LV SAVES THE DAY!

The Lions of Illinois Foundation partners with the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, the Illinois College of Optometry, Rockford Center for Sight and Hearing, and the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind to provide free visual evaluations for K-12 students. If you know a child that needs a screening, be sure to do so before the school year ends.

Visit our website for more information: lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
CONTACT US.
Main Line: 815-756-5633 V/Relay
Fax: 815-748-9087
Street Address: LIF, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178.
The LIF Office hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday - Friday, except holidays.
Your Foundation is online at: lionsofillinoisfoundation.org,
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Fellow Lions,

It is amazing how fast a year goes by. With two months to go, we still have many opportunities to help.

Your board of directors at the last Board of Trustees meeting saw a need with our Retinal Program and has approved a second retinal camera. This camera will be used on a portable basis until a second unit is needed. In the very near future, your Foundation office will be doing monthly retinal screenings on-site. Your board is also working on one of my many goals when I became your Executive Director: To add adults to our Low Vision program. There is a definite need.

In the past three years, your Foundation has added many new partners from the Center for Sight and Hearing in Rockford to Leader Dog to help your clubs with vital information on vision and hearing. Your Foundation has just given the Lions Clubs throughout the state additional avenues for assistance for those less fortunate in Illinois. In the past three months, your Foundation has been awarded a second Birdies number from John Deere. This second number is associated with the Lions of Illinois Foundation Programs and Services. Your Foundation will run the donations your fundraisers generate throughout the year from this second number to help and support the Programs and Services of your Foundation by giving your Foundation the opportunity to increase the funds donated up to an additional 10%.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of your Lions of Illinois Foundation. Without each one of you, your Lions of Illinois Foundation would not exist and be the shining light to all that need our help.

PEARLE VISION SPOTLIGHT - ORLAND PARK CLINIC

“They were great and they had a wonderful selection in glasses to choose from.”

“It was real nice there. The Eye Doctor was so kind to my daughter. Her teachers thought she couldn’t see, but she is still learning English and has a hard time with some words still. She didn’t end up needing glasses.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 1 - MAY 31, 2018
Diabetes Awareness Campaign

MAY 4 - MAY 5, 2018
Tootsie Pop Day

MAY 18 - 20, 2018
State Convention/Board Meeting
President Abraham Lincoln Hall, Springfield, IL

JULY 12 - 15, 2018
John Deere Classic “Birdies for Charity”
Moline, IL

JULY 14, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, IL

JULY 15, 2018
Coordinator’s Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, IL
“SEEING IS BELIEVING”
COMPREHENSIVE LOW VISION CLINICS

Since 1991 your Lions of Illinois Foundation, with the cooperation of Spectrios Institute of Low Vision, the Illinois College of Optometry, Rockford Center for Sight and Hearing and the Chicago Lighthouse, has been in partnership to help students in Illinois with Low Vision.

The “Seeing is Believing” program is designed to help severely visually-impaired K-12 students make the most of their remaining sight. Referrals of students are made by special education staff employed by the Illinois Board of Education.

Low Vision optometrists travel to the screening locations, bringing equipment for examinations and demonstrations of low-vision devices such as magnifiers and telescopes. The prescribed lenses are then sent to the Vision Coordinators of the school districts, who then distribute and provide the devices to the student with their user instructions.

Students that go through our program gain a better understanding and awareness of their vision loss. They become much more confident in life and they learn to maximize their remaining sight with the prescribed optical devices which make print information more accessible.

The program costs our Lions of Illinois Foundation $290.00 per student. Wouldn’t you like to help one of these students live a better life? You can — just fill out the sponsor form below and mail it back to the Foundation! Let’s help sponsor any remaining students in need this school year through our “Seeing is Believing” program.

