

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund 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 Fund 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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Questions?

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**Lions of Illinois
Endowment Fund**

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

100%

Sustaining Supporter

Club

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What is the 100% Sustaining Supporter Program?

The 100% Sustaining Supporter Club program is a method of giving in which a club can recognize a club member with a donation on an annual basis to help support the many programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation. With the annual contribution of \$25 (less than 7¢ per day) through the Sustaining Supporter Campaign, a club is able to demonstrate a commitment to the Lions of Illinois Foundation and to its vision of creating a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to people with vision and hearing needs.

How Does a Club Become a 100% Sustaining Supporter Club?

When a club donates \$25 per member to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. The club will then be recognized as a 100% Sustaining Supporter Club, and each club member will be recognized as a Sustaining Supporter.

What Do the Club and Member Receive?

For an initial donation, a club will receive a patch and chevron for their banner. Each year following, a club will receive a chevron for their banner for the year they made the donation.

A club member will receive a pin for the initial donation and for each following donation, the member will receive a tab every five years to be attached to their pin.

How are Funds Used?

Contributions are pooled and invested in the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund – a restricted trust of which the principal remains intact. Only the income from the Endowment Fund can be used to support Lions of Illinois Foundation programs and services for the visually and hearing impaired. The Endowment Fund provides contributors with an opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving.

Are contributions tax-deductible?

Yes! Contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Can Contributions Be Applied Toward a Foundation Fellow?

Yes! Sustaining Supporter contributions are completely convertible to Foundation Fellows when the Sustaining Supporter meets Level 21. For more information, contact the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

100% Sustaining Supporter Club

application and renewal

Please return and make checks payable to Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Club Officer_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

District_____Club_____

Contact Information for Shipping (if different from above)_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

Club_____

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.