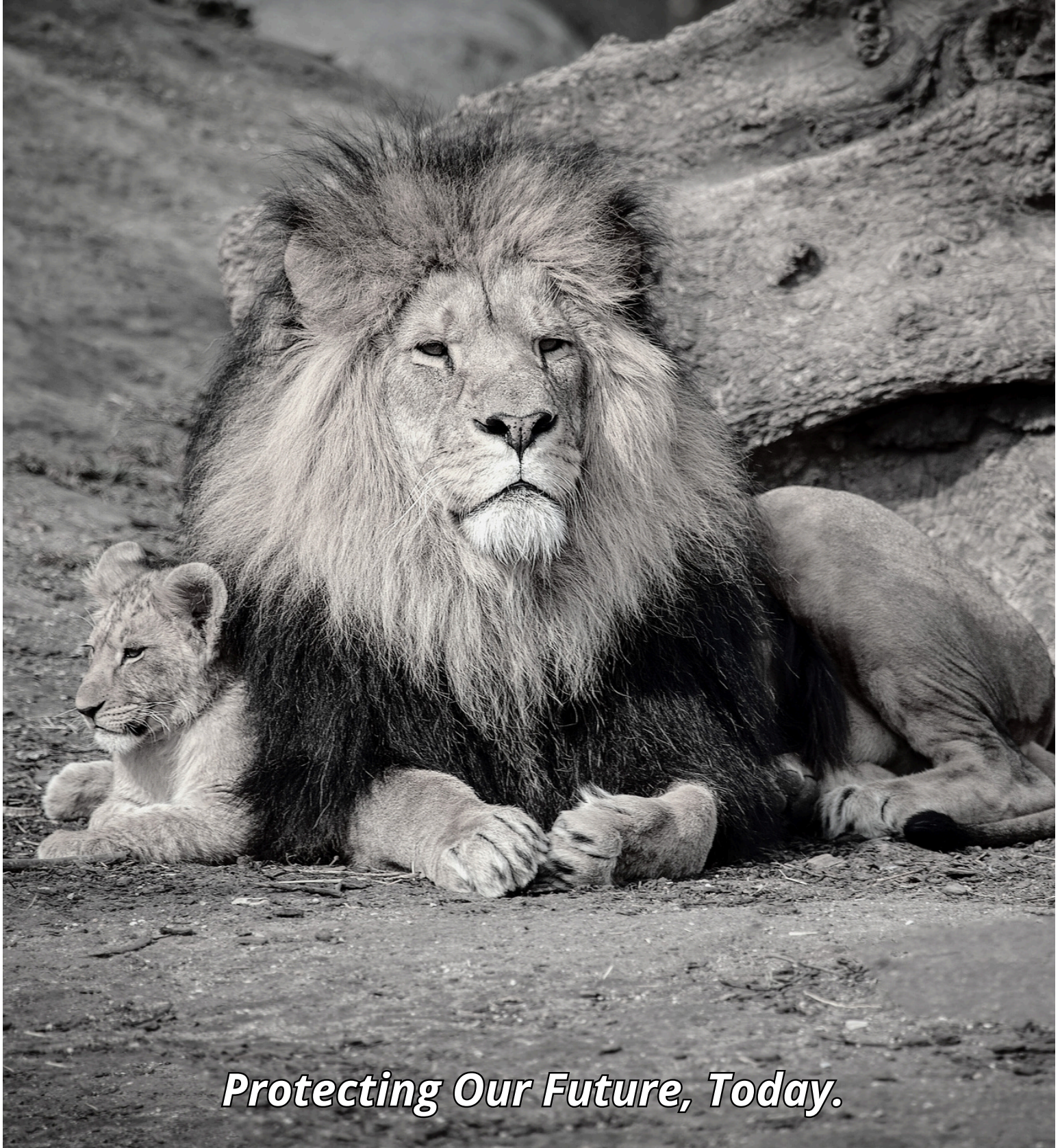




Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Creating a Present Day Capability for Future Unmet Needs Since 1983

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund



Protecting Our Future, Today.

