



Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

YOUR LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION... PUTTING THE "FUN" INTO FUNDRAISING



SPLASH INTO THE NEW LIONS YEAR...
with LIF's many family friendly fundraising events!
All proceeds to benefit vision and hearing
programs and services. COME JOIN THE FUN!

June 27th



**Camp Lions
Cougars Baseball Night**

July 30th



**Lion Kyle Schulze
Visits Camp Lions**

July 31st



**Camp Lions
Grizzlies Baseball Night**

August 2nd



**LIF Annual
Charity Golf Classic**

Sept. 13th & Oct. 5th



**Roar-in Car Show
North and South**

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

Proceeds Support Camp Lions!

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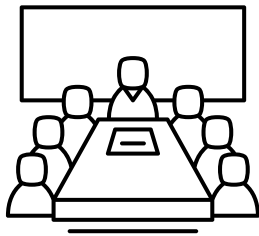
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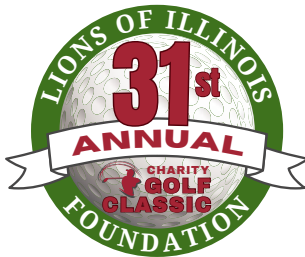
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Upcoming Events



July 12, 2025

LIF Board Meeting
Springfield, IL



August 2, 2025

Annual Charity
Golf Classic



August 8, 2025

BINGO Bonanza
Hosted by Highland LC



**Lions Share SPOTLIGHT on
Camp Lions Director
Lion Bronson Black**



Bronson Black

Master of Science, Special Education



**A BIG Congratulations to our very own Camp Lions Director Lion Bronson Black
for completing his Master of Science Degree in Special Education.**

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, BRONSON!

Please email your congratulations to Bronson at LIFoffice@lifnd.org

The Lions of Illinois Foundation invites you to join us for...

Deaf Awareness Baseball Night



\$25 PER SEAT



\$22 per Seat with a Purchase of 4 or more Tickets



KANE COUNTY COUGARS BASEBALL

Friday, June 27th - 6:30 pm

Northwestern Medicine Field

34w002 Cherry Lane, Geneva, IL 60134

(Vs. Chicago Dogs)



★ FIREWORKS

★ GAME INTERPRETER

★ SNACKS

★ CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNING
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



**YES, I would like to purchase Ticket(s) to attend the
Kane County Cougars Baseball Game.**

Please send me _____ Ticket(s) priced at \$25 each, for the Game indicated above.

Please send me _____ Ticket(s) priced at \$22 each, with the purchase of 4 or more Tickets.

Please Note: Parking Is NOT Included with your Ticket Price

___ NO, I cannot attend but I'd like to sponsor a camper to attend the ballgame for \$50.

(\$50 Seat & Eat Sponsorship includes ticket, food and drink voucher and bus transportation to and from the game)

Note: All Campers and Counselors will be transported to and from the Game by bus.

Enclosed is a check for the amount of: _____

Yes, we are a Lions Club _____ District _____

Please send my Tickets to:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____



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

Please visit our Website to purchase Tickets on-line: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation

LION KYLE SCHULZE



Camp Lions Mentor, Deaf Ninja and LION... Kyle Schulze is heading to Camp Lake Williamson Center!

This year campers attending Lake Williamson Center will enjoy time with a special guest, **Lion Kyle Schulze will be at Camp Lions on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.** He will join campers in completing the obstacle course, discuss the challenges he has faced and learned to overcome in his life and share the wonderful experiences he had growing up as a Camp Lions camper and counselor. Kyle will then attend the **Thursday evening Grizzlies Baseball Game** with the campers, staff and fellow Lions.

Campers will have an opportunity to take photos with Kyle and share some unforgettable experiences alongside him and their peers.

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 Camp 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.

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**GATEWAY GRIZZLIES
BASEBALL**

Thursday, July 31st - 6:30 pm

Grizzlies Ballpark

2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd, Sauget, IL 62206

(Vs. Joliet Slammers)



★ **MINDSEYE**

★ **GAME INTERPRETER**

★ **\$5 GRIZZLIE
BUCKS**

★ **CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNING
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**



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Gateway Grizzlies Baseball Game.**

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Lions of Illinois Foundation Charity Golf Classic

In Memory of PDG, Lion Mario J. Gumino

Saturday, August 2, 2025

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

Registration Opens at 10:00 am / Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm

Sponsorships:

\$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

4-Person Scramble:

\$98.00 per golfer

\$392.00 per team

*unless Club/Team is: Golf Classic
Platinum Sponsor (see sponsorships)

A Round of Golf includes:

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

If you are NOT golfing but would like to attend the event. The **Cost is \$30.00**.
Please fill out your name and select "**DINNER ONLY**" and return the form accompanied by your payment.





