



# Lions Share

Serving People With Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

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## Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 4th - 7th, 2022 - Sweepstakes Tickets Mailed
- Jan 3rd - Feb 10th, 2022 - Virtual Winter Car Show
- Feb 19th, 2022 - Board Meeting/Zoom Format
- March 1st - May 31st, 2022 - Diabetes Awareness
- March 7th & 8th, 2022 - Jacksonville SLV Clinic
- September 23, 2022 - Knight's Quest Gala Presents: Ready. Set. Vegas!



# Letter From Executive Director

## Lions of Illinois Foundation

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



### **Memo: Mobile Screening Unit Program**

To: Our Lions Clubs throughout Illinois

Greetings from your Lions of Illinois Foundation Office. It is important to note that even though our mobile units have been off the road, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, your Programs Committee, Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) and the newly formed Mobile Unit Ad-Hoc Committee have been working diligently throughout to insure that our Mobile Screening Unit Program remains viable and sustainable for years to come.

First, Our Mobile Screening Unit Program is one of our core programs and will be back on the road as soon as the current pandemic conditions/CDC guidelines permit. Hosting forms and current information concerning the mobile unit will be mailed to your club secretaries in January of 2022. We will begin receiving on-line registration January 10th.

Second, The LIF Board of Trustees voted to retire the two older 37' Hearing Units and currently have them for sale. Both Units were at the point where the repairs needed, age of the units, miles and safety concerns warranted the decision to remove them from service.

The goal of the LRP and Programs Committees has always been to create a "Combo or Multiuse Unit" where both vision and hearing screenings can occur out of the same unit. With the remaining unit, the programs committee and unit techs have been testing several scenarios to accomplish this goal. The remaining 27' mobile unit will be on the road in 2022, pandemic/CDC guidelines permitting, as a "Multiuse Unit".

Third, at the November 6th board meeting the Programs and LRP Committees brought forth three action items which were unanimously approved by the board of trustees: **To purchase a multiuse mobile unit for vision and hearing mobile screenings. To maintain two multiuse units on the road from March through October and to replace a multiuse unit every 4-6 years as wear and mileage dictates.**

LIF understands the need to have a Mobile Multiuse Vision and Hearing Screening Program, with the future goal of having two units on the road; focusing on joining existing Annual Health Fairs and creating new Annual Health Fairs, to provide a yearly destination that our current public can attend to receive vision and hearing screenings.

Macular Degeneration has increased 50% twice, over 20 years, Diabetic Retinopathy has increased over 50% in the past 20 years and glaucoma 20% over 20 years and by year 2050 it is projected that 2.5 billion people will have some degree of hearing loss.

This is why it is important to be able to maintain these units and keep them road worthy and up to date. There have been several clubs who have already voiced interest in assisting with the purchase of the new unit and LIF will be looking into grant opportunities as well.

Lastly, there will also be an opportunity for clubs to assist with the ongoing costs of operating the Mobile Screening Unit Program. Some simple ways to assist would be to add a line item for “Mobile Screening Unit Program” to your annual budget, pick-up the costs for meals and/or lodging for the mobile unit tech when they are in your district or to simply purchase gas cards from our LIF Gift Card Program to fill a tank, are all ways your club can assist.

We will be sending additional information out to your club secretaries.

**Review of Information:**

- At this time LIF has one multiuse unit that, as the pandemic/CDC guidelines permit, will be out on the road in 2022, with the focus being on Health Fairs.
- The LIF Mobile Unit Ad-Hoc Committee is currently collecting information and pricing for the purchase of a new multiuse unit.
- The Board of Trustees approved the motion to maintain two multiuse units on the road from March through October and to replace a multiuse unit every 4-6 years as wear and mileage dictates.
- Ways your club can assist with the ongoing operating costs of the program.

Sincerely,  
*Trish Fisher*  
Executive Director

# Sight & Sound Sweepstakes

## Sweepstakes

26 cash prizes totaling \$20,750 given from the campaign! One \$5,000 grand prize, Five \$1,000 prizes, Ten \$500 prizes, and Ten \$250 prizes.

Individual sellers can win a Foundation Fellow as a prize if they are the top seller! [Click here](#) to see the form.

[\(Click for "How to Manual"\)](#)



## Early Bird Raffle

Turn in tickets early in February, March, and April to be entered into early bird sweepstakes! \$250 goes to the Club and \$250 goes to the seller. \$1,500 total in additional prize money rewarded!



[\(Click here for More Info\)](#)

<i>District</i>		<i>Amount</i>
1-A	\$	25,657.20
1-BK	\$	32,178.78
1-CN	\$	22,948.10
1-CS	\$	11,630.48
1-D	\$	19,221.55
1-F	\$	15,186.57
1-G	\$	18,500.64
1-H	\$	9,821.11
1-J	\$	69,242.64
1-M	\$	16,733.51
Private Donations	\$	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>243,120.58</b>

## Candy Day Reports

Thank you Lions for your hard work on candy day! Due to your efforts we have raised a total of \$243,120.58 for those with vision and hearing needs!