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A Letter from your Executive Director, Ronald Fruit, PDG



My fellow Lions,

In 1997 the Lions of Illinois Foundation created the Endowment trust to create the “Permanent Vehicle for the delivery of services”. Since then, there has been diligent work by Lions to keep the Endowment growing. The result of these efforts is the Endowment fund is now over \$16 Million. This is a great achievement, but the Fund needs to continue to grow to meet the future needs of the foundation’s programs.

The Foundation Fellow Program drives a significant amount growth to the endowment fund. There is a special 50th anniversary Fellow available until the 2025 State Convention. These fellows count toward a person’s progressive levels. It costs \$500 to get a Foundation Fellow Level. This is a great way to recognize those who are important to our clubs’ efforts. A Foundation Fellow can be awarded to anyone in your community, it is not only for Lions.

The Sustaining Supporter Program allows people to provide a steady amount over time to help build the Endowment Fund. The donation is \$25 per level and levels are banked toward a Foundation Fellow. As part of the 50th Anniversary, the board has created a Legacy Supporter program to run until 2029. The Legacy Supporter is a \$50 donation per year. The Legacy Supporter program has its own pin and dangler to reflect each level of giving. These donations will be bankable just like the sustaining supporter program. Both programs will run in parallel.

Tributes are a creative way to support the Endowment Fund and recognize those that have a significant impact in Lions efforts. Tribute donations can be for anything, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, other recognitions. Most tributes come in the form of memorials. But we can recognize anyone at any time. Tributes create a lasting acknowledgement of someone's efforts on behalf of Lions in the Endowment Fund.

These different types of donations come together to grow the Endowment Fund. As the Fund grows it moves closer to securing the “Permanent” delivery of services for those in need throughout Illinois. It is through the Endowment Fund that we make sure there will always be a Camp Lions, Low Vision screenings for students and a mobile unit out on the road to test those at risk.

Thank You Lions of Illinois,
Ronald Fruit, PDG
Executive Director



**If Every Lion Contributed \$25-\$50 per year to our
Sustaining Supporter Program...**

**The Endowment Fund would grow by upwards of
\$500,000-\$750,000 each year.**

This is proof that a little can become A LOT!

**By contributing to the Endowment Fund today, we are
building security for not only our future, but the future
of generations to come.**

Make your contribution today.

Endowment Report - Fiscal Period 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

2023-24 Tributes, Foundation Fellows, Sustaining Supporters

<i>District</i>	<i>2023-24 Tributes</i>	<i>2023-24 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2023-24 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 3,615.00	\$ 6,030.14	\$ 250.00
1-BK	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 1,220.00
1-CN	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 7,054.00	\$ 3,950.00
1-CS	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ 425.00
1-D	\$ 2,215.00	\$ 7,920.00	\$ 965.00
1-F	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 15,317.74	\$ 1,405.00
1-G	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,063.00	\$ 1,090.00
1-H	\$ 929.54	\$ 4,136.80	\$ 1,475.00
1-J	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,600.00
1-M	\$ 370.00	\$ 5,050.20	\$ 2,575.00
Private Donations	\$ 4,335.21	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 22,869.75	\$ 62,521.88	\$ 15,355.00

<i>District</i>	<i>2022-23 Tributes</i>	<i>2022-23 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2022-23 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 5,508.93	\$ 1,725.00
1-BK	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 935.00
1-CN	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 3,975.00
1-CS	\$ 625.00	\$ 582.80	\$ 460.00
1-D	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 938.00
1-F	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 19,103.07	\$ 1,625.00
1-G	\$ 385.00	\$ 2,421.60	\$ 500.00
1-H	\$ 645.00	\$ 8,516.26	\$ 1,525.00
1-J	\$ 4,355.00	\$ 8,772.00	\$ 1,425.00
1-M	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 8,748.00	\$ 1,645.00
Private Donations	\$ 5,168.54	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,428.54	\$ 73,727.66	\$ 15,153.00