Lions of Illinois Foundation Charity Golf Classic

In Memory of PDG, Lion Mario J. Gumino

Sponsorship & Golf Registration Form

Club/Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

NAMES OF GOLFERS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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___ **\$75.00** - Beer Cart Sponsor

___ **\$50.00** - Golf Cart Sponsor

___ **\$30.00 - Dinner Only**

(Please feel free to arrive early to get in on raffles and giveaways. Dinner will begin around 5pm.)

Total Amount Enclosed :

\$ _____

Make Checks payable to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N. Peace Rd, Suite B DeKalb, IL 60115
Memo: Charity Golf Classic

MD-1 State Convention Re-Cap



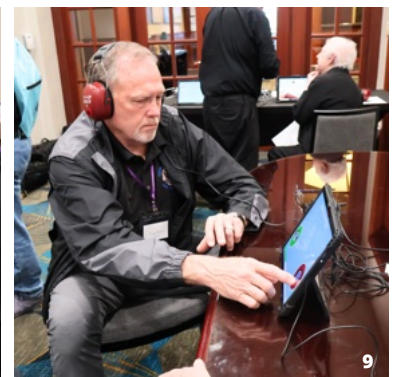
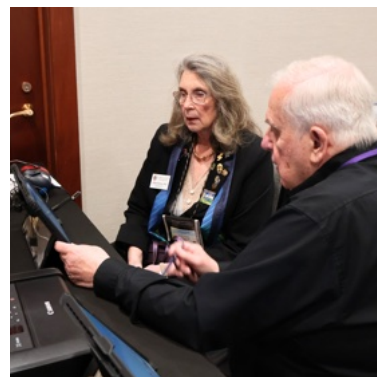
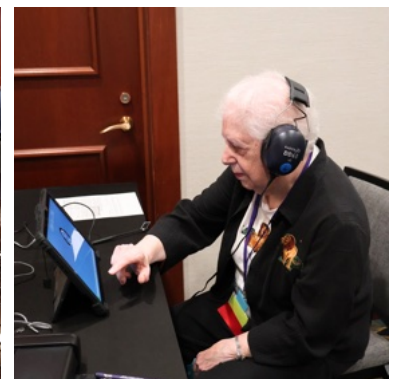
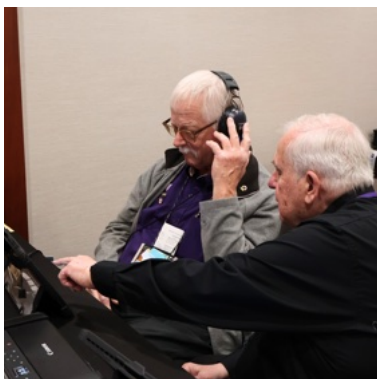
MD-1 Governors Dinner • Saturday, May 3, 2025



LIF Training Sessions on the AMTAS Plus Hearing Screening Tablets

This hearing screening equipment is used on our Mobile Unit and at Indoor Screening Events.

Visit our website, lionsofillinoisfoundation.org to schedule your Club's Screening Event!



LIF Board of Trustees Meeting

**Thank you to our LIF & LIEF Board Members, Trustees and Chairpersons
for your dedication in making this an outstanding year of service!**



As our year comes to a close we would like to acknowledge our gratitude for the Lions on our Board who will be transitioning away from their time as Trustee or Chairperson. You have been a vital part in the success of the Foundation and our ability to serve so many people in Illinois with vision and hearing needs. Thank you for your time, dedication and service!

LIF Ambassador Dinner



A special thanks to all who attended the dinner!
It's such a pleasure to catch up with our Ambassadors to find out about the great things Lions are doing throughout the state!

We appreciate all that you do to promote the programs and services provided through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Thank you!



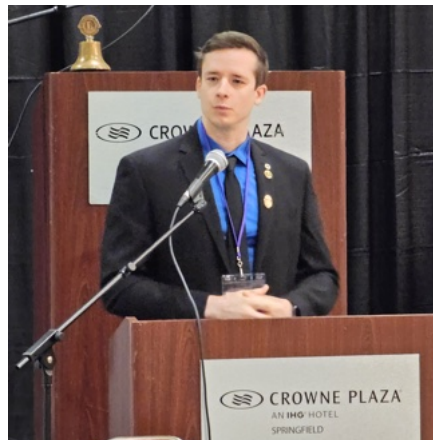
Hollywood BINGO Bonanza



So. Much. FUN! Special Thanks to St. Jacob Lions Club for hosting the MD-1 Lions Hollywood Bingo Bonanza. Proceeds raised through this event went to Camp Lions, MD-1 Lions and Lions International. Thank you to all who played and gave generously in support of this fundraiser!



LIF Breakfast Meeting



Fundraising Campaign Trophy Winners



CANDY DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.
2024-2025 CANDY DAY STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY - **DARIEN LIONS CLUB 1-J** \$11,901.13
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation
2024-2025 CANDY DAY STATE RECOGNITION TROPHY -
CHICAGO MOUNT GREENWOOD LIONS CLUB 1-A \$296.15 per member

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest net dollar amount to the Foundation.
2023-2024 SWEEPSTAKES STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY -
ST. JACOB LIONS CLUB 1-CN \$2,870.00.
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest per capita to the Foundation.
2023-2024 SWEEPSTAKES LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY -
NOBLE LIONS CLUB 1-CN \$81.82 per member

TOOTSIE POP DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.
2023-2024 TOOTSIE POP STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY -
WHEATON LIONS CLUB 1-J \$3,478.50
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation.
2023-2024 TOOTSIE POP STATE LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY -
STAUNTON LIONS CLUB 1-G \$115.23 per member

Parade of Pledges



Thank You for Your Generous Donations!



Programs and Services: \$27,356.02
Endowments: \$8,275.00



**Sunday Breakfast
50/50 Raffle Winner!**

Want To See More Photos From The State Convention Weekend?
Please Visit: [Facebook.com/LIFnd](https://www.facebook.com/LIFnd)



2025 Lions of Illinois Foundation Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Winners List

<u>PRIZE:</u>	<u>WINNER:</u>	<u>CLUB/DISTRICT:</u>
1st Place/\$5,000	Frankfort LC	Frankfort LC/1-BK
2nd Place/\$1,000	Bonfield LC	Bonfield LC/1-BK
3rd Place/\$1,000	Lemont LC	Lemont LC/1-BK
4th Place/\$1,000	Individual (Non-Lion)	Darien LC/1-J
5th Place/\$1,000	Individual (Lion Member)	Springfield Noon LC/1-M
6th Place/\$1,000	Individual (Lion Member)	Carlinville LC/1-G
7th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Genoa LC/1-D
8th Place/\$500	Individual (Non-Lion)	Fox River Grove LC/1-F
9th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Ridge Farm LC/1-M
10th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Winthrop Harbor LC/1-F
11th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Strasburg LC/1-M
12th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Genoa LC/1-D
13th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Schaumburg Hoffman Estates LC/1-F
14th Place/\$500	Pittsfield LC	Pittsfield LC/1-G
15th Place/\$500	Crete LC	Crete LC/1-BK
16th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Central City/Centralia LC/1-CN
17th Place/\$250	Individual (Non-Lion)	Noble LC/1-CN
18th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Waukegan Little Fort LC/1-F
19th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Darien LC/1-J
20th Place/\$250	Crete LC	Crete LC/1-BK
21st Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Nashville LC/1-CN
22nd Place/\$250	Individual (Non-Lion)	Crete LC/1-BK
23rd Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Darien LC/1-J
24th Place/\$250	Individual (Non-Lion)	Aurora LC/1-J
25th Place/\$250	Chapin LC	Chapin LC/1-G
26th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Strasburg LC/1-M

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE PRIZE WINNERS FROM EACH DISTRICT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE RETURN OF THE SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES INDIVIDUAL SELLER CASH PRIZES

District Seller Prizes - \$100 each

1-A	Chris Stanley	Chicago Bellwood LC	30 Books Sold
1-BK	Ray Soliman	Crest Hill LC	28 Books Sold
1-CN	David Campbell	Carmi LC	50 Books Sold
1-CS	Sherri Johnson	Mounds LC	29 Books Sold
1-D	Lioness Susan Johnson	Dixon Lioness Lions	30 Books Sold
1-F	Barbara Lahtinen, PDG	Elk Grove Village LC	28 Books Sold
1-G	No Participation	-	- Books Sold
1-H	No Participation	-	- Books Sold
1-J	John Nienhuis	Union LC	47 Books Sold
1-M	Brandee Allen	Warrensburg Latham LC	31 Books Sold

State Top 4 Sellers

1st Place: Luanne Ragland	1-CN Waterloo LC	125 Books Sold
2nd Place: Jackie Gregory	1-BK Crest Hill LC	75 Books Sold
3rd Place: Larry Prindaville	1-D Dixon Noon LC	53 Books Sold
4th Place: Susan Morris	1-BK Crete LC	50 Books Sold

Eligibility for Individual Seller Prizes

- 1) Only individual Lions or Lioness are eligible to participate, Clubs or groups are not eligible.
- (2) A minimum of twenty-five complete books of Sweepstakes tickets must be sold by the individual with name listed to qualify for an award.
- (3) All completed Sweepstakes ticket stubs, related money, and the completed 'Individual Seller form' must be packaged as a group and returned to the Foundation Office no later than April 25th.



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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

Free to the Public Open 10 am - 3 pm

\$15 Registration

Registration begins at 9 am

Dash Plaques to First 50 Cars!

 **Guest Judges**

 **Giveaways**  **Food**

 **DJ: 3D Sound**

**Proceeds to Benefit Vision Services through the
Lions of Illinois Foundation**



Register Online at:

www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

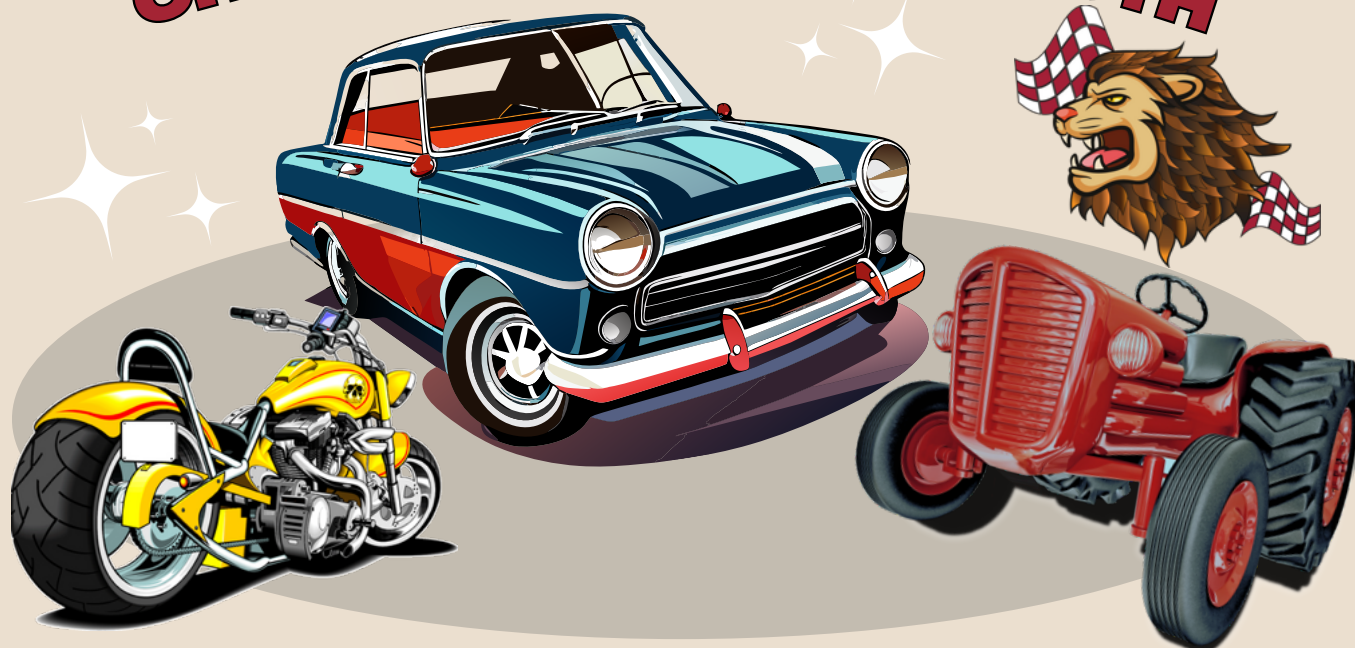
Contact LFOffice@lifnd.org or call 815-756-5633





5th Annual **ROAR-IN** CHARITY CAR SHOW SOUTH

St. Jacob, IL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Douglas Street in front of the Activity Center

Registration open from 9 am - 1 pm

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 VISION SERVICES**

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

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