### [Recycling Reports](#)

- Recycling can be dropped off at our location 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri
- Please fill out recycling form to be included in the report, if something needs correcting, contact Max at [mkruse@lifnd.org](mailto:mkruse@lifnd.org)

# Camp Lions

Camp Lions is a free camp that includes outdoor activities such as canoeing and fishing. It provides opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends!

Youth Camp Schedule | [\(Click Here\)](#)  
Adult Camp Schedule | [\(Click Here\)](#)

Camp Registration - Will open on February 1st, 2022 | [\(Click Here\)](#)

[Donate Online Here](#)

**Sign Up For Treat Night** | [\(Click Here\)](#)  
Clubs can sign up to bring treats to Camp Lion campers! Registration is on our website!



## Camp Dates:

June 26 - July 2 – Helen Keller Camp @ Reynoldswood

July 3 - 9 – Youth Camp @ Reynoldswood

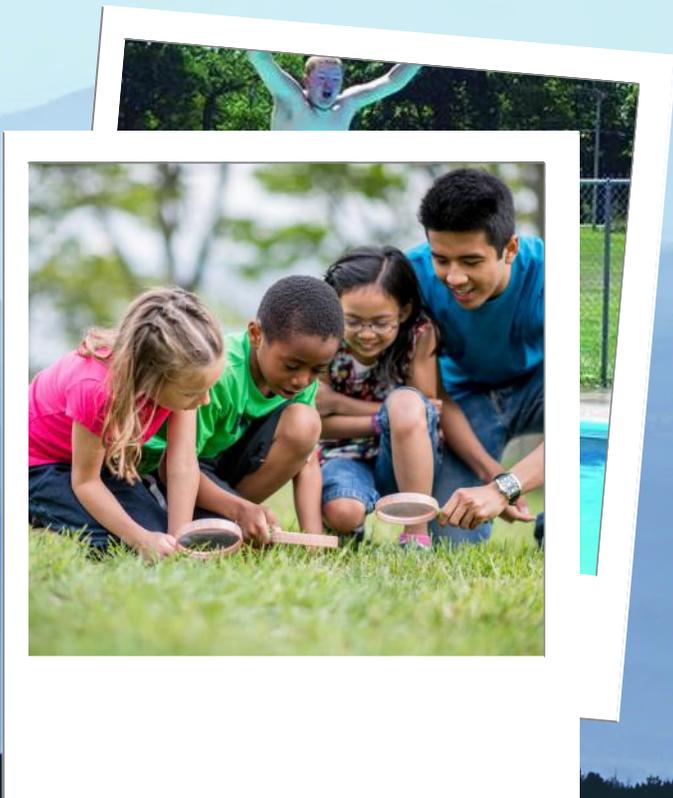
July 17 - 23 – HoH/Deaf Week @ East Bay

July 24 - 30 – LV/Blind Week @ East Bay

July 31 - August 6 – Youth Camp Week @ Camp DuBois

See next page to adopt a camper!

With your help a child or adult with a visual or hearing need can be sent to Camp Lions. Here they can make friends with peers and experience various fun activities that are inclusive. Please consider adopting a camper to provide them with an unforgettable experience!





# 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Eversight



[Click on the photo to read about Vanessa's story.](#)

To read about how Eversight and the Lions of Illinois Foundation work together, click the link below:

[\(Click Here\)](#)



## LIF 2nd Annual Virtual Winter Car Show

[Click Here For Facebook Page](#)

The virtual car show is happening now thru Feb 10th. Judging is done by likes and will be finalized the week of Feb 14th!



## LIERI

The Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute, located in Chicago, IL, works to find the cause of major eye diseases. To read more about what this institute does, visit their website and yearly report below:

[LIERI Website](#) | [LIERI Yearly Report](#)



LIERI, located at 1905 West Taylor Street

## Student Low Vision



Donate to help a child in need preserve their vision

[Why Student Low Vision?](#)

[Donate Online Here](#)



## Dear Lions Members & Friends,

The Lions of Illinois Foundation partners with Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, the Illinois College of Optometry, and the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind to provide a FREE comprehensive visual

evaluation to Illinois students in grades K-12.

Students are referred by special education staff employed by the Illinois Board of Education. The exams are performed by licensed optometrists that travel to the different screening locations throughout the state.

### Other components of the program include:

- Referring parents to vocational counseling*
- Braille reading instruction*
- Orientation and mobility training for child*
- Adaptive technology training*

The LIF “**Seeing is Believing**” Low Vision Program for Students provides a visually impaired child with the optical tools and training necessary to help prevent further vision loss or even blindness. But more importantly, these are the children we have promised to help by preserving what sight they have left. Their future is in our hands.