2017-18 Donations	\$ 21,477.52	\$ 60,360.88	\$ 21,473.00
2018-19 Donations	\$ 14,986.06	\$ 65,057.57	\$ 20,345.00
2019-20 Donations	\$ 41,278.00	\$ 38,931.52	\$ 12,520.00
2020-21 Donations	\$ 23,981.54	\$ 33,319.63	\$ 12,945.00
2021-22 Donations	\$ 27,829.35	\$ 39,634.47	\$ 18,415.00
2022-23 Donations	\$ 21,428.54	\$ 73,627.66	\$ 15,153.00

Endowment Supporter Programs

Making a donation to ensure our future.

Legacy Supporter



Our Newest Addition to the Endowment Supporter Programs.

The **Legacy Supporter** program is a **5-year commitment** with an **annual contribution of \$50**. Our goal is to add one-million dollars to our Endowment Fund over the next 5 years.

The Legacy Supporter program is a method of giving, in which anyone (Lion or non-Lion) is encouraged to give a tax-deductible donation on an annual basis to help support the many programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

With the **annual contribution of \$50** (less than 14¢ per day) through the **LEGACY SUPPORTER** program, an individual 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.

Sustaining Supporter



The **Sustaining Supporter** program is a method of giving, in which anyone (Lion or non-Lion) is encouraged to give a tax-deductible 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** program, an individual 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.

First Time Donors

ENDOWMENT FUND 50/50 RAMP UP CAMPAIGN

Make a minimum donation of \$25 to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Endowment Fund **and receive a \$25 match**. This would place you at the first level of our Legacy Supporter Campaign. You will receive a Legacy Supporter Pin. An annual donation of \$50 can be made for the next 4 years to receive all 5 levels, which include special dangles, for this 50th Anniversary Campaign. Yes, these contributions mirror the Sustaining Supporter Program and levels can be converted to Foundation Fellow Awards.

Endowment Supporter Programs Q & A

Can Contributions be Applied Toward a Foundation Fellow?

Yes! Sustaining Supporter contributions and Legacy Supporter contributions are completely convertible to Foundation Fellows.

How are Funds Used?

Contributions are pooled and invested in the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund – a restricted fund 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.

How do I Become a Supporter?

Sustaining Supporter

Contribute \$25 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form below. Renewals are \$25 each. (Or, contribute \$25 to give someone a Sustaining Supporter as a gift or award/recognition.) Sustaining Supporter receive an initial pin and then a dangler.

Legacy Supporter

Contribute \$50 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form below. Renewals are \$50 each. (Or, contribute \$50 to give someone a Legacy Supporter as a gift or award/recognition.) Legacy Supporters receive a special pin or dangler for each of the 5 years of support.

Application and Renewal Form

☐ \$25 Sustaining Supporter

☐ \$50 Legacy Supporter

☐ Other Amount _____

☐ Initial Pin already received

Donor Name (if different than supporter):

