signed into your account.
  - Shop & click on cards you want then submit your order online.
  - **Mail Your check to:**
- or Pay-Online with your  
Credit Card or with your  
Presto Pay Account

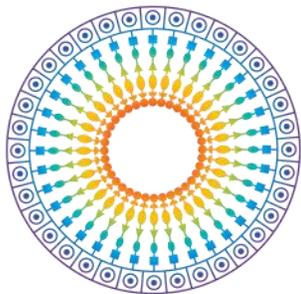
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**700 N Peace Road, Suite B**  
**DeKalb, IL 60115**

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**Jyllann Torres at 815-756-5633**



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**The Lions of Illinois Foundation will earn an additional 0.5% to  
use toward**  
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# Illinois Eye

## AND EAR INFIRMARY

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary is a global leader in providing eyecare, and routinely performs the field's most advanced and complex procedures such as femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgery, Boston Keratoprosthesis implantation, various microinvasive glaucoma surgeries, endolaser cyclophotocoagulation, corneal limbal stem cell transplantation, advanced care for dry eye and ocular graft versus host disease, and advanced intraocular lens fixation techniques. One area that truly exemplifies the Department's role as a local and global leader for serving those who are most in need is our Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service.



**Dr. Nathalie Azar, Director of the Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service**

Directed by Dr. Nathalie Azar, the Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service offers general pediatric eye care, including exams for newborns and children up to 18 years of age. The doctors in this service specialize in strabismus (eye alignment disorders) in children as well as in adults. The Department also provides other specialty clinics treating sight threatening children's eye disorders, including pediatric retinal disorders, pediatric glaucoma,

pediatric cataracts, and genetic, neurocutaneous, and neuro-ophthalmologic disorders. Along with three full-time and three part-time pediatric ophthalmologists, additional care providers include pediatric retina specialists, pediatric neuro-ophthalmology specialists, and certified orthoptists. This interdisciplinary team allows the Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service to provide the best care for even the most complex cases.



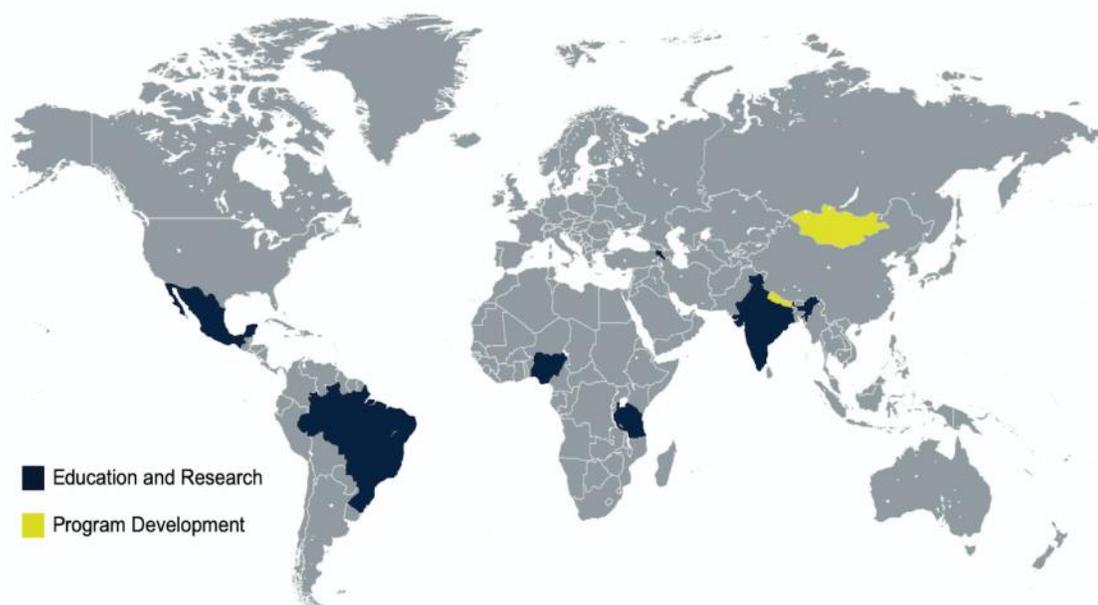
**Dr. M. Cem Mocan examines a pediatric ophthalmology patient.**

In addition to serving as a local referral center for pediatric ophthalmology, the UIC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences partners with the Chicago Bulls to offer free annual eye screening to underserved members of the community. This event provides invaluable eye care to many children and families who might otherwise not have access to it.



