

November/December 2024



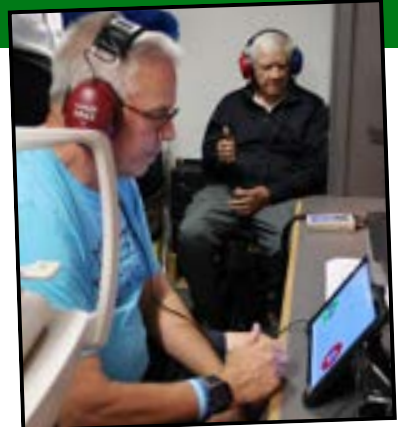
Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



In 1965, LIBAC funded a Mobile Unit for Glaucoma Screenings. In 1983, the Lions of Illinois Foundation added a Hearing Screening Unit to the Mobile Screening Fleet. Today, our Multi-Use Mobile Unit screens for hearing and vision loss. It can be seen on the road and at various locations throughout the state from March thru October and continues to screen thousands of people in Illinois each year.



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A Sneaker Recycling Organization



Environmental Impact Report

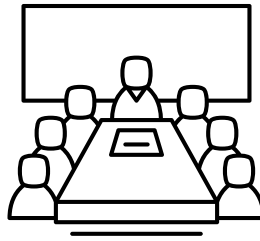
• Total Bags of Sneakers: 354

• LBS. Sneakers Displaced: 9,834

• LBS. Carbon Dioxide Displaced: 124,072

• GALS. Water Saved: 9,334,308

Upcoming Events



November 2024

Sight & Sound Sweepstakes
Tickets can be mailed to Clubs

December 6/7, 2024

C.O.G. Meeting
Springfield, IL

February 5, 2025

1st Early Bird Drawing
Sight & Sound Sweepstakes



LIF Calendar of Events 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

July 13, 2024

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, IL

August 3, 2024

30th Annual Charity Golf Classic
Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club, La Salle, IL

September 14, 2024

LIF 6th Annual "Roar-in" Car Show
70 S Llanos St., Cortland, 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

November 9, 2024

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, IL

February 5, 2025

1st Early Bird Drawing
Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

February 22, 2025

Board of Trustees Meeting
Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL

March 1, 2025

Mobile Unit-Begins Health Fair Circuit

March 1- May 31, 2025

Diabetes Awareness Campaign

March 5, 2025

2nd Early Bird Drawing
Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

March 24th-25th 2025

Jacksonville Low Vision Clinic

April 2, 2025

3rd Early Bird Drawing
Sight and Sound Sweepstakes

May 2-4, 2025

State Convention/Board Meeting - Friday
Annual Breakfast - Sweepstakes Drawing
Crown Plaza, Springfield, IL

May 3-4, 2025

Tootsie Pop Day



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

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT

2025

Greetings Lions,

Our Lions of Illinois Foundation was able to provide 2,651 hearing or retinal screenings throughout the state. Thank you to all of our Host Clubs for making this possible.

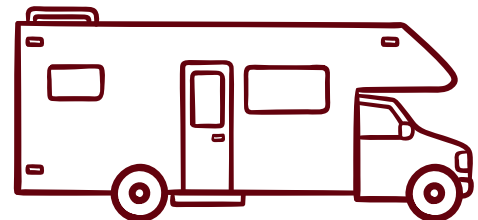
Our new mobile hearing screening equipment has allowed us to do more indoor screening events outside of the March-October Mobile Screening Unit schedule. We have indoor hearing screening events scheduled in both November and December.

Our goal is to have several trained screeners within each district to assist with some of our indoor events as well as meeting up with our mobile screening unit to assist with hearing screenings on the unit itself. Watch for more equipment training events within your districts.

A BIG Thank You to PDG Lion David Johnson, the Mobile Unit Tech/Driver for our 2024 Mobile Screening season, who tirelessly drove all over the state to provide your communities with FREE vision and hearing screenings. Thanks to PCC Lion Terry Knollenberg who filled in for Lion David as needed. Also a thank you to 1-F Trustees Lion Terry Scherman and Lion Bill Stanley for stepping up and covering some of our indoor screening events, along with VOICES of District 1-A who also partnered with the Foundation to assist with some of our indoor screenings.