Supporter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

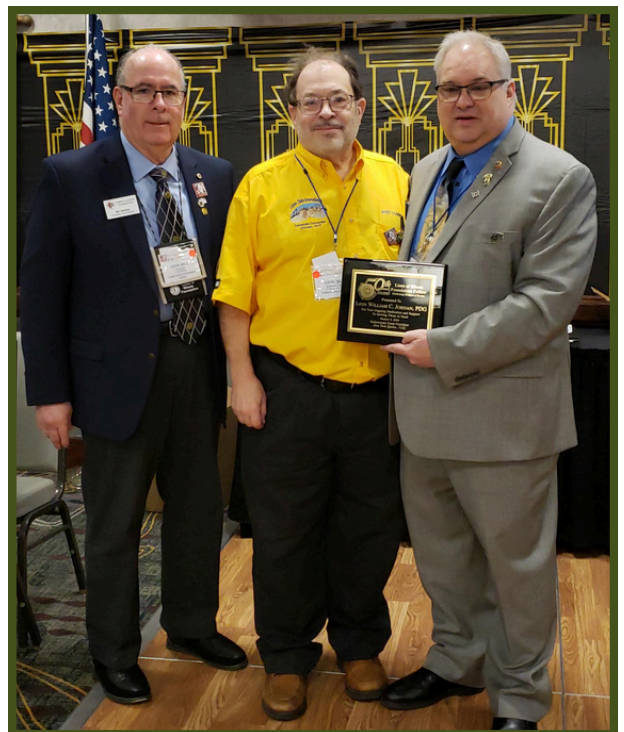
If you would like to pay with a Credit Card, please visit us online at www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org and click the Donate Now button. Under "Select Donation Type," click "Endowment" and fill in the remaining fields as appropriate.

What is a Laureate?

A Laureate is an additional recognition that is bestowed with the achievement of the *25th Foundation Fellow Level*. Recipient is presented with a *Chevron, Certificate and Diamond Studded Medallion*.



Lion Ronald Fruit, PDG and Trustee Lion Bill Stanley presented a 50th Foundation Fellow Award to Lion William "Bill" Jordan, PDG at the 1-F Convention in March 2024, where he was then awarded with a Laureate.



Lion Ronald Fruit, PDG presented a Laureate Award to Lions Lynda Middle Calf, PDG and James Middle Calf, PDG at the 1-CN Convention in October 2024.

Did you know...
you can convert your Sustaining Supporter
money to purchase a leaf on the Tree of Service?

Lions of Illinois Foundation Celebrating 50 Years of Service



Application Deadline is March 30, 2025.
**Final 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellows will be presented at the
State Convention in May 2025**

**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.

This Special Edition 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow is progressive and counts towards your Laureate Level. 100% of the contributions will go directly to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

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.



Email: kmk@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

Please select one of the following:

Special 50th Anniversary Plaque and Pin

Special 50th Anniversary **PIN ONLY**

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

Special Instructions: _____

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

Make check payable to **LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND**

Mail to: 700 N Peace Road, Suite B • DeKalb, IL 60115

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

Congratulations to those awarded with a Foundation Fellow from July 1, 2023 - November 2024.

Carol Anderson
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 Ruthie Wimbley
 Jim Worden
 Ralph Zarada
 Dennis Zimmerman



The Tree of Service Stands for Our Various Service Programs



The Branches are symbolic of how Lions Clubs reach out into the community through their services.

The Leaves are symbolic of the communities in Illinois.

The Trunk of the tree is symbolic of the programs and services the Lions of Illinois support through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How your Gift Grows

The contributions for the Tree of Service are deposited into The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

This Fund will continue to grow like the tree it represents.

Only the interest from the donation is used to help support the programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Levels of Involvement

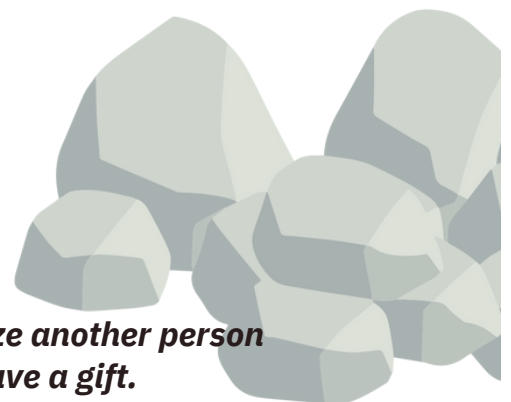
Leaf \$1,000

Cluster of Leaves \$3,000

Rocks Start at \$5,000

rocks progress
to larger rocks and boulders

The inscription you choose can honor or memorialize another person or event, or it can simply reflect that you gave a gift.





