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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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Upcoming Events



September 13, 2024
C. O. G. Meeting
Bloomington, IL

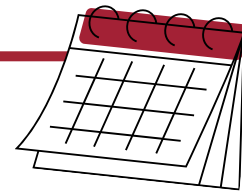


September 14, 2024
LIF Roar-In Charity
Car Show



September 28, 2024
LIF 50th Anniversary
Knight's Quest GALA

Mark Your Calendar



- ✓ **September 13, 2024**
C.O.G. Meeting - Holiday Inn & Suites - Bloomington, IL
- ✓ **September 14, 2024**
LIF Roar-In Charity Car Show - *New Location* - Cortland, IL
- ✓ **September 28, 2024**
LIF 50th Anniversary Knight's Quest GALA - DoubleTree Lisle/Naperville, IL
- ✓ **October 6, 2024**
LIF 4th Annual Roar-In Car Show South - St. Jacob, IL
- ✓ **October 11/12, 2024**
Lions Candy Day
- ✓ **October 28/29, 2024**
Jacksonville Low Vision Clinic - Low Vision Clinic for Students
- ✓ **November 2, 2024**
BINGO Bonanza - Winthrop Harbor Lions Club - to benefit Adult Low Vision



Please add LIFoffice@lifnd.org to your E-Mail contact list to receive important information from your Foundation!



LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Foundation President, Bill Stanley

Greetings Lions of Illinois:

It is an honor and privilege to be this year's Lions of Illinois Foundation President. As the summer is coming to an end and we are starting our new Lion year, I am looking forward to working with you to continue the efforts of the Foundation to provide our services to the people of Illinois.

Our Foundation calendar is full of events as you will see in this issue. Please take time to support as many as you can. It is through your support that we can provide services to those in need. We just finished Camp Lions and I would like to thank all the staff and counselors for all the hard work and dedication that they put in to make this a memorable event for the campers.

Candy Day is coming up and we need everyone's support. Candy Day is our Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year! If your club does not do the traditional standing on the corner Candy Day fundraiser, please consider doing another type of fundraiser event and donate all or part of the money to Candy Day. Please attend your upcoming Jamboree and exchange your creative fundraising ideas with other clubs.

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and service to the visually and hearing impaired. We as Lions, are very proud of the continued support of our Lions of Multiple District One!

Join us in celebrating our 50th Anniversary! On Saturday, September 28th at the Double Tree by Hilton Lisle Naperville, we will be celebrating 50 Years of dedicated service to visually and hearing challenged in Illinois. Come join us to help make this event a great success! There will be cocktail hour, live music, dinner, live and silent auctions, raffle drawings and more. Our special guest speaker will be Past Lions International President, Douglas Alexander. Make sure you have a ticket for this outstanding event!

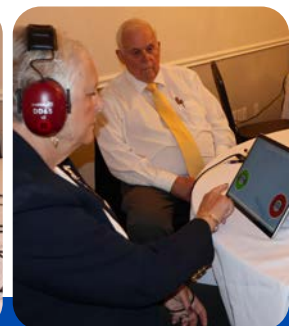
I would like to thank of you and your Lions Club for what you do.

Yours in Lionism,
Foundation President
Lion Bill Stanley

Equipment Training Session

The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center - Bloomington, IL

Thank you to all of the Lions who joined us for the Equipment Training Session in Bloomington on July 13th. We had 85 Lions in attendance to learn more about the functionality and operation of the Plusoptix Camera and AMTAS-Flex Audiometry Screener. A LOT of information was given during the informational training portion of the session as well as an opportunity for hands on application with each device. **We hope that you feel more confident in handling this equipment and better prepared to screen those who attend your next health fair or mobile screening event.**



LIF Board Meeting

July 13, 2024 The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center - Bloomington, IL



Our 2024-2025 Presidents

LIEF: Lion Terry Knollenberg, PCC 1-H

LIF: Lion Bill Stanley 1-F



Welcoming Our

2024-2025 Incoming Trustees

Lion Steve Anton, PCC 1-A

Lion Steve Plocher 1-G

Lion Leslie T. Jefferson 1-H

Lion Robert Jilke, PDG 1-J



LIF Board Meeting

July 13, 2024 The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center - Bloomington, IL



