



Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



Over sixty years later, Candy Day continues to be the signature fundraiser supporting programs and services throughout Illinois.



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gotsneakers?
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

**Environmental
Impact Report**



- Total Bags of Sneakers: 347
- LBS. Sneakers Displaced: 9,608
- LBS. Carbon Dioxide Displaced: 120,682
- GALS. Water Saved: 9,079,267

Upcoming Events



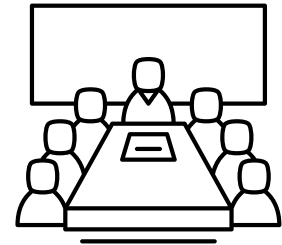
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**Jacksonville
Low Vision Clinic**



November 2, 2024

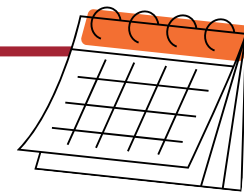
**BINGO Bonanza
Winthrop Harbor, IL**



November 9, 2024

**Board of Trustees
Meeting**

Mark Your Calendar



✓ **October 28/29, 2024**

Jacksonville Low Vision Clinic - Low Vision Clinic for Students

✓ **November 2, 2024**

BINGO Bonanza - Hosted by Winthrop Harbor Lions Club: 11 am, at
The Schlader Recreation Center 2700 W. 9th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL

✓ **November 9, 2024**

Board of Trustees Meeting - The Chateau, Bloomington, IL

✓ **November 2024**

Sight & Sound Sweepstakes can be mailed to Club Secretaries

✓ **December 6/7, 2024**

C.O.G. Meeting - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL

✓ **February 5, 2025**

1st Early Bird Drawing for Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

✓ **February 14/15, 2025**

C.O.G. Meeting - Holiday Inn & Suites, Bloomington, IL



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

Thank You

FOR PARTICIPATING IN CANDY DAY!

CANDY DAY 2024 MARKS 50 YEARS OF CANDY DAY BEING THE FOUNDATION'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT VISION AND HEARING SERVICES.



Since Candy Day was introduced by LIBAC in 1960, Lions have been seen on street corners all over the state of Illinois asking for donations.



Today the Candy Day donations sent to the Lions of Illinois Foundation are used to support vision and hearing programs and services, continuing the legacy started over 64 years ago!

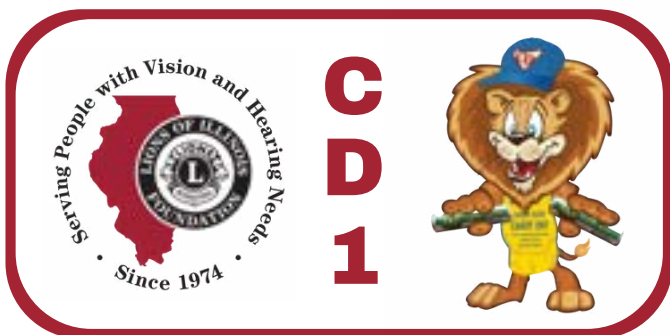


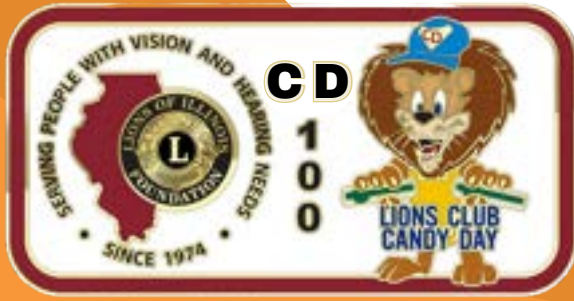
Why Candy Day?

Candy day was created in 1960 to support programs for the visually impaired. Over the last 60 plus years, it has grown and at one point raised over \$1 million dollars per year. Through that time, the Candy Day Fundraiser continued to support more and more programs. Candy Day has evolved to include traditional street corner donations, underwriting and separate standalone events. Clubs throughout the state do Candy Day events at various times to maximize their engagement with their communities.