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Investment Update from:

Eric Graue, Wealth Management Advisor

Merrill Lynch has enjoyed a partnership with the Lions of Illinois Foundation for over three decades now. I am personally entering my 15th year helping the Lions of Illinois Foundation invest their Endowment Fund and am proud to have been honored as a 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow. We have worked with the finance committee to transform the Fund over the years, shifting the investments to take advantage of opportunities in the market. These updates have led to impressive growth in the Endowment Fund, while also providing stability and support for the Lions of Illinois Foundation operations.

While inflation remains a bit elevated and the recent run in the market means stock prices are high by historic standards, there are still reasons for optimism across the investment landscape. We expect companies' earnings to continue to grow at high rates. The Federal Reserve has clearly signaled a desire reduce interest rates in an effort to keep the economy strong. And technologies like artificial intelligence offer opportunities to increase productivity across many industries. The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is positioned to take advantage of these opportunities and continue to provide the financial stability to help the Lions deliver the programs and services that make a positive impact on so many.



Eric D. Graue, CFP®, CRPC™
Managing Director
Wealth Management Advisor
NMLS ID 697931

**The Graue Group
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management**

special thanks...

To Merrill Lynch for your continued support of the Lions of Illinois Foundation's Charity Golf Classic with your sponsorship of Golf Balls and Golf Tees.





BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs through the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is based on tournament revenues.

8%
BONUS
IN 2024!

Did you know?

100% of your pledge comes back to LIEF & the Foundation?

The Lions of Illinois Foundation partnered with Birdies For Charity & the John Deere Golf Classic in 1994 to support the Endowment Fund and the Programs & Services offered through the Foundation to assist those with hearing and vision needs throughout Illinois.

2024 Total LIEF Donations Received:

\$124,787.13

8% BONUS AWARD:

\$9,982.97

2024 Total LIF Donations Received:

\$438,134.17

8% BONUS AWARD:

\$35,050.73

LIEF CHARITY BIRD NUMBER:



134

**ALL Pledges
MUST be received at the Foundation Office no later
than May 30, 2025.**

John Deere Classic Date: July 1-7, 2025



CAMP LIONS STAFF



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 SUSAN F. YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Camp Lions Scholarship Program was established in 2022 to be awarded to all staff that complete the year of Summer Camp. These scholarships are intended to aid the recipients in furthering their educational and personal development.

Our Camp Directors are currently in the process of completing their advanced degrees, while all of the Camp Counselors are just starting their path to higher education. With your donation to the Susan F. Young Scholarship Program, you are not only supporting the personal growth of each Staff member, but acknowledging their dedication to the Camp Lions Program and the campers they have mentored during the camp season.

“Growing Camp Leaders”

The cost of this Program is approximately \$7,500 per year. In 2024, thanks to the generosity of Susan F. Young, a former LIF employee, a dedicated camp scholarship account was created in the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. The principal of all donations to the Scholarship Program will remain untouched in the Endowment Fund and only the interest from the donations will be used each year to fund the scholarships awarded.

Send donations to Lions of Illinois Foundation 700 N. Peace Rd. Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115

Camp Lions Susan F. Young Scholarship Program Donation Form

Club _____ District: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to support the Camp Lions Scholarship Program.

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

For Credit Card Donations please visit our website at: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
or contact accounting at (815) 756-5633 x351



