



# Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

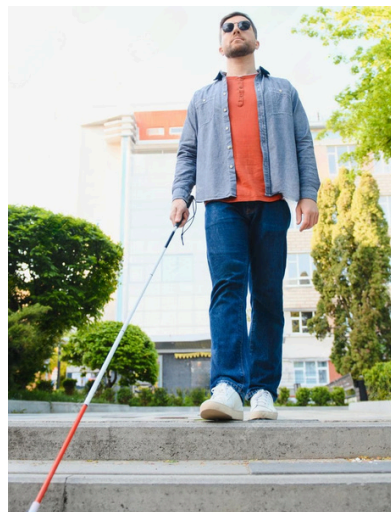
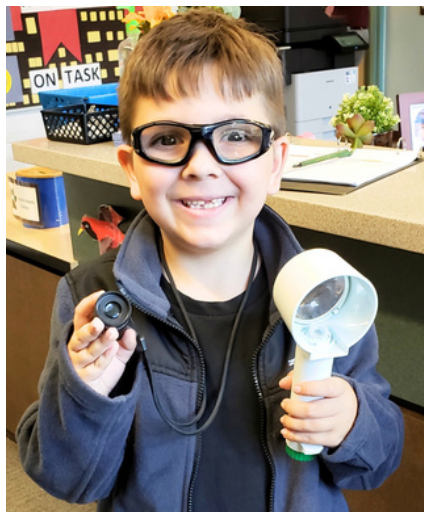


## DID YOU KNOW?

The Sight & Sound Sweepstakes is the Foundation's 2nd Largest Fundraiser.

**Proceeds from the Sweepstakes Support the Programs and Services Provided by LIF to Those with Vision and Hearing Needs Throughout Illinois.**

**Camp Lions ● Student Low Vision ● Adult Low Vision ● Mobile Screening Unit**



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

There is **STILL TIME** to **SELL** your Sweepstakes Tickets and Turn Them Into LIF! The **LAST** Early Bird Drawing is on April 2, 2025 with the **FINAL** Drawing on May 4, 2025 at the State Convention.

**Congratulations to our Early Bird Winners...**

**February 5th: Peoria Heights Suburban LC and April Blodgett**

**March 5th: Princeville LC and Donald Stahl**

**YOU Could Be NEXT! Send Your Tickets In TODAY!**



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**ON**  
*sale*

**2025 Camp Lions**  
**T-shirts \$15/ea**

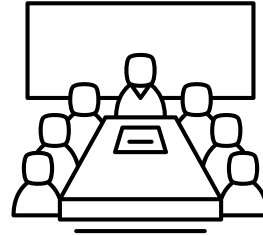
Proceeds Support Camp Lions!

# Upcoming Events



April 2, 2025

3rd/FINAL Early Bird Drawing  
Sight & Sound Sweepstakes



May 2, 2025

LIF Board Meeting  
State Convention, Springfield, IL



May 3-4, 2025

Tootsie Pop Day



## LIF Calendar of Events 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

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 24-25, 2025

Jacksonville Low Vision Clinic

April 2, 2025

3rd/FINAL 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

June 27, 2025

Camp Lions Deaf Awareness Night  
Kane County Cougars, Geneva, IL

July 12, 2025

Board of Trustees Meeting  
The Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, IL

July 31, 2025

Camp Lions Deaf Awareness Night  
Gateway Grizzlies, Sauget, IL

August 2, 2025

31st Annual Charity Golf Classic  
Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club, La Salle, IL

September 13, 2025

LIF 7th Annual "Roar-in" Car Show  
70 S Llanos St., Cortland, IL

October 10-11, 2025

Lions Candy Day



Don't miss out on news and updates from your Foundation. Please add [LIFoffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LIFoffice@lifnd.org) to your E-Mail contact list to receive important information from your Foundation!



## HAVE YOU HEARD... that LIF has some Exciting, Newly Designed Resource Materials Available?



### LIF Everyday:

This 8.5" x 11" Booklet contains an overview of the Foundation, including: Who We Are, How We Serve, LIF Vision & Hearing Programs, LIEF and Ways to Contribute to LIEF, and How You Can Support the Foundation. This is a great resource for new club members.

### LIF Programs & Services Booklet:

This 5.5" x 8.5" Booklet showcases important information on the various Vision & Hearing Programs and Services offered by the Foundation.

### LIEF Booklet:

This 5.5" x 8.5" Booklet showcases important information on the Endowment Fund, Supporter Programs, and ways to contribute to help ensure the future of support through the Foundation.