The UIC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is also deeply committed to treating and curing global pediatric eye conditions through clinical and educational outreach, innovative research, and advocacy. Our faculty has provided direct ophthalmological care, education, and research throughout the world: their work includes Zika Research in Recife, Brazil and programs in eight countries addressing retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) - one of the world's leading causes of infant blindness. The Department is a member of the International Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Council (IPOSC), the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), the World Association of Eye Hospitals (WAEH) and we partner with Orbis International, IPOSC, Helen Keller International, and the Foundation for Ophthalmological Care from the United States (FOCUS) to establish programs for children at risk of developing blindness from ROP.

The Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service at the UIC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences looks forward to continued commitment to all those in need.



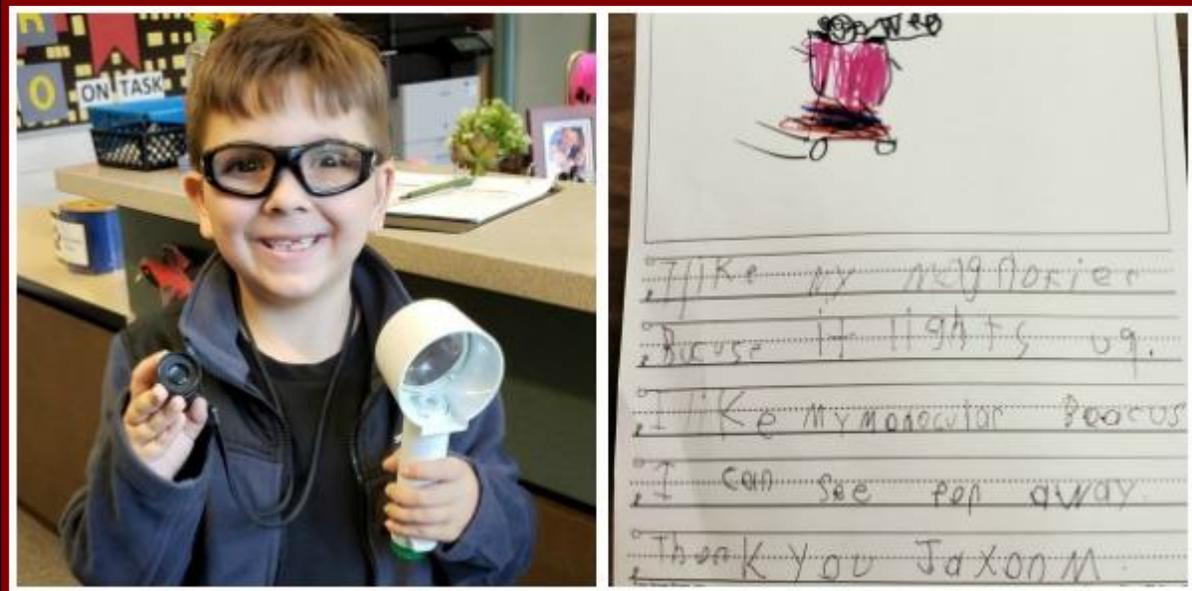
Map shows countries where the UIC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is involved in ROP research and care.



**“SEEING IS BELIEVING”  
Our STUDENT LOW VISION PROGRAM**



**Lions Clubs, we THANK YOU for your support!**



**THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF SIGHT**

“Often our students struggle to find an eye care professional who specializes in low vision, and families also sometimes struggle to understand their child’s ocular conditions and how they affect them in their day to day life. This clinic allows for the irreplaceable ongoing care they need.”



District	2020-21 Goals	2020-21 Actuals
1-A	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 4,664.72
1-BK	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 2,937.24
1-CN	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,600.50
1-CS	\$ 2,900.00	\$ -
1-D	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 2,945.00
1-F	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 3,728.40
1-G	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 5,915.00
1-H	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 603.00
1-J	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 6,510.00
1-M	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 112.01
Golf Classic	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -
Private Donations	\$ -	\$ 5,124.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 101,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,140.11</b>

District	2019-20 Goals	2019-20 Actuals
1-A	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 6,036.00
1-BK	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 3,010.00
1-CN	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,640.00
1-CS	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,360.00
1-D	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 1,770.00
1-F	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 6,160.00
1-G	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 3,332.50
1-H	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 1,920.00
1-J	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 9,015.00
1-M	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 716.00
Golf Classic	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,889.00
Private Donations	\$ -	\$ 16,304.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 101,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,153.10</b>



Thank you for making the Low Vision Clinic possible for us. I got to pick two new pairs of glasses out, one pair helps me see things far away and the other pair is for reading. The doctors explained what glasses I needed and what the glasses would do. That was helpful to me!