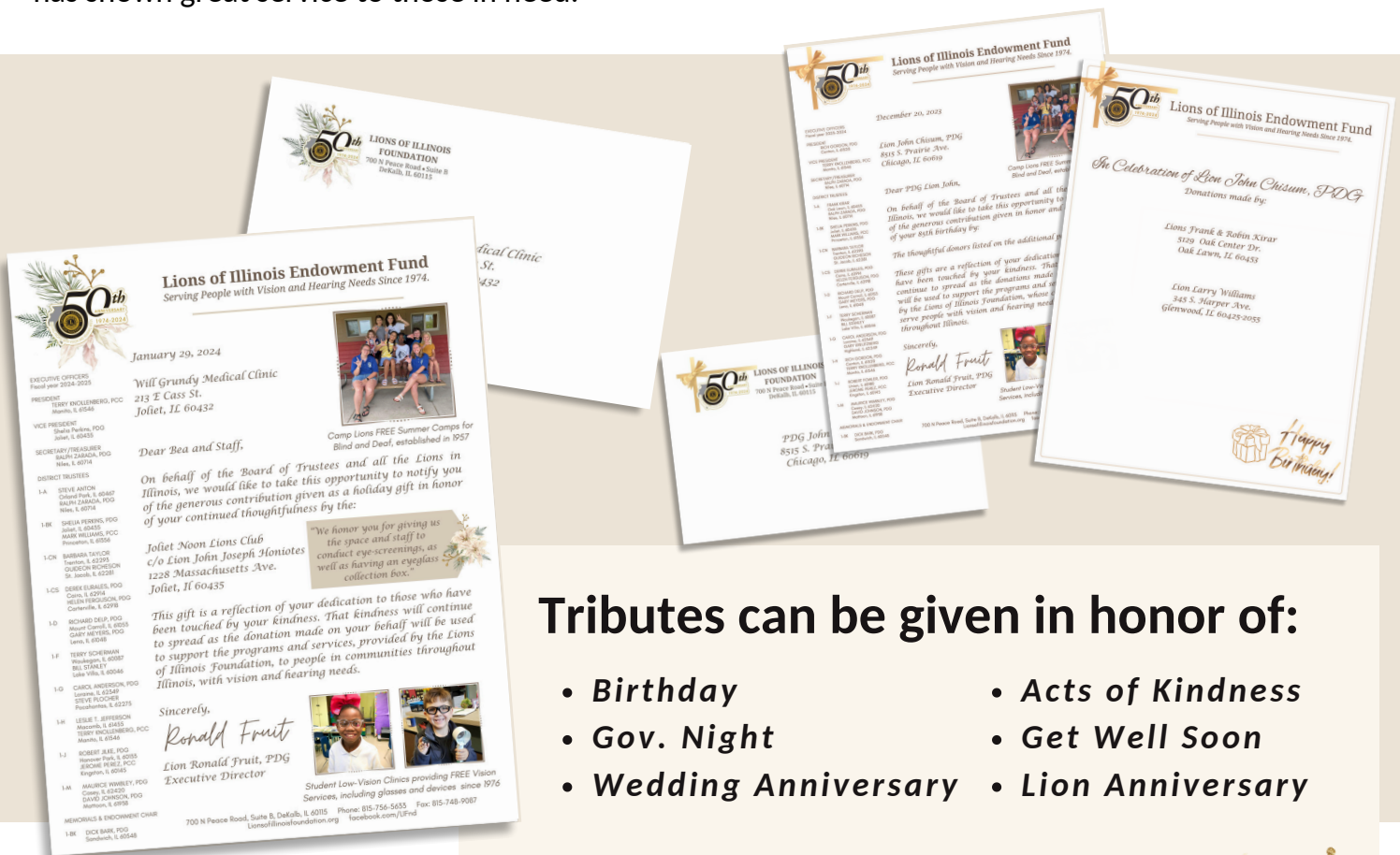
Holiday Tributes

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Tributes

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

As the Holiday Season approaches and the year comes to a close, we are reminded of the warmth, joy and sense of community this special time brings. It's a period of reflection, gratitude, and an opportunity to show appreciation to those that have touched our lives. This year, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact by supporting the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

As a way to celebrate the season, 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
- Gov. Night
- Wedding Anniversary
- Acts of Kindness
- Get Well Soon
- 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.



