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Lions Share

Serving the Visually and Hearing Impaired

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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NEW Hours of Operation

New Hours of operation came into effect on December 1st, 2022. Lions of Illinois Foundation office hours have been changed from 9am-5pm to **8am-4pm**

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays

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Trish Fisher, Executive Director

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Mark Your Calendars

January 2023 Sight and Sound Tickets Mailed to Club Secretaries

January 1-February 14, 2023 - LIF Winter Car show upload your pictures to Facebook

January 15 - Mobile Screening Unit Calendar Opens- March 1st through October 31st 2023

January 15 - Camp Lions Registration Opens

February 18 - LIF/LIEF Board of Trustees Meeting-Holiday Inn East Peoria

February 24-25 - District 1-F Convention

March 1st - Diabetes Awareness Campaign begins

March 3-4 - District 1-G Convention



Lions,

We were informed that Amazon has made plans to wind down their AmazonSmile program by February 20, 2023.

We would like to thank you for all your support in this program to contribute funds towards our hearing and vision programs. You truly are making a difference!

Thank you!

LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director



January 16, 2022

Happy New Year Lions!

2022 has come to a close. Thank you to all of the Lions, Lions families, and friends who have dedicated their time and talents serving those who are in need throughout the year. Here are some updates on how your Lions of Illinois Foundation is helping Lions serve your communities through our vision and hearing programs and services throughout Illinois in 2023.

Our **New Mobile Unit** Chassee has hit the ground and production is underway. Our mobile unit online hosting registration is open to all Clubs. Thank you once again to all of the Lions Clubs and Individuals who have contributed to the matching grant we received from LCIF. We will keep you informed with updates in the next month's edition of the Lions Share.

We are excited to announce that **Camp Lions** Youth week will be returning to the Ingleside location at Camp Red Leaf Village. (This camp was formally known as Henry Horner Camp.) A list of 2023 Camp dates are in this issue. Camp treat night and open house schedules will be mailed to your Club secretaries soon.

Since 1976, our **Student Low-Vision program** has been serving students throughout Illinois and we will continue to serve these children with FREE comprehensive screenings and devices. The 2023 spring school session has begun and students have been scheduled to be evaluated by our Low Vision partners, Spectrios, and The Chicago Lighthouse. The Jacksonville Clinic has scheduled their Spring Session for March 20th and 21st. Thank you for your continued support for this life changing program.

The **Adult Low Vision**/Orientation and Mobility program is assisting adults throughout Illinois with our annual grant to each of our participating partners.

LIF is again heading to the State Fair for **Children "Hand Held" Vision Screenings**. We have always had our Mobile Screening Unit at this event, but last year we added children's vision screenings to this event. Lion Terry Knollenberg, along with many volunteers, worked over a four day period and screened over 300 children, with 11% referred, at the "Kids Korner" building.

We continue to make a difference in the lives of the children and adults we serve, as evidenced by the letter on the following page, which was received as a hand written letter to Lion Barbara Taylor by a very grateful mother. Lion Barbara then so kindly shared it with me and in turn I am sharing it with all of you.

Thank you for all that you do to serve people in need, in your communities, and throughout Illinois. I'm looking forward to serving with you this year.

Trish Fisher

Lion Trish Fisher
Executive Director

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



Congrats to our partner, Eversight, on their 75th Anniversary! Your contributions have allowed Eversight to serve hundreds of thousands of donor families and individuals living with visual impairments over the years.



Children's Vision Screenings Spotlight letter

Welch Allyn SPOT Camera



Plusoptix S12 Camera



Dear Lions Club,

My 4yr. old son is in preschool in Waterloo, IL. You recently did a vision screening at his school and to our surprise he failed his screening. We took him to see an ophthalmologist and found out that he is a +7 in one eye and a +7.25 in another eye. We were so shocked because he showed no signs of having any issues with his vision besides having wiggly handwriting. We thought the handwriting was wiggly because it was his first year in preschool and that he was learning how to hold a pencil, etc. He never complained of headaches, no excessive eye rubbing was noted, and he was never seen squinting to see. The doctor said it was remarkable that he was able to function like he currently was with this impairment. Without your service to this community and this screening he wouldn't have had his first vision test until kindergarten. You have given us something to truly be thankful for during this Thanksgiving Season. He's rockin' his new pair of glasses!

To learn more about the Children's Vision Screening visit

lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/brochures/



Lions of Illinois foundation is now using Mailchimp!

Please read the following information to ensure you are receiving all of your chain emails, like our Lions Share through Mailchimp.

Hello Lions! You may have seen emails from LIF sent through Mailchimp. This is an email service that can handle large amounts of contacts and files.



We are moving to Mailchimp for newsletters, mailers, etc. Here are some tips if you are not seeing these emails in your inbox:



Add the email
lifoffice@lifnd.org to your contact
list or address book



Check your spam/junk
mail settings



The Lions of Illinois Foundation presents
**3rd Annual Virtual
Winter Car Show**

January 3rd - February 10th
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

DIG

out a photo of your Car,
Truck, Motorcycle, or
Tractor

DONATE

any amount to LIF
Vision Services

POST

your picture to the LIF
Car Show Page w/
Make, Model, and Year

Winners decided by Facebook
Likes and are announced the
week of Feb 14th!

**Additional information
awards given to...**

First and Second Place
from-Illinois

First and Second Place
from-out of state



**Please Like
and Follow us
on Facebook!**

www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

For questions contact us at LIFoffice@lifnd.org or call (815) 756-5633

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

2023 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes have been mailed to your club secretaries.
Our goal is to sell 9,000 booklets, last year we sold just over 7,000

Early Bird Drawing Dates for 2023:

March 1, 2023

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

Don't Forget our Early Bird Drawing Dates for 2023



Approach your local businesses, family, friends and co-workers to see if they would like to purchase a booklet of tickets for just \$10 for a chance to win **\$5,000!**

Contact Dianne Ortega at dortega@lifnd.org or call 815-756-5633 x250 if you need additional booklets to sell or need any additional information.



**Now a Year Round
Fundraiser earning 30%
back to your clubs**

LIF Webstore

Free Shipping on any Purchase over
\$30 or \$5 to ship within the U.S.

**A percentage of all sales helps fund Vision and Hearing
Programs and Services for Students and Adults**

Visit lif.terrilynn.com

Camp Lions Summer Camp



JUNE 25th-JULY 1st

Youth Week

Red Leaf Village Camp

26710 W Nippersink Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041

JULY 2nd-JULY 8th

Helen Keller Week

Red Leaf Village Camp

26710 W. Nippersink Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041

JULY 16th-JULY 22nd

HoH/Deaf Week

East Bay Camp

24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL

JULY 23rd-JULY 29th

LV/Blind Week

East Bay Camp

24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL

JULY 30th-AUGUST 5th

Youth Week

Camp Dubois Center

2651 Quarry Road, DuBois, IL

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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

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



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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 _____



Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes Awareness begins March 1st to May 31st

Did you know...



The number of people with Macular Degeneration is expected to double in the next 10 years.



Glaucoma is expected to increase by 20%



Diabetic Retinopathy is the fastest-growing cause of vision loss in the US.

To learn more - Diabetes Risk Awareness Brochure

Mobile Unit Screenings scheduling opens January 15th, 2023
go to our website calendar to view available dates.

Host Forms and additional information are available [online](#)

WHY SPONSOR A HEALTH FAIR?

In today's busy world, people too often disregard the signs and symptoms of an illness or health issue before it becomes a major problem. Sponsoring a Health Fair and making it easy for your local residents to gain information through screenings advisors and education will help them to live longer, healthier lives. It will also provide your Lions Club with valuable, inexpensive, or free exposure in your community and allow smaller clubs to combine efforts into one large annual event.

ESTABLISH OBJECTIVES

Objectives should include the number of participants expected. Should you limit advertising and publicizing of the event to your local community or should you offer it to a wider area? Can you anticipate how many visitors will take part in each activity? How many exhibit booths can you comfortably provide?

THEMES

When it comes to health care, there are many avenues from which to choose a theme. There are months such as **Diabetes Awareness, Healthy Vision Month, National Public Health week, World Health Day, Every Kid Healthy Week, Cataract Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness** etc. Should the Fair be aimed at all ages or should it be earmarked for the aged, needy, young parents etc. Please go to lionsofillinoisfoundation.org "forms tab" to download "A GUIDE TO CREATING A HEALTH FAIR IN YOUR COMMUNITY" in its entirety

Remember a Health Fair can begin with three or more vendors...one being the Lions of Illinois Foundation Mobile Screening Unit. You can establish an annual event and grow your Community Health Fair each year to include more vendors.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

THE 2023 DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.



**SUGAR FREE SUCKERS
AT NO COST TO YOU**



March 1st-May 31st

FREE -FULL or 1/2 CASE SIZE of Sugar-Free Suckers available while supplies last.
Club Responsible for any Shipping Costs of Candy

_____ **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 _____

() _____ () _____

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)

_____ Full Case (1,050 Sugar Free Suckers) _____ 1/2 Case (525 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: 815-758-8157 Dianne Ortega at DOrtega@lifnd.org

If you should have questions or need to order materials
(815) 756-5633 x 250 – TELEPHONE | 815-758-8157– E-FAX | DOrtega@lifnd.org - EMAIL



SEEING IS BELIEVING

ABOUT

Seeing Is Believing, an in-school outreach program, designed to help K-12 children with low vision in Illinois receive low vision diagnostic services and optical devices free of charge.

Exams and devices are funded by grants and donations from the Lions Club.

The low vision aids are often the only means by which students with vision loss can participate in classroom activities. Because the devices belong to the student they are also used for homework and other activities.

During the diagnostic exam, parents, students and teachers receive education about the student's diagnosis and tips to help the student succeed. Parents and students leave feeling encouraged and empowered.



“My new tools will help me in school! I love my sports glasses, because now I can play during recess.”

DEVICES

Glasses



Specialized high-powered glasses. Often with transitions or tints to help manage glare to improve vision.

Sport Glasses



Glasses that won't break when children play. Some students are afraid to participate in recess and gym because they are worried about breaking their glasses.

Fit-over Tinted Sunglasses



A variety of tinted sunglasses can help students both inside and outside the classroom manage glare and other lighting issues.

Magnifier



This device helps students complete their work. It is small and portable, great to use at home too!

Monocular



Used to spot things on the board. This tool helps students see things in the distance.



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
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.

Thank You for all that you do to!

Lions of Illinois foundation

Celebrating 50 years of Service



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).



The Lions of Illinois Foundation is reaching its 50th year of serving people with vision and hearing needs. The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is celebrating the Foundation's 50 years of service with a 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Award and 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Pin.

A Foundation Fellow 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.

The wording on this 50th Fellow reads:

"For Your Ongoing Dedication and Support to Serving Those in Need."

What a perfect opportunity to award those Lions in your clubs or people in your communities who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Our goal is to award over 500 of these special 50th Anniversary Plaques during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. Please fill out an award form or contact the Foundation office for more details.



E-mail: knathan@lifnd.org or call 815-756-5633

How does someone become a Foundation Fellow?

To become an "initial" Foundation Fellow, contribute \$500 (in partial payments or in one payment) to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form provided below. Subsequent "progressive" Foundation Fellows are \$500 each.

– Foundation Fellow Application –

Check one: Initial Foundation Fellow ☐ Progressive Foundation Fellow ☐

Name of Foundation Fellow as it should appear on certificate (*please print*):

Check one: ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ PDG ☐ DG ☐ DT
☐ Other (*specify*: _____) ☐ Do NOT include title

Is Foundation Fellow to be presented posthumously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this to be a special 50th Anniversary Plaque? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Foundation Fellow's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

District: _____ Club Name: _____

Contact Person's Name (if different than Foundation Fellow): _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Date to be presented: _____ Is this a surprise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like a Foundation representative to present the Foundation Fellow? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

To learn more about Birdies for Charity, please visit www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Special Instructions: _____

☐ Full Payment (\$500) enclosed ☐ Funds on Account ☐ Partial Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND.

Mail to:

LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND 700 N Peace Road, Suite B • DeKalb, IL 60115



JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC

CHIP IN FOR CHARITY



JOHN DEERE CLASSIC 2023
WILL BE HELD ON

JULY 5-9, 2023

For more information and to fill out the
Birdies for Charity form visit

[lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/john-
deere-classic-birdies-for-charity/](https://lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/john-deere-classic-birdies-for-charity/)

November–December 2022

Tribute Donations

Memorials

Carlson, Gerry

- Morris Lions Club
- Larry and Joanne Johnson

Venturi, June

- Lake Villa Township Lions Club

Essenpreis, Kirk

- Highland Lions Club

Goode, Craig

- Mark Turk

Frenchy, James

- Nicolette Frenchy

Cummins, Nancy Lee

- Aurora Evening Lions Club
- District 1-J Lions
- Craig Weber

Gort, Aloysius "Al" Stainslaus PDG

- Tom and Patricia Lippert

Reeves, Ron

- Wilmington Lions Club

Grimes, Regina

- Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club

Balog, Shirley M.

- Joliet Noon Lions Club

Niblo, Robert PCC-PDG

- Freeport Lions Club
- Steve and Kelly Boettger

Orr, Curtis PID, PDG, PFP

- Richard and Janet White
- John and Patricia Fredrickson
- Mark and Nancy Branson
- Watseka Lions Club
- District 1-J Lions
- Shorewood Lions Club
- Robert and Linda Bohlmann
- Richard and Katharine Voss
- Randy and Mona Poskin
- Randie and Tamara Orr
- Douglas and Lynn Hilgendorf
- David and Marsha Hubert
- Kevin and Janet Lambert
- Stephen and Debra McCullough
- Linda Schroeder
- Michael and Rae Piotrowski
- Braidwood Lions Club
- District 1-BK Lions

Mangus, Walt

- Russ and Susan Sarver

Schultz, Wayne

- Howard and Pearl Frankel

Get Well

McMillan, Joan PDG

- District 1-A PDG Club

Honoree

Lions PDG/PFT Ed and Sue Carter's 50th Anniversary

- Ron and Ann Wigton



2023

Happy New Year

Contact the LIF Office at LIFoffice@lifnd.org (include name and reference this page) to be entered into a special drawing for a \$25 gift card. Contact us before March 15th, 2023 to be entered into the drawing.