Thank you for helping!  
Kaitlyn W.

Thank you so much for allowing the students at ISVI to go to the Low Vision Clinic, it means a lot to us. I was able to get 2 new pairs of glasses and a monocular. The doctors told me about my eye conditions and if I had questions, they were willing to answer them. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Makayla R.



“On behalf of the students, their families, and the teachers who serve them, thank you all. These students and their families are beyond grateful for the services, glasses, and devices purchased through your generous donations.”



**In 1991 Lions made a pledge to the children of Illinois.**  
**We believe that no child needs to face blindness as their future.**  
*Please help to preserve that pledge with your donation.*

Enclosed is our check/money order to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ student(s) at a cost of \$290 each.

Included is the cost of a vision screen & any optical tools youth are recommended or prescribed by the optometrist.

Amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/or Individual Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address / Individual's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone number(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to: LIF**  
**We also accept credit cards, please call us.**

Submit form & donation to:  
**Lions of Illinois Foundation**  
700 N. Peace Road, Suite B  
DeKalb, IL 60115

Phone: 815-756-5633  
[Lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://Lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)  
[Facebook.com/LionsofIL](https://Facebook.com/LionsofIL)



**Remember we are not asking for a donation, we are asking for the opportunity to provide a student with low vision a chance to excel in school, in society, in job placement and in their future.**

**We can continue our mission to make a difference in the lives that we have pledged to serve.**

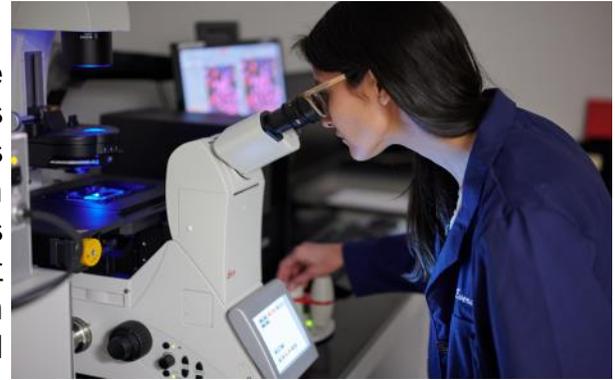
**Please join us with your donation today.**

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

Established in 1947, Eversight is a network of community-based eye banks that serves as the largest nonprofit provider of donated tissue for sight-restoring cornea transplants in the United States. We serve thousands of Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio, and Michigan residents who need sight-restoring corneal tissue for transplantation every year.



Since the founding of the eye bank, local Lions Clubs and individual supporters have been instrumental in Eversight's success. Lions Clubs support Eversight every step of the way, from recovering, evaluating and providing donated eye



tissue for transplantation and supporting donation education, to supporting research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions and providing humanitarian aid people around the world in need of corneal transplantation. In 2020, support from the Lions and other community partners allowed Eversight to work with 1,690 Illinois residents who gave the gift of sight as eye tissue donors and 1,269 Illinois residents to receive sight-restoring transplants, including patients who received charitable Gift of Sight support that either partially or fully offset the costs of surgery. None of this would be possible without the immense generosity shown to us by local Lions Clubs and their individual members. Thank you for all that you do!



Join Eversight for a Night for Sight on Sunday, August 15 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. This magical evening outdoors will take place at the beautiful Epiphany Farms Estate and vineyard, featuring expansive space to fully enjoy the event.

All ticket proceeds benefit Eversight's Dr. John E. Randolph Memorial Fund, established in 2007 to provide financial assistance for Bloomington-Normal area patients unable to afford sight-restoring transplants. The late Dr. Randolph was a Bloomington cornea surgeon and medical director of the former BroMenn-Watson Gailey Eye-Bank, founded by national recognized ophthalmologist Dr. Watson Gailey in 1952.

Since it was established in 2011, Night for Sight has raised awareness and hundreds of thousands of dollars for sight-restoring transplantation in the Bloomington-Normal community. After a three-year event hiatus, we are excited to host Night for Sight again in 2021!