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October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024

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- Jerry Novak

Memorial Donations

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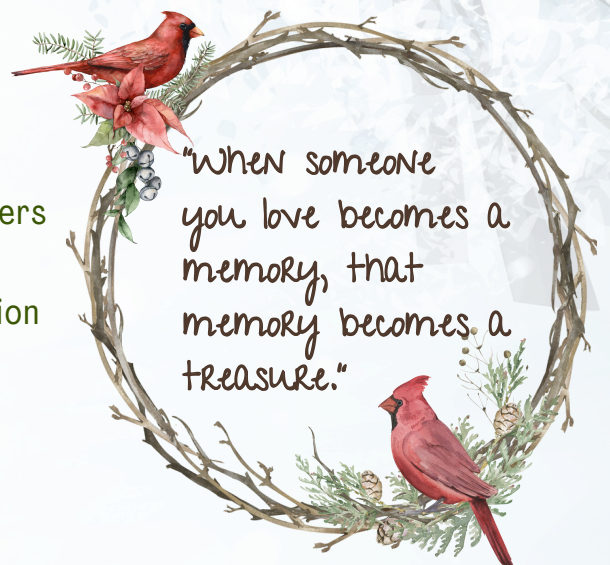
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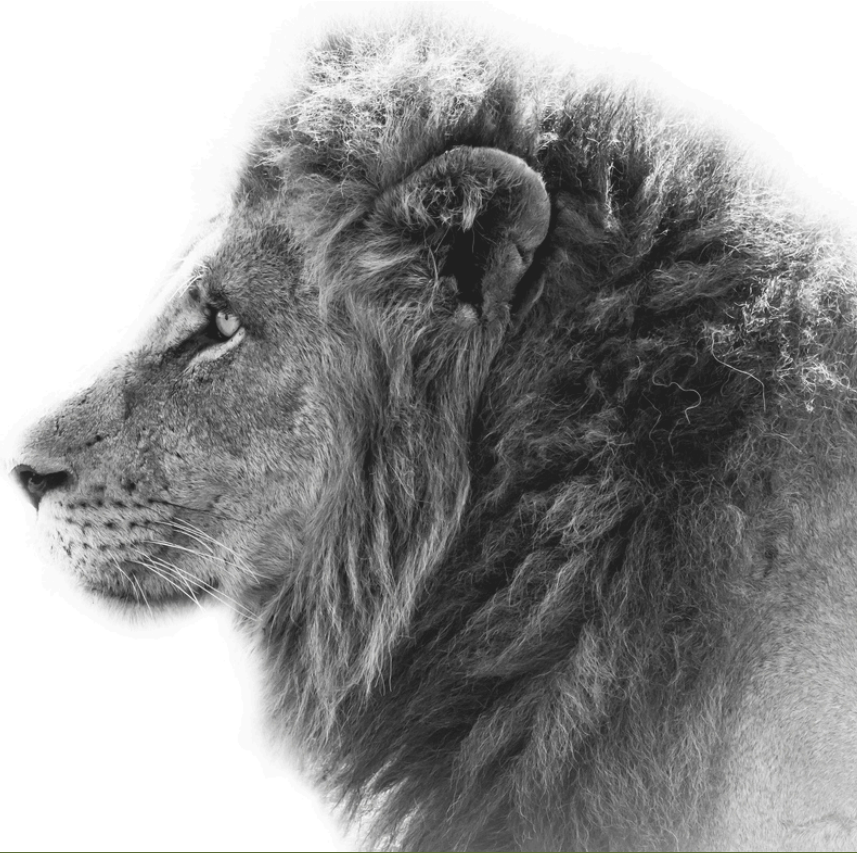


Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Vision Statement

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.

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund 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 the visually and hearing impaired. 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.



Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Objectives

- 1. To provide an ever-increasing investment fund providing a sustainable income stream.*
- 2. To provide a high level of stability of the asset base as well as reliability of the income stream.*
- 3. To avoid the risk of large losses through diversification and aggressive management of the Asset Allocation Model, described in the Statement of Investment Policy.*

WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION.