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Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Holiday Tributes

During the Holidays, we reflect on the blessings in our lives and the importance of giving back to our communities. This holiday season, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact by supporting the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

To show your gratitude, please consider making a monetary contribution in honor of a Loved One, Mentor, Lion, Service Person, or Someone in your Community who has made an impact on you personally or has shown great service to those in need.

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

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This Holiday Season take the time to Give Thanks to those who are special to you with a Tribute this Thanksgiving!

We Serve.

Giving Thanks to all Lions throughout Illinois who share their time and talents and spread kindness serving those in need.

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Lions Share SPOTLIGHT

Chicago Walk 4 Hearing

Sunday, September 20, 2026

About Walk4Hearing:

Together, We're Going the Distance for Hearing Health.

Since 2006, the Walk4Hearing has brought communities together to inspire action, empower participants and champion hearing health for people of all ages.

Walk With Us:

More than 50 million people in the U.S. have some degree of hearing loss, with many more at risk. Most never get tested, treated or provided with resources on how to navigate their circumstances. By walking with us, you:

- Raise awareness about the importance of hearing health as part of our overall well-being.
- Continue the tradition of fundraising for national and local programs, including HLAA Chapters and nonprofit partners.
- Show your support for a world where people with hearing loss are fully included in every aspect of daily life.

The Lions of Illinois Foundation was a Proud Sponsor for the Chicago Walk 4 Hearing.

Special thanks to District 1-F Trustees Lion Terry Scherman and Lion Julie Stanley, as well as Lion Bill Stanley, Lion Emily Taylor and Lion Joshua Fisher. This crew was on-site to provide FREE Hearing Screenings and support our very own Camp Lions Camper, Zoey as she participated in the walk.

LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Foundation President: Steve Anton, PCC

Greetings Lions of Illinois,

So, moving the LIF Office was going to be easy? Not so much. As any Lion knows, the best laid plans of mice and men, murphy's law, you know, all the reasons. Well, I would like to congratulate Directors Ron Fruit and Trish Fisher, the staff and family members who once again had lent a hand in the recent move and making it as painless as possible to those in Illinois that we serve. Job well done, congratulations!

The Candy Day Jamboree Season is over and clubs across the state are gearing up for the Annual Candy Day Weekend October 9 and 10. However, there was an interesting bit of information that was expressed to me about the process of ordering candy from the Foundation. When a club purchases candy from the Foundation, that is not your clubs' donation. That is the cost of the candy that you give away and receive a donation from the public, which in turn you need to report to the Foundation and then receive a rebate from the Foundation for your efforts. We use that revenue to support the programs of the Foundation and you can use the rebate to support the programs of your club. Some clubs donate their rebate to the Foundation and we Thank You for that gesture. So, get out there, shake those cans and make some noise as the Lions of MD-1 work together for the betterment of us all.

Thank you,

PCC Steve Anton

Lions of Illinois Foundation President

- 2nd Floor Strorage Space
- Break Room
- Conference Room

Upcoming Events

October 26-27, 2026
Jacksonville
Low Vision Clinic

November 7, 2026
Board of Trustees Meeting
Holiday Inn (Airport)
Bloomington,IL

November 14, 2026
District 1-F
BINGO Bonanza

8TH ANNUAL ROAR-IN CHARITY CAR SHOW

A BIG Thank You to *Cortland Lions Club* for hosting the 8th Annual Roar-In Charity Car Show North. We were grateful for a beautiful, dry Saturday, and appreciate all who volunteered or joined us with participation and support! All proceeds from this event benefit LIF Vision Services.

LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President: Carol Anderson, PDG

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is indeed my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as president of your Lions of Illinois Endowment fund this year. Our Endowment fund is the base of our legacy. It's the means of being able to help those with vision and hearing needs for years to come. With your help and support, it will serve indefinitely.

Our future giving committee is working diligently to obtain regular sustaining donations from large companies who share our LIEF vision and mission:

"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 the visually and hearing impaired. 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 fund are creating a present-day capability for those future needs."

Our Lions are our greatest resource. With dwindling numbers, some resources are no longer as viable as they once were, so we're reaching out beyond our wonderful Lions.