In June 2021, the Wheaton Lions Charities, Inc. awarded Eversight a generous grant in the amount of \$3,000 for continued operations in Illinois, where Eversight is a State Project. Including this gift, the Wheaton Lions have invested more than \$20,000 in philanthropic support to Eversight over the years.

Lions International has strong roots in Illinois, being founded in Chicago in 1917. The Wheaton Lions Club was established not long after in 1923. As strong advocates for restoring the gift of sight, Lions Clubs have supported Eversight at over \$140,000 annually.

The Wheaton Lions presented their check to Eversight during a luncheon on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 at Memorial Park in Wheaton. We are forever grateful for the support the Knights for the Blind continue to show Eversight to achieve our mutual mission to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.



# Social Services

Your Lions of Illinois Foundation has FREE vision readers for use through your local Lions Club?

*Please note, all items must be requested through your local Lions Club and will only be available for pick-up once your request has been confirmed.*



If you have any questions, or want to reserve a reader, please reach out to Denise Domanico 815-756-5633 x222 [ddomanico@lifnd.org](mailto:ddomanico@lifnd.org)

# Recycling

Collection boxes are available from the Lions of Illinois Foundation by calling 815-756-5633.

**IMPORTANT: Please add club contact information to the box so you can be reached when the container is full.**

Full boxes can then be emptied and recyclables can be given to District Trustee. Donated eyewear are readied and shipped to third-world missions. Hearing aids are sent to our Hearing Aid Bank.



Collection boxes are available in multiple sizes.

**PLEASE PRE-SORT EYEGASSES SEPERATING PLASTIC FROM**



**LIF DOES NOT RECYCLE EYEGLASS CASES.**  
As we receive eyeglasses from all over Illinois, the LIF and our local Good Will or Salvation Army are not able to accommodate the hundreds of pounds of eyeglass cases we receive quarterly.  
**PLEASE REMOVE THEM FROM YOUR RECYCLING WHEN YOU ARE ABLE**



**RECYCLING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE M-F 10AM-3PM  
YOU CAN ALSO DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS ON THE SKID  
LOCATED AT THE BACK OF OUR OFFICE AT ANYTIME**



# GREAT JOB KYLE!

Past Camper and Camp Counselor Kyle Schulze  
 Competed in his 5th season of American Ninja Warrior  
**CONGRATULATIONS** on making it to the Semi-Finals!

## Camp Lions Donations

<i>District</i>	<i>2020-21 Goals</i>		<i>2020-21 Actuals</i>	
1-A	\$	21,900.00	\$	4,075.00
1-BK	\$	32,700.00	\$	5,250.00
1-CN	\$	13,200.00	\$	14,315.79
1-CS	\$	8,200.00	\$	1,330.00
1-D	\$	22,200.00	\$	4,175.00
1-F	\$	46,000.00	\$	4,780.00
1-G	\$	15,700.00	\$	8,225.00
1-H	\$	15,700.00	\$	3,775.92
1-J	\$	48,700.00	\$	25,800.00
1-M	\$	21,700.00	\$	6,375.00
2019 Carryover	\$	-	\$	58,000.00
Private Donations	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,315.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$	<b>250,000.00</b>	\$	<b>139,416.71</b>

\*Camp Lions year ends 8/31/2021.



# **CAMP LIONS TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE 2022 CAMP SEASON!**

**July 3rd - July 9th**

~Helen Keller Week at Camp Reynoldswood~  
*621 Reynoldswood Rd. Dixon, IL*

**July 10th - July 16th**

~Youth Week at Camp Reynoldswood~  
*621 Reynoldswood Road, Dixon, IL*

**July 24th - July 30th**

~HoH/Deaf Week at East Bay Camp~  
*24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL*

**July 31st - August 6th**

~LV/Blind Youth Week at East Bay Camp~  
*24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL*

**August 7th - August 13th**

~Youth Week at Dubois Center~  
*2651 Quarry Road, Dubois, IL*

***(Please note our NEW CAMP - DuBois Center)***



# Adopt-A-Camper

Children and adults who are deaf/hard of hearing, or blind/partially sighted, share in the fun of swimming, boating, nature walks, archery, crafts, music, campfires, and more fun camp activities with friends at Camp Lions. One thing has never changed at Camp Lions is the idea of providing a safe, positive place for youth and adults to enjoy summer camp with their peers. This philosophy has given thousands of campers a chance to grow self-confidence in a fun, sports & nature program.