**Seeing is Believing Mascot, EL-Vee**



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/LIFnd](https://Facebook.com/LIFnd)



Remember we are not just 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

ON NOVEMBER 6TH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED TO OFFER,  
THE LIONS CLUBS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS,



**SUGAR-FREE SUCKERS  
AT NO COST FOR**



**THE 2022 DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

**March 1st-May 31st**

The Goal is to Revitalize the Campaign and to Increase the Awareness and Importance of Prevention and Early Detection of Diabetes.

FREE 1/2 CASE TO-FULL CASE SIZE of Sugar-Free Suckers available while supplies last.

Club Responsible for any Shipping Costs of Candy

**PLEASE NOTE: CANDY WILL ONLY BE HELD/RESERVED FOR 10 DAYS, AFTER 10 DAYS CANDY WILL BE RETURNED TO OUR OPEN STOCK FOR OTHER CLUBS TO UTILIZE.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, our Club \_\_\_\_\_ is **unable** to participate but enclosed is our contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to The Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign

**Please make checks payable to: Lions of Illinois Foundation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, our Club \_\_\_\_\_ of District \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_

will participate in Diabetes Awareness Activities on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(For PO Box Address, include street address for UPS/Fed Ex Shipping)

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Area Code

Cell Number

Area Code

Residence or Business Number

## **MATERIALS ORDER FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE**

**(Supplies will ship two weeks before the date listed above)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Case (525 Sugar Free Suckers) \_\_\_\_\_ Full Case (1,050 Sugar Free Suckers)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jug labels \_\_\_\_\_ Risk strips needed (100 per package)

**Please complete form & mail, email or fax to**

**Lions of Illinois Foundation**

**700 N Peace Rd, Suite B, DeKalb, Illinois 60115**

**E-FAX: 815-862-2072 Max Kruse at [Mkruse@lifnd.org](mailto:Mkruse@lifnd.org)**

If you should have questions or need to order materials

**(815) 756-5633 x 223 – TELEPHONE | 815-862-2072 – E-FAX | [Mkruse@lifnd.org](mailto:Mkruse@lifnd.org) - EMAIL**

# A Knight's Quest Gala Presents: Ready. Set. Vegas!



Location: Westin Chicago  
Northwest, Itasca, IL  
Date: Friday, September 23rd  
Cocktails start at 6-7pm  
More details coming soon!



amazon**smile**

The Lions of Illinois Foundation was issued **\$71.53**  
from the AmazonSmile Foundation from the period  
of **July 1st - September 30th.**

Don't forget to keep using AmazonSmile to earn  
money for LIF!

# Nov-Dec 2021 Tribute Donations

## Memorials

### **Bouzos, George Jr.**

· Dundee Township Lions Club

### **Broderick, Thomas E.**

· Mark Turk

### **Chellios, Rosemary**

· John Pajkos  
· Joe and Anne Vinyard  
· Braidwood Lions Club  
· Mark Turk  
· Dick and Barb bark  
· Steve and Gail Anton  
· District 1-BK Lions

### **Clemente, Peter**

· Dundee Township Lions Club

### **Crouch, Richard**

· St. Jacob Lions Club

### **Dolan, Jerome**

· West Chicago Lions Club

### **Egbert, Leslie G.**

· Frankfort Lions Club

### **Eichholz, Eric**

· Roselle Lions Club

### **Finch, Charles**

· Hampshire Lions Club

### **Grande, Carol**

· Durand Lions Club

### **Harbaugh, James**

· Paul and Pauline Kunkel  
· Hume Lions Club  
· Leann Brackney  
· Dick and Barb Bark  
· Curtis Orr  
· Steve and Kathy Ferguson  
· Glenn Long  
· Carl and Linda Hall

### **Hayden, Marge**

· Ellen Givens  
· Al Gort

### **Jachim, Marlene**

· District 1-A PDG Club  
· Jerry Novak

### **Kaganich, Louise**

· Highland Lions Club

### **Luttrell, Chris**

· Lemont Lions Club

### **Lyman, Cullen**

· Robert and Linda Jilke, Sr.  
· Roselle Lions Club

### **Matteson, Glenn**

· Russ and Sue Sarver

### **Melvin, Andrew**

· Edward Melvin

### **Meyer, Charles**

· Dick and Barb Bark  
· Steve and Kelly Boettger  
· District 1-H Lions  
· Carolyn and Russell Godby  
· Dave Pearson  
· Robert and Susan Adams  
· Richard and Sandy Gordon  
· Rick and Rose Tonozzi  
· Jerry and Mary Beasley  
· John Allsworth

### **Ohler, Larry**

· Jerry Novak

### **Pate, Troy**

· Jack Stultz

### **Phillips, Larry**

· Sandwich Lions Club  
· Kathryn Phillips

### **Ranger, Karen**

· Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club

### **Stanley, Jean**

· Pat and Michelle Gallagher

### **Stickler, Ronald**

· Fred and Sharon Peska

### **Weijma, Titus**

· Cheryl Warshaw