THE POWER OF VISION SPOTLIGHT

The Lions of Illinois Foundation donated a reading device to the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Here is a testimonial on how this machine changed this person’s life:

“I just wanted to express gratitude for the magnifier. I lost my sight last October, which was sudden and unexpected. One of the concerns I had was that I would not be able to do one of my favorite past times: reading books. I know there are audio books available, but I find great enjoyment in reading a book myself. The magnifier gives me a little bit of independence back in my life that had been topsy-turvy. Not only does it aid in reading, but I am able to enjoy crafting, reading recipes, even paying bills and balancing a checkbook. It gives me a great sense of independence in a time of my life when I must rely on others for so much help. So, thank you so much again for the magnifier.”

In 1991 Lions made a pledge to the children of Illinois.
We believe that no child needs to face blindness as their future.
Please help to preserve that pledge with your donation.

Enclosed is our check/money order to sponsor ____________ student(s) at a cost of $290 each.
Included is the cost of a vision screen & any optical tools youth are recommended or prescribed by the optometrist.
Amount of donation $__________________
Club Name/or Individual Donor Name: ________________________________
Club Address / Individual’s Address: ________________________________
City __________________________ State____ Zip Code______ Contact Phone number(____)____________
Please make your check payable to: LIF
We also accept credit cards, please call us at (815) 756-5633

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

Submit form & donation to:
Lions of Illinois Foundation
2254 Oakland Drive Sycamore, IL 60178
TOOTSIE POP DAY AWARDS

SUPER LIONESS/LION CERTIFICATE: Every Lioness/Lion is eligible for a special certificate (to be sent to the Club secretary for completion) if the Lioness/Lion works four (4) or more hours on Tootsie Pop Day and accomplishes two (2) of the following:

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2. Obtains underwriting for two (2) or more cases of tootsie pops;
3. Personally contributes $25 or more to the campaign;
4. Places three (3) or more counter collection canisters.

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PATCH__________ CHEVRON__________

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ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________

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LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
TOOTSIE POP DAY
FINAL REPORT

OFFICIAL REPORT OF FUND-RAISING BY LIONESS & LIONS CLUBS FOR VISION & HEARING SERVICES.

☐ Yes, our club participated in Tootsie Pop Day on__________________________________________.
(Dates)

☐ No, our Club is unable to participate, enclosed is our donation of $__________________________to
The Lions of Illinois Foundation Tootsie Pop Day Campaign

CLUB NAME: ________________________________________________DISTRICT: _____________________

TOOTSIE POP DAY CHAIRPERSON: __________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________CITY:______________________________

ZIP: ___________PHONE#:_____________________________EMAIL:______________________________

TOOTSIE POP DAY RESULTS: (Please answer ALL questions ONLY if Club participated in Tootsie Pop Day)

NUMBER OF (LION) WORKERS: _______ NUMBER OF (NON LION) VOLUNTEERS: _______

# OF CASES OF PURCHASED: ___________ HAS CANDY BEEN PAID FOR: YES ☐ NO ☐

COLLECTIONS FROM TOOTSIE POP DAY $_______________________

UNDERWRITER DONATIONS COLLECTED $_______________________

TOTAL DONATIONS COLLECTED $_______________________

COST OF CANDY (-) $_______________________

COST OF APRONS (-) $_______________________

OTHER COSTS (-) $_______________________

NET $_______________________

60% MINIMUM DONATION TO THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION PROJECTS $_______________________
(AS REQUIRED FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS)

DATE: _________________SIGNATURE: ___________________________TITLE: __________________________

THIS REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 9, 2018
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION AND MAIL TO:

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
ATTN: DIANNE
2254 OAKLAND DR
SYCAMORE, IL 60178

815-758-2041 - TELEPHONE 815-758-8157- FAX dortega@lifnd.org – EMAIL
LION'S SHARE

During a recent visit to the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (LIERI) at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, State Chairperson for Vision Services Lion Johnny Anderson received hands on cataract surgery training on the Eyesi(r) Surgical Simulator with help from Dr. Mark Rosenblatt, Department Chairman. This virtual reality training simulator is just one of many techniques the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences provides to train the next generation of talented ophthalmologists and vision scientists!

Pictured L to R: Department Chairman Dr. Rosenblatt with State Chairperson Johnny Anderson, PDG at the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute in Chicago.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY UPDATE

By LIF Executive Director Mario Gumino, PDG

The John Deere Classic Birdies for Charities is under way. Last year, the total number of birdies shot was 1,918, and your Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund received a total of $190K in pledges and bonus money.

We all know who the real winners are of this event – those we are helping through your Lions of Illinois Foundation Programs. As we all know, the principle of the Birdies for Charities donation will never be touched; only the earnings will be used for our programs and services. This year, your Lions of Illinois Foundation has requested a second number, and we were granted one through John Deere. Starting this year, your Foundation will be sending any Low Vision, Camp Lions, Diabetes, and Leader Dog donations through this second number – with many other fundraisers to be added later.

As you send in your donations, please consider allowing your Foundation to run your donation through the Birdies for Charities Campaign.
2018 STATE BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL MEETING

May 20th
8 AM to 10:30 AM
President Abraham Lincoln Hall
Springfield IL
Mark your calendars!
Doors open at 7:45 AM
All attendees must be registered for the Convention.

Lions of Illinois Foundation
State Breakfast & Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 20th
PLEDGE CARD

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ___________

PHONE NUMBER: ___________________________

DISTRICT: ____________ CLUB NAME: __________________

PLEDGED IN THE NAME OF: ________________________

Hearing Program $ ________________ Endowment Fund
Golf Classic $ ________________ Foundation Fellow $
Camp Lions (Wish List) $ ________________ Sustaining Supporter $
Adopt-A-Camper ($525) ________________ Memorial $
Social Services and Referrals $ ________________ Tree of Service $
Recycling Program $ ________________ Legacy Club $
General Donation $ ________________ (legacy documentation required)
Diabetic Alert Day $ ________________ Honorarium $ ________________
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ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE
By LIF Executive Director Lion Mario Gumino, PDG

Your Lions of Illinois Foundation Endowment Fund has grown rapidly because of the Lions and Lionesses throughout the state that truly care about the existence of your Lions of Illinois Foundation for the many years to come. Through March 31, 2018, your Endowment Fund has 57 new Foundation Fellows and over 550 new and renewed Sustaining Supporters. Your Endowment Fund also received many donations from the memorials, get wells, honorariums, and bequests.

The Birdies Campaign for 2018 is underway, and we are hoping for another successful year with pledges and one-time gifts. Your Foundation Endowment Fund needs your help obtaining all completed Birdies forms by June 15, 2018 to get all paperwork to John Deere on time.

Another way to help support your Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is through our Legacy Club Program. Individuals may choose to give an estate tax-deductible gift, naming the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund or the Lions of Illinois Foundation as a beneficiary of part of an estate; or an assignee of part of a pension/retirement fund, an IRA insurance policy, or an investment account. Individuals who provide the appropriate documentation to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund will become a member of the Legacy Club. If you need further assistance, please give your Foundation a call and we can assist you.

Your Endowment Fund is at the $11M mark and growing. With the volatility of the market, we have been holding our own. With the great investment policies put in place, the Lions of this state can take comfort in knowing your funds are in very good hands. Endowment Fund remittance envelopes are available.

Please visit our website: lionsofillinoisfoundation.org to print your own form OR call the Foundation or your District Endowment Fund Coordinator to request envelopes.

ENDOWMENT FORM

☐ Yes, I want to help children and adults struggling with vision/hearing loss with a gift:

☐ In honor of: ________________________________________________________________

☐ In memory of: ______________________________________________________________

☐ Of get well wishes to: _______________________________________________________

General Donation: ____________________________________________________________

In the amount of: ______________________________________________________________

Donor/Club Name—Please Print: ________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _________ Zip ___________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________

Please notify the family or individual of my gift to:

Name ___________________________________________________________ Address

______________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _________ Zip: ____________________________
MEMORIAL DONATIONS - FEB. AND MAR. 2018

Kenneth L. Accola, Jr.
- Past District Governors of 1-A
- Mike Smigielski
- Janice Barber
- KD and AJ Franz
- Harry Barber
- Jerry Novak
- Stickney Forest View Lions Club