Today Candy Day is the largest fundraiser for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Candy Day makes sure Foundation programs are fully funded. It makes sure that Camp Lions stays a free camp for kids and youth in Illinois. Funds from Candy Day ensure that students receive specialty low vision screenings and devices. The mobile unit continues to be out on the road doing screenings with funds from Candy Day. Long term partners like Leader Dog, Hadley School for the Blind, the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (LIERI) and Eversight get yearly grants for programs from our Foundation because of Candy Day.

Why do we Lions participate in Candy Day? Funds raised from Candy Day touch every program the Lions of Illinois Foundation provides. It helps all of our partners to expand their impact. Candy day helps children get a good start to their life, for young people to choose their path forward and for adults to regain their mobility and independence. Candy Day allows the Foundation to increase the number of people we can help each year.





CANDY DAY RECOGNITION AWARDS CD-1 and CD-100 Campaign

These awards would start 2024-2025 Lions year.

The awards will be given to the clubs that participate in Candy Day or Tootsie Pop Day.

CD-1 Club Award Criteria

- Each club that increases their gross donation by 5% over previous year's donation
- Must make a minimum gross donation of \$150.00
- Clubs will receive a CD1 patch for their first year
- Clubs will receive a chevron for each subsequent year

CD-100 Club Award Criteria

- Each club that increases their gross donation by 15% over previous year's donation
- Must make a minimum gross donation of \$600.00
- Clubs will receive a CD100 patch for their first year
- Clubs will receive a chevron for each subsequent year

CD-100% Candy Day District Award Criteria

- 100% of Clubs in a District participate in Candy Day or Tootsie Pop Day with a minimum donation of \$50
- For each District that achieves 100%, District Trustees and Governors will receive a Candy Day 100% pin

Continous Growth Awards

- Recognition for clubs that receive CD1 or CD100 several years in a row
- Certificate and Banner Patch
- Acknowledge at 5yrs, 10yrs, and 15yrs





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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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 for 200 available on a first come first serve basis

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



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N. Peace Rd. Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115

815-756-5633

Greetings Bingo Enthusiasts,

That's right, on November 2nd, the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club is hosting a BINGO BONANZA event to benefit the Lions of Illinois Foundation's Adult Low Vision Program. Our vision partner, the Lake County Center for Independent Living, will receive a portion of the proceeds from this event to support the Vision Services that the Center provides, which includes Orientation and Mobility Training.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT VISION SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- **BECOME A GAME SPONSOR**

Your Business/Club Name will be displayed on the Sponsor Board at the event and will be announced during the games

- **ATTEND THE EVENT AND PLAY BINGO!**

\$20 gets you (1) 9 on AND (1) 6 on Plus 2 Raffle Tickets

Please detach and send completed form to Lions of Illinois Foundation (address listed above).

Make checks payable to LIF

Name/Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$100.00 BINGO GAME SPONSOR

A Donation of **\$100** will support the Success of this Event. Each Sponsor will also be placed on the Sponsor Board and be announced during the Games.

MAKE A DONATION TO ADULT LOW VISION SERVICES

A Donation of **\$75** will support one hour of Orientation & Mobility Training.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



LETTER FROM...

Camp Lions Directors, Lions Lisa & Bronson Black

Dear Lions,

We just wanted to take the time to thank you for the extremely generous donations and all that you do to make Camp Lions a reality. Camp Lions has been a huge part of our lives and is something that we look forward to each year with giddy excitement!

More than 20,000 youth and adults have attended Camp Lions since its inception in 1957. Without the Lions, Camp Lions simply wouldn't exist.

Camp Lions is a place where each camper can be themselves and where they are fully accepted as they are. Campers have the opportunity to enrich their personal independence and self-confidence by participating in exciting group activities throughout their week at camp and making lifelong friendships.

So once again, thank you for all that you do for the campers, counselors, and staff at Camp Lions. You have all been such amazing supporters of this magnificent program over the years, and we wanted to let you know that it hasn't gone unnoticed.

Sincerely,

Lions Lisa & Bronson Black
Camp Lions Directors

Mark your calendar for Treat Night.