Please remember, Foundation Fellows (FF) can be given anytime to any deserving person. Consider presenting a community member or business who has supported your club in any way. How about your club president, secretary or treasurer? How about a happy birthday or job well done? Think outside the box. It is your community and you know who deserves this prestigious award. It also helps build our endowment fund since the principle will leave a legacy forever.What an honor!!! It's never too late!!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our great Lions of Illinois Foundation!!!!

Lion Carol Anderson, PDG
Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Creating a Present Day Capability for Future Needs

What is the Trustee Challenge?

The Trustee Challenge is a method of benchmarking the progress of our districts and clubs toward the annual fundraising goals for the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How is the Trustee Challenge Calculated?

- Each year the Lions of Illinois Foundation calculates a per capita number that is based on the annual Programs and Services Budget divided by the total number of Lions within the state, this is based on membership as of July 1st (the first day of each new Lion's year).
- This year that number is $72.35 per Lion.
- Each Club then gets a Goal based on the total number of Lions in their Club.

Example: A Lions Club with 30 members x $72.35= $2,170.50

- The goal for each District is built by combining all the Club Goals from that District.

What is the Challenge for Each District Trustee?

A Trustee is challenged with the task of helping clubs reach their goal by being active within the district:

- Speak at Club/District meetings to get acquainted with the Lions in their District and spread the word about LIF Programs and Services and how they positively impact their communities.
- Help organize and participate in Club/District fundraising events.

Clubs that meet their goal will receive a certificate of recognition. District Trustees will receive a certificate of recognition if the district meets their goal.

Congratulations to Districts 1-F and 1-J for completing the Trustee Challenge for 2025/2026!

Not Pictured: Trustee Lion Lori Chassee, PCC - District 1-J

Trustees will be provided with quarterly reports on their progress toward the Trustee Challenge. The report will include information on how clubs are progressing towards the goal as well as how the district is progressing overall.

BINGO Bonanza

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HOSTED BY:

THE WINTHROP HARBOR LIONS CLUB

The Schlader Recreation Center
2700 W. 9th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL

NOVEMBER 14th 2026	DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM
	First Game Starts At 1:00 PM

Get Ready to Shout "BINGO!" and Win Some Amazing Prizes at this Fun-Filled Event. ALL Proceeds Benefit the Lions of Illinois Foundation Student Low Vision & Adult Low Vision Programs.

$25/Person Includes (1) 9 on & (1) 6 on plus 2 Raffle Tickets.
*extra pads available for an additional cost

$2,000 Total Payout * Raffle Games * Pull Tabs * 50/50 Raffle
Item/Basket Raffles * Food & Drink Available For Purchase
OPEN SEATING Available on a First Come First Serve Basis

For more information contact ***Lion Terry Scherman: tsherm14@aol.com***

Lions of Illinois Foundation
Student Low Vision Program

Offers FREE Exams, Glasses, Optical Tools, Support, Etc. to Illinois Students Grades K-12

Learn more at:
www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Lions of Illinois Foundation
Adult Low Vision Program

Offers Orientation & Mobility training to individuals who have recently lost or are losing their sight. O&M training focuses on instructing individuals with safe and effective travel through their environment.

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Lions of Illinois Foundation
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815-756-5633

Greetings,

BINGO! **Please join us for a fun BINGO BONANZA Event. That's right, on November 14th, the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club is hosting BINGO to benefit the Lions of Illinois Foundation *Student & Adult Low Vision Programs*. To make this event a success we are asking for *Game Sponsors* and *BINGO Enthusiasts* to join us to play!** **Our Goal is to have over 200 Bingo Players at this Event.**

Please Support Vision Services & Help Us Make This Event A Success!

- **Become a Game Sponsor - $100**
  Your Business/Club Name will be displayed on the Sponsor Board at the event and will be announced during the games
- **Attend the Event and Play Bingo! - $25**
  $25 gets you (1) 9 on AND (1) 6 on Plus 2 Raffle Tickets
- **Donate Raffle Baskets/Raffle Items**
  Contact Lion Terry Scherman: tsherm14@aol.com (Donor Receives Recognition)

Please detach and send completed form to Lions of Illinois Foundation (address listed above).
Make checks payable to LIF

Name/Club: _____

Address: _____

_____

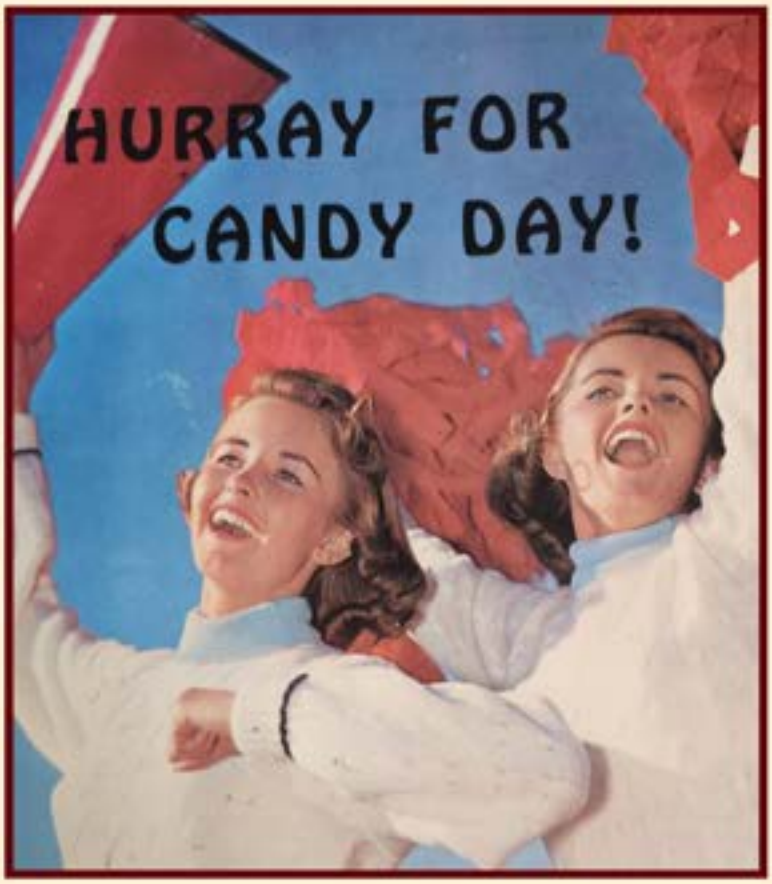
Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ **$100.00 Bingo Game Sponsor**
A Donation of **$100** will support the Success of this Event. Each Sponsor will also be placed on the Sponsor Board and be announced during the Games.

☐ **Make a Donation to LIF Vision Programs**
A donation toward Lions of Illinois Foundation Vision Programs will help children and adults throughout Illinois with vision needs. Please join us with your donation today.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ _____

Lions Candy Day
October 9-11, 2026



Since 1960, Lions have been seen on street corners throughout Illinois raising funds to support people with vision and hearing needs. Today, Candy Day continues to be the Lions of Illinois Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year.

Thank You for Participating in Candy Day 2026!

The Lions of Illinois Foundation relies on it's partnership with Lions and Lions Clubs across the state to bring FREE Vision & Hearing Programs & Services to those within your communities and throughout Illinois.

Thank you for joining us, for over 66 years, to help raise funds that fulfill our mission to serve those with vision and hearing needs.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

CANDY DAY

2026 FINAL REPORT

OFFICIAL REPORT of CANDY DAY Fundraising for Humanitarian Services (Blind & Deaf).

☐ NO, our Club was **unable** to participate but enclosed is our donation of $ _____ to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Candy Day.

☐ YES, our Club participated in CANDY DAY on _____ (date)

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____ CLUB #: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

CANDY DAY RESULTS: (Please answer ALL questions ONLY if Club participated in CANDY DAY)

Number of (Lion) Workers/Volunteers _____ Number of cases of candy received _____

Collections from CANDY DAY			$ _____
Collections from UNDERWRITERS			$ _____
GROSS TOTAL COLLECTION FROM ALL SOURCES			$ _____
COST OF CANDY	Please explain & list other costs		$ _____
COST OF APRONS	_____	(-)	$ _____
OTHER COSTS	_____	(-)	$ _____
NET			$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO: (Please make payable to the Lions of Illinois Foundation)

THIS MUST EQUAL 60% of NET OR MORE to Lions of Illinois Projects $ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____ Title: _____

Your contributions to the Foundation will make the following projects possible:
Camp Lions for Children and Adults, Low Vision Program for students and adults, Mobile Units, Social Services and Referral, LIF Used Hearing Aid Collection & Hearing Aid Bank (H.A.B.), Used Eyeglass Collections.

SUBMIT THIS REPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026

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Thank You For Helping Make Camp Lions 2026 A Success!

Through Your Continued Support, Campers experience SUMMER FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND GROWTH in a safe, inclusive and encouraging environment. We look forward to celebrating 70 YEARS in 2027!

Thank You to all the Lions & Clubs who provided delicious meals and treats to Camp Lions this summer!

Altamont LC, Arlington Heights LC, Batavia LC, Capron LC, Danvers LC, Deerfield LC, Des Plaines LC, Dundee Township LC, Evanston Sunrise LC, Highland LC, Hudson LC, Jacksonville LC, Lake County DHH LC, Lake Villa Township LC, Lake Zurich LC, Lebanon LC, McHenry-Wonder Lake LC, Morris LC, Mt. Prospect LC, Normal LC, Serena LC, Sheffield LC, St. Jacob LC, Stickney Forest View LC, Streator Hardscrabble LC, Sycamore LC, Towanda LC, Union LC, Winthrop Harbor LC

SPECIAL THANKS to Jerry Ming of Parkway Banquets in Ingleside, IL for providing 15 meals for campers and staff at Camp Red Leaf this summer! Thank you for your generosity.

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs

Since 1974

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES 2027

3 TICKETS

PER BOOK

DON'T FORGET

The **HOLIDAYS** are a Great Time to Sell your Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets to Friends & Family! **Order Your Tickets Today.**

Please Contact Dianne Ortega: dortega@lifnd.org

The Sight and Sound Sweepstakes is LIF's second largest fundraiser providing support to people with Vision and Hearing Needs throughout Illinois. The proceeds from the sweepstakes help to bridge the gap when financial goals for specific programs or services, provided by the Foundation, have not been met.

Season of Thanks Tribute

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Yes, I'd like to honor someone with a Holiday Tribute this season.

Holiday Tribute In Honor of : _____

For: _____

Donation amount: $_____

Donor/Club Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please notify the Tribute (their family) by sending an acknowledgement of my name and special message to:

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Message: _____

_____

Please make checks payable to: **Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund**
Mailing address: Lions of Illinois Foundation 650 N. Peace Rd. Suite G, DeKalb, IL 60115
To pay by credit card, please visit: LionsofIllinoisFoundation.org
(click the "Donate Now" button - Under "Select Donation Type" click "Endowment")
or call the Foundation Office at: (815) 756-5633

Thank you for your donation. The tax-deductible contribution you have made will be placed into the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. Only the earnings from this funds are used to support the programs and services of our Lions of Illinois Foundation. The principal will remain untouched and increase forevermore.

July & August 2026 Tribute Donations

MEMORIALS

Thomas Adamczyk
- Craig Slaw
  (Leonardi Insurance Agency_

Ron Fangusaro, PDG
- Bloomingdale LC
- Sandy Williams

William "Bill" German
- PDG's Tom & Jane Martin
- Princeville LC

George D. Hanchett
- Morris LC

James Hauenschild, PDG
- PDG Dick & Barb Bark
- PDG's Randy & Helen Ferguson
- PDG Butch & Connie Guennewig
- PDG Dean & Nila Hemming
- PDG Larry McGuire
- Okawville LC
- Luanne Ragland
- Wesley & Grace Schooley
- PDG Sandy Sowers
- Barbara Taylor
- Troy LC

Bob Johnson, PDG
- Crete LC

John Landon, PDG
- Crete LC
- Dundee Township LC
- PDG Ed & Pam Kelley
- PDG Rick Tonozzi
- Sandy Williams

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- Jerry Glogowski

Angela Pantaja
- PDG Shelia Perkins

Robert Pitman
- Jessica Garriott

HONORS

Sandy Sowers, PDG
- PDG Shelia Perkins

Roderick Vaughn
- Carmi LC

Remember that there are many ways to honor someone with a tribute.

Give thanks and recognition to those who are special to you with a Tribute this Thanksgiving Season!