## Please Adopt a Camper to attend Camp Lions this Summer!

By adopting a camper you insure that all deserving children and adults can experience what Camp Lions can offer them.

Your Lions of Illinois Foundation is asking every Lion, Lioness, and Leo Club to help by “adopting” at least one camper to attend Camp Lions with a **Donation of \$525 or more.**

These donations will help to defer some of the total costs associated with our Camp Lions program including lodging, food, and qualified staff, including a nurse, to care for and inspire the attending campers.

A Thank You note with a picture of your camper, will be sent to your club along with our gratitude.

*If you have a specific camper you would like to adopt please include their name below.*

Make a donation online to the Lions of Illinois Foundation programs

at: [www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)

### Mail Form To:

Lions of Illinois Foundation  
 Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper  
 700 N Peace Road, Suite B  
 DeKalb, IL 60115

OR E-mail Form to [camplions@lifnd.org](mailto:camplions@lifnd.org)



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## Camp Lions Adopt-a Camper

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Camper (s) to Camp Lions Summer Camps

Club Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Name (not required) \_\_\_\_\_

For Credit Card Donations please visit our website or contact accounting at 815-756-5633 x351

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





## Lion Pam Graney, PCC 2021-2022 Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President

My name is Lion Pam Graney, PCC, and I am honored to be your LIEF President this year. Thank you for your confidence in me to lead this organization into the next Lions year with loyalty and growth. I am looking forward to working with my team of Executive Officers and all the LIF Trustees. I am eager to assist Executive Director Lion Trish Fisher and her staff, in an effort to keep things running smoothly. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and/or concerns at any time.

Together we can reach our goals...

**Fiscal Period**  
7/1/20 - 6/30/21

**2020-21 Tributes, Foundation Fellows, Sustaining Supporters**

<i>District</i>	<i>2020-21 Tributes</i>	<i>2020-21 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2020-21 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 125.00
1-BK	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,149.25	\$ 945.00
1-CN	\$ 675.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,175.00
1-CS	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 310.00
1-D	\$ 935.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 760.00
1-F	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 3,475.00	\$ 2,155.00
1-G	\$ 220.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 525.00
1-H	\$ 1,295.00	\$ -	\$ 1,230.00
1-J	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 1,225.00
1-M	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,425.00
Private Donations	\$ 9,743.54	\$ 9,745.38	\$ 3,070.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,981.54</b>	<b>\$ 33,319.63</b>	<b>\$ 12,945.00</b>

<i>District</i>	<i>2019-20 Tributes</i>	<i>2019-20 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2019-20 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 875.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
1-BK	\$ 3,107.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,205.00
1-CN	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,320.00
1-CS	\$ 745.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 550.00
1-D	\$ 1,492.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,060.00
1-F	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 2,315.00
1-G	\$ 835.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 800.00
1-H	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 6,570.20	\$ 980.00
1-J	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,450.00
1-M	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,465.00
Private Donations	\$ 18,774.00	\$ 13,001.32	\$ 175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,278.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,931.52</b>	<b>\$ 12,520.00</b>

**Your Endowment Fund is at 14 Million**

# MAY TO JUNE 2021 TRIBUTE DONATIONS

## MEMORIALS

### Ralph Koller

- Tinley Park Lions Club
- Robert and Susan Sudbury
- Bridgeview Lions Club
- Westchester Lions Club
- John Chisum

### Millie Koller

- Westchester Lions Club
- Bridgeview Lions Club
- John Chisum

### Mary Nuss

- Russ and Sue Sarver

### Robert Pokela

- Grayslake Lions Club

### Tom Dolan

- Russ and Sue Sarver

### Karen Robey

- Dick and Barb Bark
- Ottawa Lions Club

### Jim Frantzen

- Sandwich Lions Club
- Robert Jones
- Ron and Ann Wigton

### Gayle Woodman

- Golden Lions Club

### Kathy Atwood

- Braidwood Lions Club

### James Kiefer

- Evanston Sunrise Lions Club

### Robert Allen

- Huntley Area Lions Club

### Robert Parker

- Russ and Sue Sarver

### Rose M. Schure

- Morris Lions Club

### Chris "Beluga" Luttrell

- Charlie Siefert
- Steve and Gail Anton
- Dick and Barb Bark
- Dean and Nila Hemming
- Paris Lions Club
- Wilmington Lions Club
- Braidwood Lions Club
- Thornton Lions Club
- Hampshire Lions Club

### PDG Bob Butterworth

- Dick and Barb Bark
- Ron and Lucy Chamberlain
- Dean and Nila Hemming
- Grayslake Lions Club
- Richard and Marilyn Walters
- Steve and Kathy Ferguson
- Mary Truitt
- Rankin Lions Club
- Rick and Rose Tonozzi
- Paris Lions Club
- Carl and Linda Hall
- Ronald Stickler

### Dennis Sandblom

- Algonquin Lions Club

### Dave Gillespie

- Morris Lions Club

### Dorothy Gerez

- Mike and Carol Smigielski
- Willow Springs Lions Club

### Ralph Darling

- Andy and Rhonda Toth
- Richard and Marilyn Walters

### Nell K. Franz

- Ronald and Myrna Harschfeld

### Brain James Appleby

- Hinckley Lions Club

### Wiley Updike

- Sandwich Lions Club

### Keith Wienstroer

- Bill Boeschen

### Dean Moore

- LaHarpe Lions Club

### Tommy Sedgwick

- Dallas City Lions Club

### Frank Pilancic

- Ottawa Lions Club

### Francis "Snap" Hornung

- Bartonville Lions Club

### John Elia

- Itasca Lions Club

### Jim McCarter

- Richard and Sandy Gordon

### Dr. Josef Unhold

- Wyoming Lions Club

### Eric Goldmann

- Craig Slaw

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- Richard and Marilyn Walters

### Roger Sarver

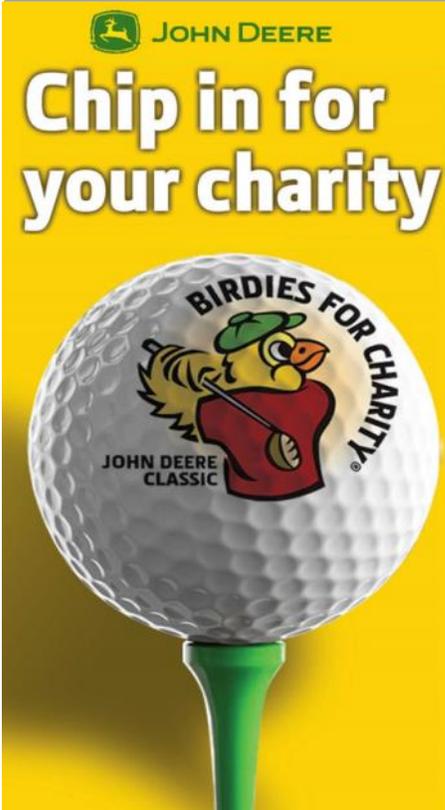
- Terry and Cathy Eberle

### IN HONOR OF

### Bob Smith

- Chapin Lions Club





## **What is John Deere Birdies for Charity?**

Since 1971 the **John Deere Classic** has delivered over \$133 million to regional **charities**, most of it through its innovative **Birdies for Charity** program... Pledges and payments without **charity** designation and donor detail will be applied to the **Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund** benefiting all participating organizations.



With Birdies for Charity, 100% of your pledged funds go to your 501(c)3 organization. Our amazing sponsor, John Deere, covers all administrative fees related to the program. In addition to that, the John Deere Classic, a 501(c)3 ourselves, works hard on and off the course to make the program a success as well by **PROMISING A 5% BONUS** for each participating charity! We always try to do more than the promised 5% and have provided up to as much as

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

- **ONLY FLAT DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, THEY WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING PER BIRDIE PLEDGES (aka PENNY PLEDGES)**
- **John Deere will NO LONGER be distributing pledge forms**

### **HOW DO THESE CHANGES AFFECT YOU?**

- You will either need to print a form from our website or we can send you one, this only needs to be done if you are making a flat donation.
- If you are intending on sending in monies directly to John Deere, you will need to send your check with your form.
  - Please remember to mark the form with our code

Charity: **LIEF** Bird Number: **134**



## Please Continue to Donate to our Endowment Fund Through:

Sustaining Supporters, Foundation Fellows, Tributes, Legacies,  
and through our Birdies for Charity.

### Bonuses Received through the Birdies for Charity Program.

- ◆ 2018 8.2%
- ◆ 2019 7.5%
- ◆ 2020 5%
- ◆ 2021 (announcing on October 31st)

### Year End - Tributes, Foundation Fellows, Sustaining Supporters by District

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~1,905 birdies were scored in this years John Deere Classic~