In 2025 we will have our new Mobile Screening Unit out on the road. We know everyone is excited about hosting the new mobile unit and we will do our best to accommodate everyone's request. Please read the enclosed information carefully. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all that you do,
Lion Trish Fisher
Programs Director



LIF is looking for a Mobile Unit Driver/Technician for the 2025 Screening Season. For job description and requirements, please contact Lion Trish: tfisher@lifnd.org

The Mobile Screening Unit program will be focusing on joining existing Annual Health Fairs and creating new Annual Health Fairs in your communities. Check with your county for Health Fair listings near you.

**PLEASE ACCEPT OUR GRATITUDE FOR
YOUR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP!**

Diamond Level:

Gagewood LC, Lion Walter Holden, PDG

Platinum Level:

Darien LC, District 1-CN

Gold Level:

**Burbank LC, Grayslake LC, Lena LC,
Orland Park LC, Lion Nancy Rex, PDG,
Waterloo LC**

Silver Level:

**Hampshire LC, Johnsburg LC,
Lake Villa Township LC, Okawville LC,
Schaumburg-Hoffman LC, Sycamore LC,
Warren LC**

Bronze Level:

**Altamont LC, Bradley LC, Breese LC, Carmi LC,
Channahon LC, Chicago Heights LC,
Columbia 21st Century LC, Crete LC, Durand LC,
Elburn LC, Elgin LC, Freeport LC, Galesburg LC,
Huntley Area LC, Island Lake LC,
PCC, Lions Terry & Joy Knollenberg, La Harpe LC,
Macomb LC, Mascoutah Evening LC, Milan LC,
Morris LC, Morrison LC, Nashville LC, Niles LC,
Orion LC, Ottawa LC, Paris LC,
Lion Dave Pearson, Pekin LC,
Peoria Heights Suburban LC,
Rock Island Evening LC, Silvis LC, Skokie LC,
Lions David & Martha Templeton, Thornton LC,
Union LC, Willow Springs LC**



**THANKS TO THE SUPPORT
AND DEDICATION
of Lions International
Foundation, as well as Lions Clubs
and Lions throughout Illinois,
LIF was able to complete the
build and purchase a *NEW*
Mobile Screening Unit!**



MOBILE SCREENING UNIT ROTATION SCHEDULE 2025



The Mobile Screening Unit program will be focusing on joining existing Annual Health Fairs and creating new Annual Health Fairs in your communities. Check with your county for Health Fair listings near you.

LIF will utilize a monthly rotation schedule for Mobile Unit Screenings, if your screening falls outside of the Month the Mobile Unit will be in your district, submit your form and we will try to accommodate your request.

Please remember, weekends fill up fast, you will be allowed ONE weekend date either Saturday or Sunday for your club event, this will allow everyone to benefit from the mobile unit. Please keep this in mind when planning your event.

Month District

March	Health Fairs Events
April	1-CS/CN
May	1-G/1-H
June	1-M
July	1-A
August	1-BK
September	1-F
October	1-J/1-D

Hearing screenings are now conducted using the *AMTAS-Flex Audiometry Screening Tablet*.



PLEASE REMEMBER...

At least one of the Volunteer Lions that are assisting at your Screening Event must be trained ON-SITE on the AMTAS-Flex Tablet to ensure that the hearing screenings are done correctly and efficiently. (Have them arrive one hour early for training.)

Please Note:

You will need to receive a confirmation e-mail, in order for your event to be confirmed and placed on the website calendar.

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT CHECK LIST

Register On-Line to Host a Screening

**CHECK THE ROTATION SCHEDULE TO SEE WHEN THE UNIT
WILL BE IN YOUR DISTRICT.**

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2025

All online host screening request forms will need to be submitted to LIF **NO LATER THAN 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR SCREENING EVENT.** We will not hold a date without an online screening form. If we can not accommodate your request we will try and work with you to secure a different date.

Preparing to host the unit:

- Visit: LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org and read the "Health Fair Guide" to learn how joining a Health Fair OR create your own health fair to maximize the number of people you serve through this *FREE* health screening program.
- Check the Mobile Unit Calendar that is located on our Website for availability for your event
- The location should be easily accessible, keeping in mind the unit size and electrical requirements. The unit is 11 x 29 feet (17 x 29 with chair lift down) and requires a standard 110 volt outlet.
- 3-4 volunteers are needed to host a successful event.
 - A table with 3 chairs is needed for registration
 - Volunteers need to be a Lion and designated as such by wearing a vest, shirt, and/or hat
 - 2 volunteers at the registration table, 1 to assist with hearing screenings inside the unit
 - Volunteers should arrive one hour before the start of the event for training
- Once your club event has been approved, **PUBLICIZE IT!** The best way to have a successful screening is to get the word out to the public.

Register your event online:

- Be sure to indicate if your screening is an INDOOR EVENT, and what equipment is needed.
- Be sure to include details about your event: school, senior, community, partnering health, etc.
- Both the Lion in charge and the secondary club contact need to supply both work and home phone numbers as well as an email so that they can be reached.
- When your screening date is approved, both the Lion in charge of the screening, the secondary club contact as well as the club secretary and president, will be notified via confirmation email, followed up by the informational packet which will be mailed to the Lion who is listed as "Lion in Charge of the Screening" and subsequent reminder emails.

Contact Lion Trish for any questions or concerns: tfisher@lifnd.org

The Mobile Screening Unit is on the road from March 1st - October 31st

Watch for More Equipment Training Sessions!



On July 13, 2024 LIF held an Equipment Training Session in Bloomington, IL. with Audiologist Megan Greenya. The purpose of this Training Session was to familiarize Lions throughout the state on how to use the vision and hearing screening equipment that is used on our Mobile Unit and at other off-sight screening locations.

Our goal is to have several trained screeners within each district to assist with some of our indoor events as well as meeting up with our mobile screening unit to assist with hearing screenings on the unit itself. Watch for more equipment training sessions within your districts.

EACH HOSTING CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEARING SCREENING PORTION OF THE EVENT.

If your Club plans to host the Mobile Unit for a screening event in 2025, please make sure your Volunteer Lions arrive early to be trained on the screening equipment.

Please contact Lion Trish: tfisher@lifnd.org with questions or concerns.



Hearing screenings are now conducted using the *AMTAS-Flex Audiometry Screening Tablet*.

Mobile Unit Online Registration Opens January 1, 2025

LIF is grateful to Dr. Megan for sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience to help educate and train our Lions on the new *AMTAS-Flex* audiometry equipment.



Megan K. Greenya, Au.D.

Megan Greenya joined e3 in December 2023 as the new Diagnostic Sales Representative for Northern Illinois. She began her career as a clinical audiologist working in multi-specialty settings where her responsibilities included pediatric and adult diagnostics, hearing device dispensing, implants and vestibular assessment.

She also spent five years of her career in the hearing device industry as a Pediatric Account Manager for Oticon where she provided training and sales support. Megan earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a Doctorate in Audiology from Rush University in Chicago.

FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCREENING

TRY THESE IDEAS

PARTNER WITH A HEALTH FAIR IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Post the flyers at the following locations:

- Senior Centers
- Physical Fitness Facilities
- Physical Rehabilitation Facilities
- Government Housing Facilities
- Grocery Stores
- Churches
- Public Library
- Hospitals

Have the flyer printed in your:

- Local Newspaper
- Local Church Bulletin

Other ways to promote your event:

- Post your screening information on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Invite and bring 4-5 relatives, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Contact your local radio station to announce the event.
- Group text people you know to help get the word out about the event.



Gala Recap... Oh What A Night!





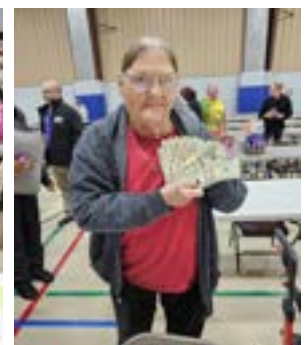
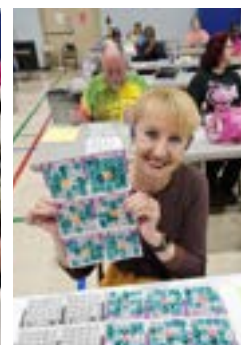
THANK YOU to all of the
GENEROUS SPONSORS
who made this
celebration possible!

To learn more about our
50th Anniversary Gala,
please visit:

<https://lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/50th-anniversary-gala/> 11

3rd BINGO Bonanza Event Recap

A BIG Thank You to District 1-F for hosting the 3rd BINGO Bonanza event on November 2, 2024. Over \$5,000 was raised to support LIF's Adult Low Vision Program and the Lake County Center for Independent Living, a Foundation Vision Partner.





LIF IS SEEKING A LOCATION FOR OUR NEXT

BINGO BONANZA!

Why host a BINGO BONANZA?

Being a host means that you get to choose what Foundation Program will benefit from the event's success. Proceeds from the event will be divided between the Hosting Club and the Foundation to directly support the Programs & Services offered through LIF and within your District.

What's so great about BINGO?

Many Clubs have regularly scheduled Bingo Events and avid Bingo Enthusiasts that attend. Hosting a BINGO BONANZA event for the Foundation will bring additional awareness to your Club and the various ways you support your community as well as awareness of the Programs & Services offered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Want to get involved?

Please contact Trish Fisher tfisher@lifnd.org if you or your Club is interested in hosting the next event!





Lions of Illinois Foundation

RaiseRight Gift Card Campaign

The "RaiseRight" Gift Card Campaign has over 750 "RaiseRight" retailers that give a percentage in rebates back to LIF, every time you order, or reload gift cards.



CARDS FOR CAMP

Raise Money for Camp Lions

**Camp Lions Summer Camp
for the Blind and Deaf Youth**

www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

Camp Lions provides Blind and or Deaf youth age 7-17 a safe place to make new friends and have fun. Campers enrich their personal independence and self-confidence through exciting group activities.



Fundraising while you shop!

Treat yourself or someone dear to you with the gift that gives back. Choose gift cards from over 750 popular retailers.

- Club Events/Drawings
- Holiday Parties
- Groceries
- Gas Cards
- Giveaways
- Food Pantry Donations
- Raffle Baskets
- Gift Baskets
- Holiday Baking
- Holiday Gifts

**Contact LIF to request an enrollment
Code to create an on-line account.**

CONTACT US



(815) 756-5633



LIFoffice@lifnd.org

FUNDRAISE WHILE YOU SHOP, ALL YEAR LONG!



What is the “Cards for Camp” Campaign?



The “RaiseRight” Gift Card Campaign has over 750 “RaiseRight” retailers that give a percentage in rebates back to LIF, every time you order gift cards.

It allows you to use RaiseRight's gift cards to pay for frequent or weekly purchases like gas & groceries instead of utilizing your usual debit or credit cards to pay for these items.

It's simple and easy, all rebates go to help fund our Camp Lions Summer Camps.

How do I turn Everyday Shopping into Money for Camp Lions?

Step 1: Contact LIF to request an enrollment Code through your e-mail to sign up.

You can Call (815) 756-5633 or send us an e-mail at LIFoffice@lifnd.org

Step 2: After you get your Code, Follow Prompts on the RaiseRight Website to Create your Account

Step 3: Set up online payment

There are 3 options available to you. Please read online description for more details as additional fees may apply.

- **1. Pay online with your bank account**

This is the most popular & secure way to pay for gift cards! Get them shipped directly to your home. You also get your eGift cards and reloaded funds instantly.

- **2. Pay online with your debit card or credit card**

A convenient way to pay, get them shipped to your home, and still having instant access to eGift cards and reloaded funds. Debit Card 1% Fee Applies / Credit Card 3% Fee applies

- **3. Pay Coordinator (LIF) Directly**

These Cards will Ship to the Foundation Office, you can either pick them up from the Office or we can ship them to your home for an additional fee.



Enroll Now! Just in Time for the Holidays



For Questions Contact RaiseRight at 1-800-727-4715 M-F 9-3pm



1-CN CONVENTION HOSTS BINGO TO SUPPORT CAMP LIONS!

1-CN Convention Hosted Bingo at their Friday Night Convention Raising \$2,500 for Camp Lions



Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Pampered Chef Fundraiser.

Special thanks to Shelly Wolfe, whose product promotions and diligence, helped to raise over \$800 for Camp Lions!

pampered|chef

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH - 6:30 PM
NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE FIELD
34W002 CHERRY LANE
GENEVA, IL 60134
COUGARS VS. CHICAGO DOGS



A \$50 "SEAT AND EAT"
SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:
A BOX SEAT AND FOOD
VOUCHER FOR ONE
CAMPER AND
ONE OF THEIR FAMILY
MEMBERS



THURSDAY, JULY 31ST - 6:30 PM
GRIZZLIES BALLPARK
2301 GRIZZLIE BEAR BLVD.
SAUGET, IL 62206
GRIZZLIES VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS

CONGRATS!

TO THE CLUBS THAT MET THE TRUSTEE CHALLENGE IN 2023-2024

District 1-A

Chicago Beverly Ridge LC
Chicago Englewood LC
Chicago Hegewisch LC
Chicago Logan Square LC
Chicago Mount Greenwood LC
Orland Park LC
Tinley Park LC
Westchester LC
Willow Springs LC

District 1-BK

Crest Hill LC
Crete LC
Fairbury LC
Joliet Noon LC
Mokena LC
Morris LC
Normal LC
Onarga LC
Oswego LC
Streator Hardscrabble LC
Streator LC

District 1-CN

Carmi LC
Collinsville-Maryville Evening LC
Collinsville Noon LC
Lebanon LC
Noble LC
Smithton LC
St. Jacob LC
Waterloo LC

District 1-CS

Chester LC
Desoto LC
Eldorado LC
Harrisburg Town & Country LC
Herrin-Energy LC
Johnston City LC
Mounds LC
Sparta LC
Steeleville LC

District 1-D

Durand LC
Freeport LC
Genoa LC
Lanark LC
Morrison LC
Mount Carroll LC
Pearl City LC
Pecatonica LC
Rochelle LC
Warren LC

District 1-F

Arlington Heights LC
Barrington LC
Evanston LC
Gagewood LC
Glenview LC
Grayslake LC
Lake Villa Township LC
North Chicago LC
Schaumburg-Hoffman LC
Vernon Hills LC
Waukegan Little Fort LC
Winthrop Harbor LC

District 1-G

Gillespie LC
Greenfield LC
Highland LC
Jerseyville LC
Marine LC
Pittsfield LC
Quincy LC
Staunton LC
Timewell LC
Waverly LC

District 1-H

Bartonville LC
Creve Coeur LC
Dallas City LC
Galva LC
Milan LC
North Henderson LC
Pekin LC
Washington LC
Wyoming LC

District 1-J

Algonquin LC
Aurora Evening LC
Clarendon Hills LC
Darien LC
DeKalb LC
Dundee Township LC
Elgin LC
Hampshire LC
Huntley Area LC
Itasca LC
Johnsburg LC
Lisle LC

District 1-J Cont'd

Lombard LC
Naperville Noon LC
North Aurora LC
Roselle LC
Sandwich LC
South Elgin LC
Sycamore LC
Union LC
Villa Park LC
Waterman LC

District 1-M

Altamont LC
Arthur LC
Casey LC
Champaign LC
Danville LC
Mattoon LC
Oakland LC
Robinson LC
Springfield Noon LC



What is the Trustee Challenge?

The Trustee Challenge is a method of benchmarking the progress of our districts and clubs toward the annual fundraising goals of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Each year a per capita number is set based on the foundation budget and number of lions in the state. Each club then gets a goal set by the per capita number multiplied by their current membership. Membership on July 1st, the first day of each new Lion's year is used. The goal for each District is built by combining all the club goals from that district.

The challenge is for the District Trustees to work with the coordinators toward achieving these goals. Trustees will be provided with quarterly reports on their progress toward the goals. The report will include information on how clubs are progressing towards goals and how the district is doing overall.

Clubs that meet their goal will receive a certificate of recognition. District Trustees will receive a certificate of recognition if the district meets their goal.



May this beautiful holiday season fill your heart with love, your home with joy, and your life with laughter.

Holiday blessings to you and yours!
From your Lions of Illinois Foundation Staff;
Lion Ron, Lion Trish, Lion Kirsten, Lion Dianne, Lion Jyllann, Lion Max,
Lion Andrew, Lion Nicole, and Lion Josh

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

The Sight and Sound Sweepstakes is LIF's second largest fundraiser providing support to people with Vision and Hearing Needs throughout Illinois. The proceeds from the sweepstakes help to bridge the gap when financial goals for specific programs or services, provided by the Foundation, have not been met.



Selling Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets is a Great Way to Promote Your Club!

When you sell tickets outside of your Club to friends, family and non-Lions, you have an excellent opportunity to spread awareness about the wonderful ways your Club is supporting your local community.

Help us reach our 2025 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Goal of \$95,000.00.

DON'T FORGET... these tickets make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts!



SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

Early Bird Drawings, are EARLIER in 2025!

Due to State Convention being Held May 1-4

Did you know?

The Early Bird Drawing
benefits the Club & Seller!
\$250 to the Club & \$250
to the Seller.



2025 Early Bird Drawing Dates:

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

**Final drawing at State Convention
MAY 4, 2025**

**Send completed books and monies in by
3pm the Tuesday before each Wednesday
drawing to have them entered into the
Early Bird Drawing each month. Remember
these drawings benefit the Club & Seller!**

