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.

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 people with vision and hearing needs. 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 Trust, are creating a present day capability for those future needs.

Monetary Support

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is funded mainly by club contributions from Candy Day, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Gift Card Campaign, Annual Gala, Car Show and BBQ.

The Foundation led the campaign to raise $5 million to finance construction of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (L.I.E.R.I.) in Chicago, as well as the campaign to raise $1.1 million to finance the Charles I. Young Professional Chair.

Why the Lions Help

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is a nonprofit organization with members throughout the state of Illinois. Since 1925, the Lions have taken the challenge given to them by Helen Keller. Addressing the Lions at their convention she urged them to become:

"Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Blindness."

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Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

Legacy

Club

What is the Legacy Club?

The Legacy Club is a way of recognizing individuals who wish to assist in the establishment of a lasting legacy to help children and adults who are visually or hearing impaired. Membership in the Legacy Club is granted to any person (Lion or non-Lion) who demonstrates a commitment to the vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation by:

- leaving a bequest of any size (large or small), **or**
- assigning any part of a pension/retirement fund, IRA, insurance policy, or investment account

to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund or Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How do I become a member?

Name the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund or Lions of Illinois Foundation as:

- a beneficiary of part of your estate, or
- an assignee of part of your pension/ retirement fund, IRA, insurance policy, or investment account.

Complete the application included and send it with appropriate documentation (for example, photocopies of beneficiary designation forms) to the address indicated. For more information, contact the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

What do I receive as a member?

As a Legacy Club member, you receive a beautiful pin and the satisfaction of knowing that, because of you, future generations of children and adults in Illinois will receive the precious gift of hope.

How are endowment funds used?

The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is a restricted fund of which the principal remains intact. Only the income from this 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.

Are contributions through wills, bequests, and trusts estate tax-deductible?

Yes! Contributions through wills, bequests, and trusts are estate tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Legacy Club

application

Please return and make checks payable to Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Club Name_____

Contact Name_____

Address_____

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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.