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."

Scan here to learn more about LIF.

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Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

Do you know about the

Tree of Service?

Located in the lobby area of your LIF office, the Tree of Service showcases clubs' and individuals' devotion to serving through the Lions of Illinois Foundation and Endowment Fund's programs.

The Tree of Service

The Lions are a symbol of hope, courage and integrity. Through their Clubs and affiliated philanthropies, the Lions have created a better and more independent life for the blind and deaf in Illinois. The Tree of Service stands for various service programs. The branches are symbolic of how Lions Clubs reach out into the community through their services. The Leaves are symbolic of the communities in Illinois, and the trunk of the tree is symbolic of the programs and services the Lions and Lioness of Illinois support through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How Your Gift Grows

The contributions for the Tree of Service are deposited into the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. This account will continue to grow like the tree it represents. Only the interest from the donation is used to help support the programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Services Your Gift Supports

- Camp Lions for Children and Adults
- Low Vision Services for students
- Mobile Retinal Unit
- Mobile Hearing Unit
- Used Eyeglass Collection
- Used Hearing Aid Collection
- Hearing Aid Bank
- Social Services and Referral
- Lions of IL Funds for Emergency (LIFE)
- Lions of IL Eye Research Institute
- Endowed Chair in Ocular Research

Your Gift

To become part of the Tree of Service, you can give a tax deductible gift to the extent allowed by the law.

Levels of Involvement

- **Leaf** $1,000.00
- **Cluster of Leaves** $3,000.00
- **Rocks**
  - ✓ **Contributor** $5,000 through $25,000
  - ✓ **Benefactor** Over $25,001 through $75,000
  - ✓ **Patron** Over $75,001 through $150,000
  - ✓ **Sponsor** Over $150,001 through 300,000
  - ✓ **Pacesetter** Over $300,001

The inscription you choose can honor or memorialize another person or event, or it can simply reflect that you gave a gift.

Please inscribe the rock or leaf (leaves) on the Tree of Service as follows:

A Gift From_____ *or*

In Honor of _____ *or*

In Memory of _____ *or*

Thank you on behalf of the thousands who will benefit from this gift.

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Tree of Service Gift Form

Here is my gift to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust in support of those in need.

Club Name or Individual Donor Name:

_____

Club or Individual's mailing address:

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City_____State_____Zip_____

Email:_____

Phone number:_____

Check or money order should be made payable to **Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund**

If you would like to place a birdies guess, please fill in your number here:

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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.