Candy Day is October 11-12 2024

**Order your Candy and
Supplies Today!**













**Attend your District Candy Day Jamboree
to Pick-Up Your Candy and Supplies.**



Lions of Illinois Foundation 2024 Candy Day Jamborees

Recycling will be accepted at locations marked with a Recycling Icon

District and Date	Location
 1-CS Wednesday August 9th	Sparta Lions Den 5:30pm- 6:30pm Social Hour 6:30pm Buffet Dinner \$18.00 Per Person
 1-M Tuesday August 15th	Yoder's Kitchen & Family Restaurant 1195 E. Columbia St. Arthur, IL 61911 6:00pm Buffett \$15.00 Per Person
 1-CN Thursday August 17th	Central City Lion's Den 300 S. Morrison St. Central City, IL 62801 6:00pm-Pictures / 6:30pm Dinner \$10.00 Per Person
 1-H Monday August 21st	Gibson Woods Golf Course 5pm-7pm 1321 N. 11th St., Monmouth, IL Dinner Served at 6:00pm / \$9.00 Per Person Pork Chop Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Drink
 1-D Tuesday August 22nd	Lena Community Hall 5:00pm Candy Pick-Up 6:00pm Jamboree
 1-F Thursday August 24th	Lake Zurich Lions Den 81 E. Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 6:00pm / \$10.00 Per Person
 1-J Wednesday August 30th	American Legion 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL 60120 5:30pm / \$15.00 Per Person
 1-G Sunday September 10th	Greenfield Lions Park 2pm-4pm Light Refreshments
 1-BK Wednesday September 13th	Marseilles Lions Den 511 Commercial Street, Marseilles, IL Candy Pick-Up 5:00pm-6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm-8:00pm 8:00pm Program
 1-A Thursday September 14th	115 Bourbon St. 6pm-9pm 3359 W. 115th Street, Marionette Park, IL 60803 \$30.00 Per Person Includes Beer and Wine



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 2024 CANDY DAY ORDER FORM



CANDY ORDER	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Wintergreen Candy Rolls <small>576 rolls per case + shipping</small>		\$110.00	
Tootsie Pops - LIMITED SUPPLY <small>525 suckers per case + shipping</small>		\$75.00	
Large Case Sugar Free Suckers		FREE	
Aprons		\$20.00	
Counter Trays <small>includes 2 backings</small>		\$7.00	
FREE CANDY DAY SUPPLIES <small>(ONLY REQUEST WHAT YOU WILL USE)</small>	QTY	Total	
WINDOW POSTERS (11X17)			
MILK CARTON STICKERS			
UNDERWRITER LETTERHEAD			
VOLUNTEER BUTTONS			
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION			



Submit Form to:
Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115

CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB NAME _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

LION CONTACT: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

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: _____

OUR CLUB WILL HOLD CANDY DAY ON: _____

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 DESIRE 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; LIKE CANDY DAY.

WILL PICK UP CANDY AT DISTRICT JAMBOREE: Yes No **Check here if you need candy shipped, make sure to fill out the address section above as to where you would like candy shipped.**
Shipping charges apply



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

CANDY DAY

2024 FINAL REPORT



OFFICIAL REPORT of CANDY DAY Fundraising for Humanitarian Services (Blind & Deaf).

NO, our Club was **unable** to participate but enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Candy Day.

YES, our Club participated in CANDY DAY on _____ (date)

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____ CLUB #: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

CANDY DAY RESULTS: (Please answer ALL questions ONLY if Club participated in CANDY DAY)

Number of (Lion) Workers/Volunteers _____	Number of cases of candy received _____
Collections from CANDY DAY	\$ _____
Collections from UNDERWRITERS	\$ _____
GROSS TOTAL COLLECTION FROM ALL SOURCES	\$ _____
COST OF CANDY <small>Please explain & list other costs</small>	\$ _____
COST OF APRONS _____	(-) \$ _____
OTHER COSTS _____	(-) \$ _____
NET	\$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO: (Please make payable to the Lions of Illinois Foundation)

THIS MUST EQUAL 60% of NET OR MORE to Lions of Illinois Projects \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____ Title: _____

Your contributions to the Foundation will make the following projects possible:
Camp Lions for Children and Adults, Low Vision Program for students and adults, Mobile Units, Social Services and Referral, LIF
Used Hearing Aid Collection & Hearing Aid Bank (H.A.B.), Used Eyeglass Collections.

SUBMIT THIS REPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024

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CAMP LIONS *Summer* CAMP



Camp Lions Camp Counselors

Camp counselors are positive role models, as many of them are visually or hearing impaired and have had a first hand Camp Lions Experience as former campers themselves, thus offering a unique perspective in mentoring campers each season. They encourage every camper to reach for new goals, strengthening their abilities & self-esteem. Most Camp Lions counselors are fluent in American Sign Language. All Counselors are 18 years or older & are trained in CPR & First Aid.

Visit our website www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Email us at camplions@lifnd.org



CAMP LIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our goal is to create a scholarship program for the directors and counselors that operate the Lions of Illinois Foundation, Camp Lions Summer Camp Program.

The scholarships would be awarded to all camp staff that complete the year.

The camp directors are currently in the process of completing their advanced degrees. All the camp counselors are just starting their education paths.

These scholarships are intended to aid the recipients in furthering their education and personal development.

Each recipient will get a scholarship of \$500. There are two (2) camp directors and 10-12 counselors yearly.

"Growing Camp Leaders"

The cost of the program would be \$7,000 per year.

Clubs throughout IL can support the program with donations that would be specific to these scholarships.

Bronze Level \$50-\$250

Silver Level \$251-\$500

Gold Level \$501 and Up

**Send donations to
Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N. Peace Rd. Suite B, DeKalb, IL**



A big shout out...

To all the Lions, Campers, Camp Staff, Families and LIF Staff who joined Camp Lions for a night at the ballpark! **Thank you to the Kane County Cougars and Gateway Grizzlies for their spectacular hospitality!**



PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT!

Timewell Lions Club

Thank you Timewell Lions Club for sending in this photo of your "Are You at Risk?" display, supporting Diabetes Awareness

You can use any Club gathering as an opportunity to spread awareness about the Programs and Services provided through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

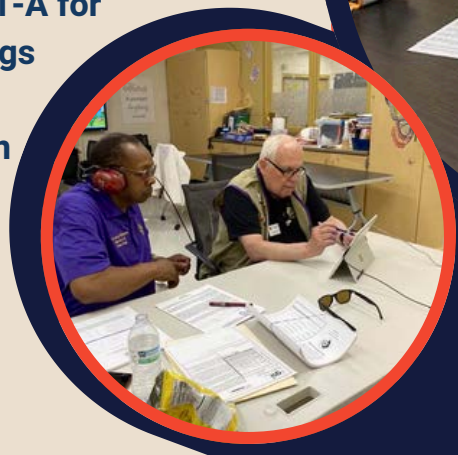
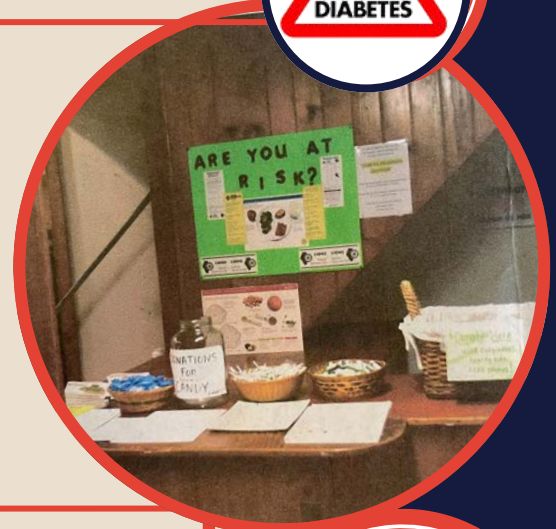
LIF Screening Partner

Thank you to Voices Lions of 1-A for your positive work throughout communities in District 1-A.

Your partnership with the Lions of Illinois Foundation is helping to spread awareness and assistance to children in need of vision services.

Seen here at an indoor children's vision and hearing screening event held at Lincoln Elementary School in Calumet City.

Thank you to Kope Lions Club for hosting the event. Thank you Voices of 1-A for covering the vision screenings and to Lion Terry Scherman for helping to train Voices on the hearing screener and provide hearing screenings to the students that attended the event.





BINGO



Bonanza



HOSTED BY:

THE WINTHROP HARBOR LIONS CLUB

The Schlader Recreation Center
2700 W. 9th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL

NOVEMBER
2ND
2024

DOORS OPEN AT
11 AM

First Game Starts At 1:00 PM

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes at this fun-filled event. **ALL Proceeds benefit the Lions of Illinois Foundation Adult Low Vision Program and the Lake County Center for Independent Living.**

\$20 per person includes (1) 9 on & (1) 6 on plus 2 Raffle Tickets.
**extra pads available at an additional cost*

\$2000 Total Payout * Raffle Games * 50/50 Raffle
Food & Drink Available For Purchase

OPEN SEATING available on a first come first serve basis

For more information contact **Terry Scherman: tsherm14@aol.com**

Environmental Impact Report As of 8-7-2024

- Total Bags of Sneakers: 246
- Pounds of Sneakers Displaced: 6,329.8
- Pounds of Carbon Dioxide Displaced: 75,982
- Gallons of Water Saved: 5,716,337



RECYCLING SPOTLIGHT

LIF is partnering with local YMCA Clubs

and Satellite Locations to expand upon our existing Got Sneakers Recycling Program. Participating locations will house one of our Sneaker Recycling Boxes where donations will be made and collected. Let's continue to make a positive impact on the environment while raising funds to support LIF's Vision and Hearing Programs and Services. **Please check with one of your District Trustees for more details on locations and information about how you can contribute to this great recycling program (see list of Trustees below).**



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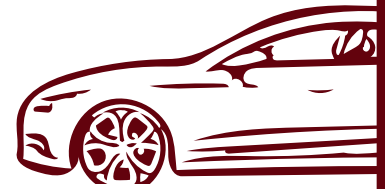
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LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

"Roar-In" Charity Car Show Sponsorship



Dear Car Enthusiasts,

Drive your Car, Truck or Motorcycle out to the Lions of Illinois Foundation's **6th Annual "Roar-In" Charity Car Show**. This year's event is hosted by the Cortland Lions Club and will be held on **Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 10am to 3pm** at **70 S Llanos St. Cortland, IL**. The proceeds of this event will support our Adult Low Vision/Orientation and Mobility Program. Music will once again be provided by **3-D Sound**. We hope you are all planning on attending this year. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

LIF is also offering you an opportunity to **Sponsor a Car, Truck or Motorcycle for \$75**, or the approximate cost of 1 hour of Orientation and Mobility {O&M} Training for individuals experiencing loss of vision . Typically it takes 10-12 hours to complete a session of O&M training.

The need for these services has been overwhelming. Together we can help provide confidence, security and peace of mind for those people who desperately need our help.

We hope to see you at the event and we ask that you also consider sponsoring a Car, Truck, or Motorcycle to support the Adult Low-Vision {O&M} Program.

Lions of Illinois Foundation Car Show Committee

700 N Peace Road, Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115 Phone 815-756-5633—Fax 815-748-9087

NEW Event Location: 70 S Llanos St. Cortland, IL

Please Make Checks Payable to LIF

To Donate online, go to our website LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

_____ **Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Car(s) for \$** _____
the cost of Orientation and Mobility Training is approximately \$75 per hour.

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

6th Annual **ROAR-IN'** Car Show

SAT. SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Raffles

10am-3pm

Awards

NEW LOCATION

70 S Llanos St, Cortland, IL 60112

\$15 Registration

Registration opens at 9:00 am

Dash plaques first 50 cars!

Free to the Public

 **Guest Judges**

 **Giveaways**  **Food**

 **DJ: 3D Sound**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT VISION SERVICES
THROUGH THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION**



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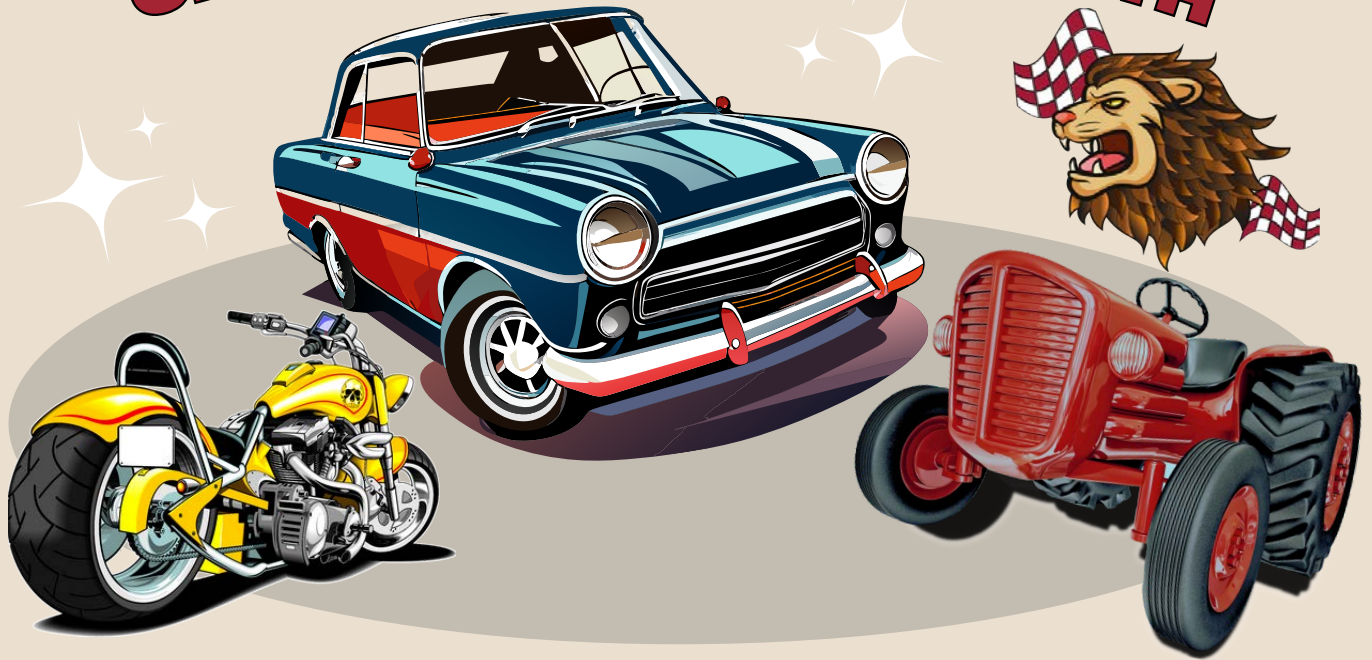
Hosted By:
Cortland Lions Club





4th Annual **ROAR-IN** CHARITY CAR SHOW SOUTH

St. Jacob, IL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

Douglas Street in front of the Activity Center

Registration open from 9 am - 1pm

Awards presented at 2 pm

Cars, Trucks, Tractors & Motorcycles welcome!

Silent Auction * 50/50 * Lotto Board Auction * DJ

**Dash Plaques
to the first
100 Vehicles**

**Food & Soft Drinks
for sale
by Lions Club**
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
LIF STUDENT LOW VISION
& HEARING PROGRAMS**

**Awards:
TOP 10
and
BEST IN SHOW**

Vendor Spots Available, Call Carol Sisson: 618-670-0397
\$30 outdoor/\$35 indoor - table supplied



LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President, Terry Knollenberg, PCC

Welcome 2024-2025 Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustees. It is with great pleasure I take the helm of our Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. I will do my best to lead our organization in the furtherance of our vision to become a permanent vehicle for the continued operation of our programs and services. This is more clearly explained on our website, "lionsofillinoisfoundation.org" under Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

We have heard about the \$20 million dollar target that will provide us the funds necessary to continue providing services to those in our state that have visual and hearing issues. I believe that number is outdated and should be raised and our Executive Director is looking into it.

You might wonder why a vision such as ours was conceived. I believe it was because a Trustee or perhaps several Trustees saw the need for permanency. In 1997 MD-1 had over 30,000 Lions while today we have around 12,000. If this trend continues, we will have too few Lions to provide donations for our programs and services to continue as they are. Our Endowment Fund, properly sized, will be able to continue our work as our numbers decline.

Other ways to help in this process for our ability to continue providing funding for our programs and services is for each of you to become a Foundation Fellow or a Progressive Foundation Fellow and to visit your clubs and encourage them to donate to our programs and participate in all our fundraising events. You can use your weekly donation reports from Andrew to help with this.

Please plan your visits well and make your visits a welcome addition to your club's meetings.

Yours in Service,
LIEF President
Lion Trustee Terry



Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund
Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

January 2, 2024

Will-Grundy Medical Center
2201 Glenwood Avenue, Suite B
Joliet, IL 60435



Camp Lions FREE Summer Camps for Blind and Deaf, established in 1957

Dear Bea and Staff,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all the Lions in Illinois, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you of the generous contribution given as a holiday gift in honor of your continued thoughtfulness by:

Joliet Noon Lions Club
c/o Lion John Joseph Honiotes
1228 Massachusetts Ave.
Joliet, IL 60435

"We honor you for giving us the space and staff to conduct eye-screenings, as well as having an eyeglass collection box."

This gift is a reflection of your dedication to those who have been touched by your kindness. That kindness will continue to spread as the donation made on your behalf will be used to support the programs and services, provided by the Lions of Illinois Foundation, to people in communities throughout Illinois, with vision and hearing needs.

Sincerely,
Ronald Fruit
Lion Ronald Fruit, PDG
Executive Director



Student Low-Vision Clinics providing FREE Vision Services, including glasses and devices since 1976

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