Sign up ONLINE at lionsofillinoisfoundation.org (opens January 6, 2025)

Camp Lions 2025 Dates & Locations

- **June 22nd thru June 28th** - Youth Camp: Camp Red Leaf, Ingleside, IL
- **June 29th thru July 5th** - Helen Keller Adult Camp: ***NEW LOCATION*** Walcamp, Kingston, IL
- **July 13th thru July 19th** - HoH/Deaf Youth Camp EAST BAY CAMP, Hudson, IL
- **July 20th thru July 26th** - Low Vision/Blind Youth Camp EAST BAY CAMP, Hudson, IL
- **July 27th thru August 2nd** - Youth Camp at Lake Williamson Center, Carlinville, IL



Thank You From Camp Lions!

As another successful, eventful and oh so FUN year at Camp Lions has come to an end, the Campers, Counselors and Directors are filled with gratitude to the Lions.

Because of your generosity and support, Campers have been reunited with old friends, began new friendships, gained a stronger sense of confidence and independence, and experienced all the joys of Summer Camp among their peers. For the past 67 years, the summers of many youth and adults alike have been forever changed through your unwavering devotion to serving those with vision and hearing needs. Your Lions of Illinois Foundation could not continue to offer or fund Camp Lions without the help of all the Clubs and Lions throughout Illinois. **We appreciate all that you do to continue to support our Vision and Hearing Programs and Services. THANK YOU!!**





Camp Lions Wish List 2025

- Bio Freeze-Spray (6)
- Bactine-Spray (6)
- CPR Masks (20)
- Pill Cases (30 - 7 days 4x per day Pill cases)
- Ear Relief Drops (4)
- DayQuil Big Bottle (1)
- NyQuil Big Bottle (1)
- Benadryl Liquid (3)
- Benadryl Tablets (3)
- Ibuprofen (2 Large)
- Glucose Tablets (1)
- Cough Drops (Childrens)
- Wound Wash (6)
- Breakable Ice Packs (Amazon, Uline - 2 Cases)
- Neosporin Ointment (6 large)
- Sport Self Stick wrap "Ace Bandages" (4)
- Tylenol (tablets)
- Liquid Tylenol
- Liquid Motrin
- Sta-Flo Liquid Starch (8)

Not Sure What To Donate?
Purchase a VISA Gift Card
through the Lions of Illinois Foundation
to support Camp Lions Wish List!

Special Thanks to our Sponsors!

Camp Lions T-Shirts, Water Bottles, Pins & Drawstring Bags:

- Crest Hill Lions Club (2024 Sponsors)
- St. Jacob Lions Club (2025 Sponsors)

Would your Club like to sponsor Camp Lions Swag? We're still looking for a 2026 Sponsor!
Contact Trish Fisher for details: Tfisher@lifnd.org

CABINS

LAKE



Golf Classic Winners

Flight A - 1st Place

Team: Loraine Fire Department (1-G)



- Casey Johnson
- Cody Johnson
- Alex Trautvetter
- Aden Trautvetter

Flight A - 2nd Place

Team: Resource Bank



- Steve Mortensen
- Tanner Mortensen
- Dylan Finnan
- Dale Piske

Flight B - 1st Place

Team: Worth Lions Club (1-A)



- Tony Zartler
- John Delloroto
- Dennis Creech
- Bill Penny

Flight B - 2nd Place

Team: Plainfield Lions Club (1-BK)



- Steve Fry
- Hugh Beattie
- Larry Stephens
- Carl Matzelle

Flight C - 1st Place

Team: Spectrios



- Pete Whinfrey
- Wayne Thompson
- Dr. Conrad Stoll

Flight C - 2nd Place

Team: Darien Lions Club (1-J)



- Jim Kiser
- Carrie Kiser
- Dan Kupar
- Katelyn Kupar



**Thank you to all of the Golfers
and Volunteers that helped make
this event a HUGE success!**

Student Low Vision Program

The 30th Anniversary Charity Golf Classic Raised **\$20,000** in Support of the Student Low Vision Program.

Well Done LIONS!



With the funds raised, roughly 69 Students will receive the optical tools and training necessary to help prevent further vision loss or even blindness.

Let's Keep Up the Amazing Service!



PIP Douglas X. Alexander Visits Spectrios



I CAN SEE, BUT I CAN'T
#IT'S COMPLICATED



Lion, Dr. R. Tracy Williams is awarded a Foundation Fellow.