Jack Anderson, PDG
- Sun City—Huntley Lions Club
- Gagewood Lions Club

Robert Bernstrom
- Frankfort Lions Club

Dorothy Buchta
- Larry and JoAnne Johnson
- Morris Lions Club

Irma Buhrmann
- Dundee Township Lions Club

Chris Burroulus
- Coal Valley Lions Club

Tom Carr
- Waterloo Lions Club

Roy Cecchi
- Bloomingdale Lions Club

Charles Dollman
- Bob Jilke
- Mario and Karen Gumino, PDG

Jo Ann Dollman
- Bob Jilke
- Mario and Karen Gumino

Darrell Dorman
- Oswego Lions Club
- Barbara and Richard Bark

Robert Ellison
- Bob Jilke
- Roselle Lions Club

Jeffrey Endsley
- John Endsley, Jr.

Jill Endsley
- John Endsley, Jr.

James Entwistle, PDG
- Jerry Beasley
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- Rick McHale
- John L. O’Brien
- Kenneth and Marie Horn
- Ronald Fruit
- Lynda Middlecalf
- Curry Funeral Home, Ltd.
- Cathy Haney
- Kenneth and Marie Horn
- Washington Lions Club

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- Grayslake Lions Club

Levon Fehr
- Cynthia Klinger

Ransom Fehr
- Cynthia Klinger

Nell Franz
- Eliza Castelino
- Julia Sivori
- Joan Sivori
- Aloysius “Al” Gort
- Suzanne Hyland and Megan
- Detzner

Thomas Fraser
- Bloomingdale Lions Club

Arlene Gulik
- Bloomingdale Lions Club

Johnna Hamilton
- John Endsley, Jr.

Bob Helguth
- Jerry Novak

David Higley
- Golden Lions Club

Gary Howe
- Red Bud Lions Club

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- South Elgin Lions Club
- James and Carralee Sueppel
- Roselle Lions Club

Virginia Japson
- Carl and Linda Hall

Cliff Kamholz
- Union Lions Club

Randy Klien
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- Janice Barber

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- Bridgeview Lions Club
- Chicago Northwest Lions Club

Donald Merek
- Janice Barber

Patricia Michels
- Aurora Evening Lions Club

Bill Murphy
- Tom and Martha Harpst

Robert Ostrom, PDG
- Edward and Susan Carter
- Ron Wighton
- George Gould
- Danny and Susan St. Jacques
- James and Joan Graves
- Hampshire Lions Club
- Harold Burkett
- Sun City—Huntley Lions Club
- Bob Jilke
- Nancy Rex
- James and Carol Hutchinson
- Norma Norling
- Don and Karen Robey
- John and Linda Budrik
- District 1-J
- North Aurora Lions Club
- Fred and Joyce Greffe
- Burlington Lioness Club
- Elburn Lions Club
- Nancy Benhart
- Union Lions Club
- Danny and Susan St. Jacques
- Burlington Lions Club
- New Athens Lions Club

Genevia Payne Irby
- Dundee Township Lions Club
Lions of Illinois Foundation Recycling Program Donation Form

Please complete ALL the information below to receive a thank you letter by email that can be used for tax purposes. The LIF is a non-profit charitable organization. Please note that the LIF does NOT count any donated items, so please fill out the quantities on this form to the best of your knowledge.

Date: ________________

Lions Club Name: ___________________________________________________________ District: ______

Please clearly print the name of whom you want the thank you letter sent to below:

Donor Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Email address: ________________________________

Number of used eyeglasses: _______ Number of hearing aids: _______ Number of ink cartridges: _______

Number of cell phones/chargers: _______ Pounds of Metal Keys: _______ Pounds of Tabs: _______

Pounds of lighting wires/strings: _______ Other items: __________________________________

Please enclose this form with your donation and send to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

lionsofillinoisfoundation.org 815-756-5633

DROP OFF HOURS ARE FROM 10AM-3PM M-F PLEASE CALL AHEAD OR CALL IF YOU NEED TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS