



Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

Swingin' Into Summer!



Golf with Us this August to Support Students Throughout Illinois with Low Vision Needs.

Join Us for the 32nd Annual LIF Charity Golf Classic

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Proceeds to Benefit LIF

Student Low Vision Program

Celebrating 50 Years!



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A Sneaker Recycling Organization



**Environmental
Impact Report**

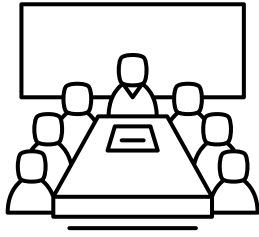
• Total Bags of Sneakers: 750

• LBS. Sneakers Displaced: 24,167

• LBS. Carbon Dioxide Displaced: 329,636

• GALS. Water Saved: 24,798,594

Upcoming Events



July 11, 2026

LIF Board Meeting
Springfield, IL



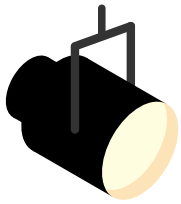
August 1, 2026

Annual Charity
Golf Classic

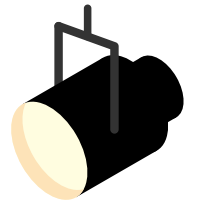


September 12, 2026

LIF 8th Annual Roar-in'
Charity Car Show



Lions Share SPOTLIGHT



YOUR FOUNDATION IS MOVING!

Current Address:

700 N Peace Rd. Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115

New Address:

650 N Peace Rd. Suite G
DeKalb, IL 60115



We Aren't Moving Too Far...

Just One Building South of Our Current Office Location

Please Call To Schedule Your Recycling Drop Off - 815-756-5633

JOIN US FOR THE
32ND ANNUAL LIF CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

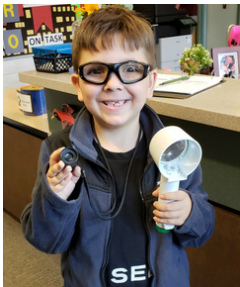
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026



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

Supporting Student Low Vision

2026 marks the 50 Year Anniversary of our Student Low Vision Program. Please join us at the LIF Charity Golf Classic as we kick-start our fundraising efforts to support 300 students in Illinois.



Support Through Sponsorship:

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

Please Note: All Sponsors will be recognized on yard signs that will be placed throughout the course.

\$98/Per Golfer

A Round Of Golf Includes:

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



Lions of Illinois Foundation Charity Golf Classic

In Memory of PDG, Lion Mario J. Gumino

Saturday, August 1, 2026

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

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Sponsorship & Golf Registration Form

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___ **\$1,000 - Platinum Golf Classic Sponsor**

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(\$290 Sponsors one child through the Low Vision Clinic)

___ **\$100.00 - Driving Range**

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

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

___ **\$30.00 - Dinner Only**

Total Amount Enclosed :

\$ _____

Make Checks payable to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N. Peace Rd, Suite B

DeKalb, IL 60115

Memo: Charity Golf Classic

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

Club/Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

NAMES OF GOLFERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



Please return completed form and payment to the Lions of Illinois Foundation at the address listed above.



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

is looking for a

HEARING/VISION SCREENING TECHNICIAN



**YOU could be our
next Mobile Screening Unit
Technician!**



Enjoy Traveling



Safe Driver



Friendly



Serving Others Brings You Joy

Please Apply On-line



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LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

HEARING/VISION SCREENING TECHNICIAN



Job Title: Mobile Screening Unit Technician

Department: Lions of Illinois Foundation Programs & Services

Supervisor: Associate Director, Lion Trish Fisher

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Illinois for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of those with visual and hearing needs.

General Job Description:

To provide FREE vision and hearing screenings to the public, throughout Illinois, utilizing the Lions of Illinois Foundation Mobile Screening Unit.

The Ideal Candidate for this job would be someone with a strong work ethic, that aligns with the Foundations mission, enjoys traveling, flexible hours and working with the public. They need to be a self-starter and have both, strong verbal and written communication skills. They need to have good problem-solving skills and have the ability to transition from task to task with proficiency and patience.

Experience:

- Class D or higher valid Illinois Driver's License
- Have completed a safe driving course approved by our Foundation
- Have at least 10 years driving experience
 - Large vehicle experience preferred (ie. large self-contained recreational vehicle)

Education:

- High School or Equivalent
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, this includes Word, Excel, OneNote, and Outlook

Additional Requirements:

- If the applicant is a Lion, they must be a Club Member in good standing
- Applicant needs to consistently adhere to the Lions Code of Ethics in the forefront of all actions
- An annual physical, including hearing and vision tests are required
- Must be able to safely lift 40 pounds and sit for long periods of time

Duties and Responsibilities:

Travel:

- Safely drive to screening location using GPS or other mapping methods
- Technician will travel in the Mobile Screening Unit to each screening site or from site to site as determined by the requests for the Mobile Screening Unit. Arriving 45 minutes - 1 hour prior to each screening
- Technician will work closely with the Associate Director to establish a monthly screening schedule

Travel Duties and Responsibilities Cont'd:

- Technician will communicate directly with Clubs prior to each screening for specific instructions and to verbally confirm the Clubs responsibilities before, during and after the screening event
- Technician will arrange for appropriate overnight accommodations for themselves as needed to assure timely arrival at each of the screening locations
- Technician will be responsible for providing completed expense reports with documentation

Maintenance:

- Technician will maintain proficiency in the operation of the Mobile Screening Unit
 - Utilizing monthly maintenance checklist, have preventative maintenance performed at acceptable intervals on the Unit

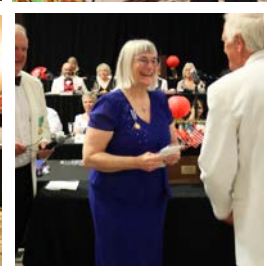
Screenings:

- Technician will be trained on the use of the most current devices acquired by the Lions of Illinois Foundation (including: Hearing Screening Tablet, Retinal Screening Camera and Children's Vision Screening Camera)
- Technician will set up equipment for screening
 - Technician will run equipment prior to the screening to ensure equipment is working efficiently
 - Technician will ensure that the Mobile Screening Unit is stocked with appropriate informational brochures, flyers, and screening paperwork
- Technician will instruct Club Members on their responsibilities
 - Clubs will be responsible for setting up check-in table and having the public complete paperwork
 - Club Members will run the hearing portion of the screening using the hearing screening tablets
 - Club Members will utilize the Children's Vision Screener as needed
 - Club Members will assist clients as they enter and exit the Mobile Screening Unit
- Technician will maintain proficiency in the operation and data transfer of the screening equipment
 - Technician will work closely with the Programs Assistant concerning screening software updates and intermittent repairs to screening equipment
 - Technician will be responsible for complete uploading of all data reports
 - Work closely with Programs Assistant to ensure reports are delivered to shared file in a timely manner
 - Complete Hearing Data Sheet, Pass - Fail per screening site
 - Complete Weather Results Sheet per screening site (*weather effects outdoor screening event turnout*)
 - Technician will communicate with Foundation Staff on all aspects of the operation of the Mobile Screening Unit
 - The Associate Director will be available via phone or e-mail to assist as needed

APPLY ONLINE. Visit: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org for more info



MD-1 State Convention Re-Cap

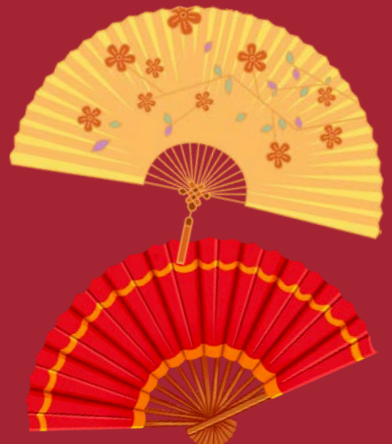


**Thank you to the LIF & LIEF Board Members, Trustees and Chairpersons
for your dedication in making this an outstanding year of service!**



As the 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 people in Illinois with vision and hearing needs. Thank you for your time, dedication and service! We look forward to your continued stewardship as an LIF Ambassador.

Thank you!





We ♥ Our Ambassadors



A special thanks to all who attended the Ambassador 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.





Red Dragon BINGO Bonanza

So. Much. FUN! Special Thanks to St. Jacob Lions Club for hosting the MD-1 Lions Red Dragon Bingo Bonanza. Proceeds raised through this event went to Student Low Vision, 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

We are grateful to all the Lions across the State who participate in LIF Fundraisers. Your efforts are directly impacting the lives of children and adults with vision and hearing needs throughout Illinois.



CANDY DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.
2025-2026 CANDY DAY STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY - **DARIEN LIONS CLUB 1-J** \$11,100.00
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation
2025-2026 CANDY DAY STATE RECOGNITION TROPHY -
GILLESPIE LIONS CLUB 1-G \$288.33 per member

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest net dollar amount to the Foundation.
2024-2025 SWEEPSTAKES STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY -
WATERLOO LIONS CLUB 1-CN \$2,000.00.
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest per capita to the Foundation.
2024-2025 SWEEPSTAKES LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY -
WINTHROP HARBOR LIONS CLUB 1-F \$132.00 per member

TOOTSIE POP DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.
2024-2025 TOOTSIE POP STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY -
WHEATON LIONS CLUB 1-J \$7,444.67
- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation.
2024-2025 TOOTSIE POP STATE LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY -
STAUNTON LIONS CLUB 1-G \$122.95 per member

Parade of Pledges



Thank You for Your Generous Donations!

The Lions of Illinois Continue To Serve Those
With Vision & Hearing Needs
in Communities Across the State...

\$36,675.00

Was Raised Through Your Pledges!

- Programs and Services: \$27,630.00
- Endowment: \$9,045.00





2026 Lions of Illinois Foundation Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Winners List

<u>PRIZE:</u>	<u>WINNER:</u>	<u>CLUB/DISTRICT:</u>
1st Place/\$5,000	Individual (Lion Member)	Stickney Forest View LC/1-A
2nd Place/\$1,000	Individual (Lion Member)	Huntley Area LC/1-J
3rd Place/\$1,000	Individual (Lion Member)	Elk Grove Village LC/1-F
4th Place/\$1,000	St. Jacob LC	St. Jacob LC/1-CN
5th Place/\$1,000	Individual (Lion Member)	DeKalb LC/1-J
6th Place/\$1,000	Frankfort LC	Frankfort LC/1-BK
7th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Galesburg LC/1-H
8th Place/\$500	Frankfort LC	Frankfort LC/1-BK
9th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Chicago East Side LC/1-A
10th Place/\$500	Individual (Non-Lion)	Waterloo LC/1-CN
11th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Ashkum LC/1-BK
12th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Joliet Noon LC/1-BK
13th Place/\$500	Individual (Non-Lion)	North Henderson LC/1-H
14th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Waterloo LC/1-CN
15th Place/\$500	Individual (Non-Lion)	Tinley Park LC/1-A
16th Place/\$500	Individual (Lion Member)	Roselle LC/1-J
17th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Buffalo Grove LC/1-F
18th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Staunton LC/1-G
19th Place/\$250	Deerfield Italian Kitchen	None Listed
20th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Bolingbrook LC/1-BK
21st Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Nashville LC/1-CN
22nd Place/\$250	Hillsboro LC	Hillsboro LC/1-M
23rd Place/\$250	St. Jacob LC	St. Jacob LC/1-CN
24th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Bradley LC/1-BK
25th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Naperville Noon LC/1-J
26th Place/\$250	Individual (Lion Member)	Champaign LC/1-M

CONGRATULATIONS

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

District Seller Prizes - \$100 each

1-A	Arthur Dilay	Chicago Maharlika LC	30 Books Sold
1-BK	Sam Stockton	Crest Hill LC	36 Books Sold
1-CN	Denny Bradac	Nashville LC	29 Books Sold
1-CS	Carol Childress	Mounds LC	50 Books Sold
1-D	Lioness Susan Johnson	Dixon Lioness Lions	30 Books Sold
1-F	Barbara Lahtinen, PDG	Elk Grove Village LC	36 Books Sold
1-F	Jim Martin	Glenview LC	36 Books Sold
1-G	No Participation	-	- Books Sold
1-H	No Participation	-	- Books Sold
1-J	John Nienhuis	Union LC	49 Books Sold
1-M	No Participation	-	- Books Sold

State Top 4 Sellers

1st Place: Luanne Ragland	1-CN Waterloo LC	136 Books Sold
2nd Place: Jackie Gregory	1-BK Crest Hill LC	102 Books Sold
3rd Place: Larry Prindaville	1-D Dixon Noon LC	61 Books Sold
4th Place: Susan Morris	1-BK Crete LC	55 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 May 1st.



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March & April 2026 Tribute Donations

MEMORIALS

John “Nick” Argoudelis

- Joliet Noon LC

Margaret Burgauer

- PDG Dick & Barb Bark
- North Chicago LC
- Schaumburg-Hoffman LC

Dolores Divine

- PDG Dick & Barb Bark

Donald Giger

- David Paddock

PDG Leon Hove

- Joliet Noon LC

Dick Koglin

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- Christopher LC

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- Joliet Noon LC

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- Joliet Noon LC

Gerry Swederski

- Fox Lake LC

Kris Zink

- PDG Dick & Barb Bark
- Oswego LC

Remember that there are many reasons to honor someone special to you with a tribute.

Giving a Tribute is a beautiful gesture to show someone you care, thank an individual in your community or celebrate an exciting milestone.



LIF 8th Annual Roar-In' Charity Car Show

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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



**CARS
TRUCKS
AND
MOTORCYCLES
WELCOME**



FREE TO THE PUBLIC | OPEN 10 AM - 3 PM

\$15 Registration (begins at 9 am)

Register Online at: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org



- ✓ DJ: 3D Sound
- ✓ Dash Plaques to First 50 Cars!
- ✓ Guest Judging
- ✓ Top 10 Awards
- ✓ Giveaways
- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Food
- ✓ More

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