### Mobile Screening Unit Booklet:

This 5.5" x 8.5" Booklet showcases important information on the Vision & Hearing Screenings offered on the Mobile Unit along with information on Diabetic Eye Related Diseases and Hearing Loss.

### Diabetes Awareness Bookmark:

This New Bookmark is full of useful facts and information on Diabetes as well as the Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign. This is a great resource to hand out with your Sugar Free Candy.

### Placemats:

Newly Re-Designed, these placemats offer a great overview of the Programs & Services offered through the Foundation.

### New Member Packets:

This Updated New Member Packet has everything a new Lion would need to know about their Foundation, including: LIF History Magazine, LIF Everyday, Programs & Services Booklet, LIEF Booklet, Remittance Envelopes, Foundation Bookmark, Diabetes Awareness Bookmark, Welcome Letter, LIF Contact Info, Calendar and Fundraisers



**Materials will be Available at the LIF Information Table During the State Convention.**



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

## STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE



### Friday, May 2, 2025

#### 9:00am LIF Information Table Open:

Staff available on site with our new brochures, bookmarks and other materials. Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets Available for Purchase & Collection, LIF Items for Sale **RECYCLING ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY ONLY**

#### NEW LIF Mobile Screening Unit On Display:

Times will be posted at the LIF Information Table

#### 12:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting

#### 5:00pm LIF Ambassador Dinner (Invitation Only, check in: 4:30pm)

#### 7:00pm Hollywood BINGO Bonanza: DOORS OPEN AT 6pm

Doors open at 6pm and Early Bird Coverall starting at 6:51pm. \$25/person for 10 games. See flyer for more details.



### Saturday, May 3, 2025

#### 8:00am LIF Information Table Open:

Staff available on site with our new brochures, bookmarks and other materials. Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets Available for Purchase & Collection, LIF Items for Sale, Recycling Accepted (see LIF Staff before unloading)

#### NEW LIF Mobile Screening Unit On Display:

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### Sunday, May 4, 2025

#### 8:30am Doors Open for LIF Breakfast Meeting:

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets Available for Purchase

**Awards • Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Drawing • Parade of Pledges • 50/50 Raffle**



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION STATE CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKER

## Kyle Schulze

***The first deaf competitor on the American Ninja Warrior show, for 8 seasons.***

Kyle first came to know of the Lions of Illinois Foundation as a camper in the Camp Lions Summer Camp Program, a Free summer camp for children with vision and hearing needs. Kyle attended for 6 years and then at age 18 he decided to become a Camp Counselor, where he stayed for 2 more years. Kyle contributes his success and level of confidence, in part, to the Camp Lions Summer Camps he attended. At camp he was able to be himself as he attended one of the HoH/Deaf Camps that were offered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation and it's many Lions members. He was not considered "different" at Camp Lions and he developed many friendships and overcame some of the obstacles in his life.



Kyle Schulze continues to overcome obstacles. Literally, as he is an obstacle athlete, best known on the show NBC show America Ninja Warrior. He goes by the nickname 'Deaf Ninja'. Kyle started his obstacle training at age 22. His hard work paid off when he made it to "American Ninja Warrior." competition.

Kyle continues to compete and spread hearing loss awareness through attending events and camps for deaf and hard of hearing children in Illinois and Indiana. He also works as a Coach at the Chicago Ninja Warrior Gym in West Chicago. This summer he returned to Lions of Illinois Camp Lions HoH/Deaf Summer Camp. He joined the campers for an entire day of camp and he even set up a mini-"Ninja Warrior" course to challenge the campers. Kyle spreads his positive attitude about achieving your goals regardless of the challenges you may face.





# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

## PARADE OF PLEDGES AT THE LIF BREAKFAST MEETING

**This Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting takes place on  
Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL.**

The LIF Parade of Pledges is an opportunity to "Spot Light" your Club and share all the ways you have helped to support LIF Programs and Services throughout the year.



## Lions of Illinois Foundation State Breakfast & Annual Meeting Pledge Card

Golf Classic \$ _____	Endowment Fund \$ _____
Student Low Vision (\$290) \$ _____	Foundation Fellow \$ _____
Camp Lions (Wish List) \$ _____	Sustaining Supporter (\$25 Annually) \$ _____
Adopt-A-Camper (\$525) \$ _____	Legacy Supporter (\$50 Annually) \$ _____
Baseball Seat & Eat (\$50/Camper) \$ _____	Memorial \$ _____
Recycling Program \$ _____	Tree of Service \$ _____
Diabetes Awareness \$ _____	Tribute \$ _____
Adult Low Vision \$ _____	Other \$ _____
Mobile Unit Maintenance \$ _____	
General Donation \$ _____	



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEGGED IN THE NAME OF: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Jacob Lions Club Presents

# HOLLYWOOD BINGO BONANZA

**Lights... Camera... Action... BINGO!**

Please Join

**MD-1 Lions, St. Jacob LC & Lions of Illinois Foundation**

at the MD-1 Convention

**Friday May 2, 2025**

Crowne Plaza Hotel Springfield, IL



- \$25.00 / person includes: 10 Games of BINGO, Goodie Bag with a Lucky Hollywood BINGO Dauber and Raffle Ticket (Additional Cards Available)
- Doors open at 6 pm
- Early Bird Coverall Game at 6:51 pm
- 4 Raffle Games
- Famous Hollywood Paparazzi 50/50
- Silent Auction Raffle Baskets



Bring Your Own Bingo Snacks, CASH Bar Available!

**Proceeds to Benefit LIF Camp Lions, LCI, & MD-1 Lions**





**LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION**  
 700 N. Peace Rd. Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115  
 LIFoffice@lifnd.org / (815) 756-5633



Greetings Lions,

St. Jacob Lions Club is hosting a *Hollywood BINGO Bonanza* during the MD-1 State Convention (see flyer for details). Get ready to shout "BINGO" and join us to play on Friday May 2, 2025 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL. **Proceeds from this fun-filled evening benefit LIF Camp Lions, LCI and MD-1 Lions.** In order to make this evening a success, we'd like to ask for your help through sponsorship.

**HERE'S HOW YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:**

✦ **BECOME A GAME SPONSOR**  
 Our Goal is to Have Each of the 10 Games Sponsored for this Event.

✦ **BECOME A SEAT SPONSOR**  
 Gives a special guest an opportunity to play Bingo at this Event.

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

Please detach and send completed form to LIF at the address above. Make checks out to LIF or visit our website: [www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org](http://www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org) to donate online.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100.00 — GAME SPONSOR**

A Donation of **\$100** will support the payout for one of the 10 Bingo Games as well as some of the special games that will be played that evening. Each Sponsor will also be placed on our Sponsor Board as well as be announced as the Sponsor of the Game.

**\$25.00 — SEAT SPONSOR**

A Donation of **\$25** will give a special guest an opportunity to play Bingo and help support the success of Camp Lions this Summer. Each Sponsors name will be placed on our Sponsor Board.

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



# YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR FOR A DONATION OF \$50 OR MORE

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Mail Donation Form To: Lions of Illinois Foundation 700 N Peace Road, Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115.  
Please visit our Website or call accounting at 815-756-5633 x5351 for credit card donations.

## THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION PRESENTS **DEAF AWARENESS NIGHT**

Help our campers enjoy a free night of baseball. **2 LOCATIONS** to give more campers the opportunity to have fun at the Ball Park!



**KANE COUNTY COUGARS  
BASEBALL**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH - 6:30 PM**

**NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE FIELD**

**34W002 CHERRY LANE, GENEVA, IL 60134**

**COUGARS VS. CHICAGO DOGS**

**OR**



**GATEWAY GRIZZLIES  
BASEBALL**

**THURSDAY, JULY 31ST - 6:30 PM**

**GRIZZLIES BALLPARK**

**2301 GRIZZLIE BEAR BLVD, SAUGET, IL 62206**

**GRIZZLIES VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS**

**A \$50 "SEAT AND EAT" SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:  
A BOX SEAT, FOOD VOUCHER AND TRANSPORTATION  
FOR ONE CAMPER**



**WANT TO JOIN OUR CAMPERS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AT THE BALLPARK?  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

**ALL SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL ACTIVITY SPONSOR PATCH.**



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

## TOOTSIE POP ORDER FORM

**TOOTSIE POP DAY IS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY**



TOOTSIE POP ORDER	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Tootsie Pops 525 suckers per case + shipping		\$75.00	
**New Sugar Free Drops - Large Case Large Case: 11 lbs (approx. 1100 drops) + shipping		\$95.00	
**New Sugar Free Drops - Small Case Small Case: 5.5 lbs (approx. 550 drops) + shipping		\$50.00	
Aprons		\$20.00	

FREE TOOTSIE POP DAY SUPPLIES (ONLY REQUEST WHAT YOU WILL USE)	QTY
WINDOW POSTERS (11X17)	
MILK CARTON STICKERS	
UNDERWRITER LETTERHEAD	
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION	



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

### CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB NAME & DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT LION: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE & EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

OUR CLUB WILL HOLD TOOTSIE POP DAY ON: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NOTE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION BY THE FOUNDATION OF SUPPLIES, NEWS RELEASES AND PROMOTION MATERIALS RELATIVE TO TOOTSIE POP DAY, WE DO HEREBY AGREE TO MAKE A FULL AND COMPLETE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE OF ALL TOOTSIE POP DAY COLLECTIONS TO THE FOUNDATION AND TO UTILIZE THE NET PROCEEDS THEREOF FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF THE BLIND AND DEAF PROJECTS, REMITTING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS PROMPTLY TO THE FOUNDATION A MINIMUM OF 60% THEREOF, RETAINING THE BALANCE OF 40% FOR LOCAL AID TO THE BLIND AND DEAF ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION.

**ALL FUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO AID VISION AND HEARING PROJECTS ONLY.**

WILL PICK UP CANDY AT LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  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.   
 Lions Club is responsible for shipping charges, we will send invoice to Club Treasurer we have on file.

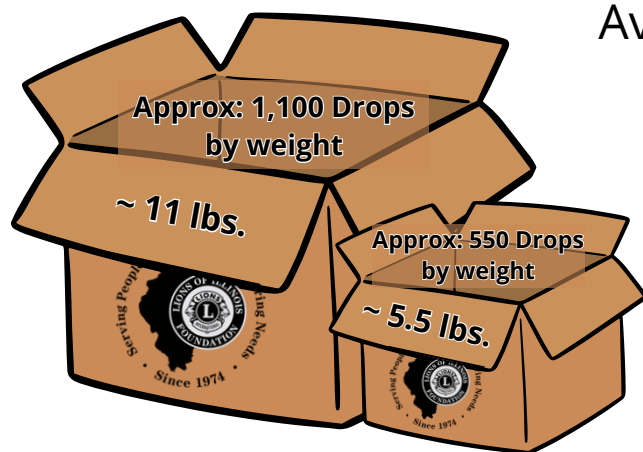
District Governors & Trustees can pickup your Tootsie Pop Orders at upcoming meetings.

# \*NEW\* SUGAR FREE CANDY



Our **\*new\*** SUGAR FREE Drops  
are *Aspartame Free* and Oh So Delicious!

**Flavors - Blue Raspberry, Cherry, Strawberry, Lemon, Pineapple**



**Quantities are Limited.  
Place your Order Today!**

Available **\*NOW\*** in Large or Small Cases  
(assorted flavors)

Small case (~5.5 lbs. Sugar Free Drops): **\$50.00**  
Approx: 550 Drops by weight

Large Case (~11 lbs. Sugar Free Drops): **\$95.00**  
Approx: 1,100 Drops by weight

**Costs Do Not Include Shipping**

**Note: These Drops are replacing  
Sugar-Free Suckers  
which are NO LONGER available**

**Sugar Free Drops are sweetened with isomalt.**

*Isomalt is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a non-cariogenic sweetener, meaning it doesn't contribute to tooth decay. Isomalt is used primarily for its sugar-like physical properties. It has little to no impact on blood sugar levels, and does not stimulate the release of insulin.*

**Like any candy, sugar or sugar free, these drops are not recommended to be eaten in large amounts.  
Please be aware that when eaten in excess these candies may cause an upset stomach.**

# Lions of Illinois Foundation **DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign's mission is to inform the public of the hidden dangers of Diabetes.

**From March 1st to May 31st**

Lions will be seen in communities throughout Illinois passing out what we call "Risk Strips." These paper slips contain a list of the warning signs of diabetes and related referral information.



**Thank You for Your Support on Bringing Awareness to the Silent Risk of Blindness From Diabetes.**

According to the Center for Disease Control, 38.4 million people in the United States have Diabetes and 1 in 5 are unaware they have it. Help us raise awareness and bring this valuable information to those at risk.



**Early Detection is Key to the Prevention and Treatment of Diabetes.**

**Your Contribution also supports:**

- **FREE Retinal Screenings, to detect Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Degeneration, performed through our Mobile Screening Unit**
- **FREE Children's Vision Screenings**
- **LIF Support of ADA Specialized Programs**

Enclosed is our check/money order to contribute towards Diabetes Awareness.

Amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name or Individual Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: LIF  
For Credit Card Donations visit us at:  
[LionsofillinoisFoundation.org](http://LionsofillinoisFoundation.org)  
or phone us at 815-756-5633



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

**Thank You for Your Donation**

# Save the Date



## LIF 31st Annual Charity Golf Classic Saturday August 2, 2025

Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Course  
658 US Highway 6 • LaSalle, IL 61301

**ALL Proceeds Support the  
LIF Student Low Vision Program**

### A Round of Golf includes:

- ▶ Cart
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Buffet Dinner
- ▶ 2 FREE Beverages on the course
- ▶ 50/50 Raffle and More!

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- \$1,000 — Golf Classic Platinum Sponsor  
(Includes one paid foursome)
- \$290.00 — Golf Hole Sponsor  
Includes hole sponsor sign on the green  
(\$290 Sponsors one child through the Low Vision Clinic)
- \$100.00 — Driving Range Sponsor
- \$75.00 — Beer Cart Sponsor
- \$50.00 — Golf Cart Sponsor

## LIF 7th Annual Roar-In' Charity Car Show Saturday September 13, 2025

Hosted By: Cortland Lions Club 70 S Llanos St. Cortland, IL



### Cars • Trucks • Motorcycles

Dash plaques first 50 cars!  
\$15 Registration  
Registration begins at 9am

Free to the Public  
Open 10 am - 3 pm

🚩 Guest Judges

🚩 Giveaways 🚩 Food

🚩 DJ: 3D Sound

**Proceeds to Benefit the  
LIF Adult Low Vision Program**

# January & February 2025 Tribute Donations

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Ron F. Bartlett**

- Aurora Evening LC

### **Don Borgwardt, PFP**

- Rich & Megan Borgwardt

### **Tom Calza**

- Collinsville/Maryville LC

### **Bryce Carey**

- Hinckley LC

### **President Jimmy Carter**

- Richard Schrumpf

### **Ronald E. Casas**

- Tinley Park LC

### **Brian Chellios**

- Shelia Perkins

### **Dave DeWolfe**

- Wyoming LC

### **Mary Beth Eiermann**

- Bob & Linda Gilke
- Roselle LC

### **Marjorie Flood**

- Shelia Perkins

### **Kathy Hamilton-Reichel**

- Tinley Park LC

### **Dianna Kompanowski**

- Tania Armenta (Visit ABQ)
- Bronson & Lisa Black
- Catherine Burnham
- Frank & Eileen Cortese
- Lisa Germain
- Kerry Gladden
- Carl & Catherine Graf
- Kristine Hummel
- Marjorie & David Lacombe
- Frances O'Brien
- Heather Pierson
- Patricia Sauer
- Richard Schiavo
- Thomas Slonka
- Mike Subers

### **William Kupper**

- Hinckley LC

### **Anne Liby**

- Monmouth Evening LC

### **Mercedes Martinez**

- Joliet Noon LC

### **Scott Meyer**

- Bob & Linda Gilke
- Roselle LC

### **Joan Mika**

- Willow Springs LC

### **John Neht**

- Babette Anderson
- Patricia Newkirk
- Tammy & Randy Wiesemeyer

### **Evelyn Olender**

- Bob & Linda Gilke

### **Rebecca Ann Rentz**

- Lake Villa Township LC

### **Paul Severins**

- Gifford LC

### **Charlie Siefert**

- John & Reveneal O'Brien

### **Carol Smigielski**

- Burbank LC
- Chris Coleman
- District 1-A PDG Club
- Jesse Gerez
- Willow Springs LC

### **Mike Stier**

- Sheffield LC

## **HONOREES**

### **David M. Johnson**

- Sonjia Raleigh

### **Bob & Vicki Corwin (50th Wedding Anniversary)**

- Russ & Sue Sarver

# April 22nd is Earth Day!



Thank you to all of the Lions who have embraced the Sneaker Recycling Program. To honor **Earth Day** on **April 22, 2025**, please consider collecting sneakers within your community as an **Environmental Impact Service Project**.

If you would like some Sneaker Recycling Boxes to help make your service project a success, please contact us at [LFOffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LFOffice@lifnd.org)



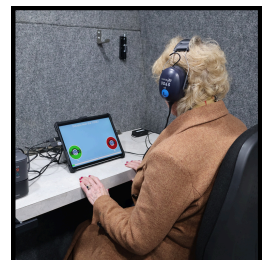
**gotsneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

## Environmental Impact Report As of 3-5-2025

- Total Bags of Sneakers: 411
- Pounds of Sneakers Displaced: 12,062
- Pounds of Carbon Dioxide Displaced: 164,576
- Gallons of Water Saved: 12,381,580

## Our **NEW** Mobile Screening Unit is Out on the Road!

**Thank You to Darien Lions Club for their sponsorship and being the first Club to Host the New Mobile Screening Unit.**



Please Visit Our Website to Schedule the Mobile Screening Unit for Your Event: [www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)