PIP Douglas Alexander was able to take time to visit Spectrios Institute, one of our Student Low Vision partners. Dr. Tracy explained their unique philosophy to treatment and answered several questions. Lion Doug found the information to be illuminating and left there with an appreciation of the impact that the Seeing is Believing Program continues to have in Illinois.



Low Vision Clinics for students are done annually throughout Illinois.

All Vision Services including glasses and devices are provided FREE of charge to each student.

For more information visit: lionsofillinoisfoundation.org



The LIF 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.

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.



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.

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Club Name or Individual Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

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

Please Join Us With Your Donation Today.



Lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
[Facebook.com/LIFnd](https://www.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, society, job placement and in their future.

Please make your check payable to: LIF
 We also accept credit cards, please call us.
 Phone: (815) 756-5633

ROAR-IN

CHARITY CAR SHOW - NORTH & SOUTH



Special Thanks to *Cortland Lions Club* for hosting the 6th Annual *Lions of Illinois Foundation Roar-In' Charity Car Show North*, held on Saturday, September 14th, 2024. On October 6th, the *Roar-In Charity Car Show South* was held in St. Jacob, IL. **Special Thanks to all of the sponsors who made that event possible, including *St. Jacob Lions, Lebanon Lions, Johnson City Lions, Village of St. Jacob, St. Jacob Glass Co., Lindow Construction Co. - St. Jacob, IL, District 1-CN, Xtreme Muscle Carz - Highland, IL, Randy's Towing.***



Over \$4500 was raised to support LIF's Vision Services.

THANK YOU to everyone who played a part in the success of these events!



RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!



Tickets will be mailed to Clubs earlier this year due to State Convention, held May 1-4.

The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!



CONTACT THE FOUNDATION OFFICE TODAY!

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

CLUB NAME: _____ CLUB #: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tribute Donations

Memorial Tributes: August 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024

Charles Adams

- Hinckley LC

Conrad Aschenbrenner

- Shelia Perkins

Kenny Atkins

- Lynda Middle Calf

O. B. Camp

- Eldorado LC

Audrey Robinson

- Elizabeth & Todd Ellenberger
- Timothy & Katharine Tammen

Glen “Bird” Combs

- Dick & Barb Bark

Kathleen Dombrowski

- Roselle LC

Nicole Drazen

- Highland LC

Arcadio Dumpit

- Dundee Township LC

Sonia Estevez

- Chicago Logan Square LC

Justine Furbeck

- Robert & Linda Gilke

Kenneth Geiseking

- Highland LC

Charles Robert Hamilton

- Sandwich LC

Mary Heuer

- Winthrop Harbor LC

H. Michael Jacoby

- Karen Engebrecht

Karen S. Konjevich

- William & Karen Finlon

Bonnie Krienke

- Russ & Sue Sarver

Mark Kuhn

- Okawville LC

Nancy Lawrence

- Huntley Area LC

Melissa Leinenbach

- Eldorado LC

Larry McShane

- Waukegan Little Fort LC

James Middle Calf

- O’Fallon Fairview Heights LC

Bill Miller

- Russ & Sue Sarver

John “Pickles” Pajkos

- Jan Entwistle-Farrington
- Leland LC
- Serena LC
- Bud & Jama Wahl
- Mark Williams

Audrey Robinson

- Oswego LC

Lois Sondgeroth

- Sandwich LC

Frederick Steele

- Morrison LC

Jim Toynton

- Clare Toynton

Ken Waller

- Russ & Sue Sarver

Milton Whitney

- Pearl City LC



A Season of Thankfulness

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Tributes

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

As Thanksgiving approaches, we reflect on the blessings in our lives and the importance of giving back to our communities. This year, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact by supporting the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

To show your gratitude, please consider making a monetary contribution in honor of a loved one, mentor, or someone in your community who has made an impact on you personally or has shown great service to those in need.



Tributes can be given in honor of:

- *Birthday*
- *Acts of Kindness*
- *Gov. Night*
- *Get Well Soon*
- *Wedding Anniversary*
- *Lion Anniversary*

Donors will receive a simple thank you letter from LIF and the personalized acknowledgement is sent to the honoree as a nicely wrapped gift. Printed on high quality, ivory vellum paper and sealed in a matching 9x6 ivory envelope. Tributes will truly feel special.

