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MEET OUR
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT

**MARK
S. LYON**



**ROOTED
IN
SERVICE**

SERVE • CONNECT • GROW

Executive Director's Pride

LION WENDY BURNS



What a year we are coming off of! When Lions were met with the challenge of Lead to Serve - Serve to Lead, you served with gusto!

You attended club meetings, assisted with Project KidSight screenings, participated in Leader Dogs for the Blind fundraisers, Eversight and Lions Bear Lake Camp events, supported students in the Lions of Michigan All State Band, held food drives and wild game dinners. The list of service is endless. Lions took advantage of the Leadership Institute and the Michigan Lions Forum to educate themselves on a variety of topics and to strengthen leadership skills. You attended the MD 11 Convention and met with IPIP A.P. Singh, traveled to the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong, and most recently, the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis. You have been on the move and making an impact not just within your community but across the state and internationally.

These are but a few of the ongoing opportunities for Lion members to become involved at the club and state level. It's been a busy year! How do you do it all? In a recent conversation with our GLT Chair, PDG Brent Beracy, he relayed to me a recent meeting held with prospective members looking into forming a club. The number of volunteer hours Lions put into a community seems daunting to a busy, working person or someone with an active family to manage. He put it in simple terms: "Do you have six hours to dedicate to service in a year?"

As you look back and reflect on your accomplishments as a Lion in 2025-2026, we look forward to strengthening our clubs and overall membership. We welcome our seasoned and new club leaders, district leaders and our new International President, Mark Lyon! Now, more than ever, we remain **Rooted in Service.**

On a more personal note, you may recall that a few years back I likened the planning of the MD 11 Lions Convention with planning a wedding. Well, I'm here to say I was right! Months of planning, gathering the details and execution of a well-planned event all culminated to create a beautiful day for the wedding of Faith Burns and Lucas Johnson. Congratulations to Lion Faith and my new son-in-law, Lucas!

Yours in Service – Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

MD 11 COUNCIL CHAIR CHERYL ANDERSON

Hello, Lions of MD11! Welcome to the 2026–2027 Lions year! I am so excited for this year to begin. The governors and I have been meeting monthly since last January, and I can tell you that the fresh energy and ideas they want to bring to their individual districts, as well as to the Multiple District, are something to celebrate.

These district governors have formed a unique bond that will only benefit our Multiple District. They will function not only as individual district governors but also as a unified ten-district team. This team will set the tone for a year of focused service, membership growth, and leadership development.

The governors realize that even small actions, when done together, create a meaningful impact in every area of service and membership. As our newly elected International President, Mark Lyon, states, "Service is the cornerstone of our organization, and every act of service, whether big or small, has the power to create a ripple effect of positive action. By remaining "Rooted in Service" and advocating for those we serve, we will make the world a better place."

The MD11 governors will lead with a shared vision: to leave our Multiple District stronger than when they began their service. When leaders communicate clearly and encourage collaboration, they create something bigger than themselves. For example, they have already worked hard to place the right Lions in the appropriate MD11 Committee Chair positions. Our MD11 Committee Chairs are already enthusiastic and focused on what will be accomplished this year.

Be ready to help in areas where you have never served before. Be willing to step outside your comfort zone and try something new. New experiences can be rewarding and exciting.

Our strong District Governor leadership is ready to lead with purpose, set priorities, and make a difference in their districts and together across the state. They want to create an environment where all Lions can thrive, and they are committed to making a lasting difference.

My hope for each of you is that you will invite your district governor to your meetings and events. Keep the lines of communication open between you and your district governor. You should feel comfortable reaching out to ask for advice or assistance. We are all here to help, but we won't know there is a need or a problem unless you tell us.

Let us all work together to make this a Lions year to roar about!

Lion Cheryl Anderson

MD-11 Council Chair, 2026–2027



SEPT**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month****OCT****October - Focus on Service***Lions Membership Growth Month**Leo Membership Growth Month**Week of Service: Vision**October 8, 2026 - October 18, 2026***OCT
2-3****2nd Council of Governors Meeting***Vice District Governor Training**Holiday Inn Grand Haven/Spring Lake***NEW LOCATION!****NOV
6-8****Lions Leadership Institute***Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center**Roscommon***DEC
4-5****3rd Council of Governors Meeting***Vice District Governors Training**Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn & Suites***FEB
26-27****Lions Michigan Forum***Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids*

MD 11 DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

PCC RON GIBSON, CHAIR

Effective July 1, 2026, Lions International established the Disaster Relief Chairperson and District Coordinator positions. The MD 11 Chairperson's position is appointed by the incoming Council Chairperson, to a 3-year term; the District Coordinator position is appointed by the incoming District Governor, also for a 3 year term.

The major goal is to better prepare Districts, clubs, and communities for when a disaster strikes. Partnering with local emergency services personnel is crucial in being called upon to mobilize forces and help after disaster strikes. Partnering with the GAT team provides opportunity to increase service, membership, and leadership in our Districts. Council Chairperson Cheryl Anderson has appointed PCC Ron Gibson to serve as the Multiple District Chairperson, and most District Governors have already announced their District Coordinator.

TOGETHER, WE SERVE!



IPDG MARK SCICLUNA, 11 A2

..... and away we go!

The calendar has brought a new Lions year which calls for a change of guard. I would like to thank every single District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, and Past International Director that has made the journey through the last Lions year such a memorable time for me. I am happy to report that your Michigan State Lions Multiple District 11 and Single District 10 are in good hands. I have had the pleasure of serving on the Council of Governors for the past three years and am impressed by the leadership of each of the districts, past and present. They have been discussing the realistic problems that have faced Clubs throughout the State and have brainstormed many solutions to those problems.

We have been hearing about mission 1.5 to increase membership worldwide. This initiative will end when the current Lions year is over. Your club was asked to increase membership by a total of 3 members. The number being used as the starting point was your membership on June 30, 2024. This is not a huge ask and, if your club has not increased its membership, there is still time. Your District Governor, Membership, and Extension Chairs have been trained to help you with this should you need assistance. One thing that I noticed during this wonderful journey which I have traveled is that many of our clubs could use a better marketing strategy. There are a few exceptions to this, but the vast majority of clubs could use a more robust marketing strategy.

Lion Doug Klein from the Mason Lions Club has developed a wonderful marketing/media program called Local Eyes. He will be happy to share it with you. This can be very helpful in creating a positive media image. There is still confusion amongst the public about who the Lions are and what we do. So, I just want to say Thank You to every Lion in our fantastic MD11 and SD10 districts. It is your spirit, enthusiasm, and plain hard work that inspired me into the DG leadership position which allowed this fantastic journey that has just ended for me. You have allowed me to check off a lot of boxes on my bucket list, and it was truly one of the most memorable periods of my life.

IPDG Mark Scicluna
11A-2

Honoring PDG Ronald Stephen Coleman

A friend to all and a mentor to many, PDG Ron Colman passed away in August.

His passing leaves a large void in the lives of his close family members and his extended Lions family.

PDG Ron served the district of 11 A1 from 1998-1999. He and his wife, PDG La Wonna Lofton-Coleman served together throughout the district and state.

Our condolences to PDG La Wonna and the entire Coleman family.



2027-2028 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCECPTED!

Please Note the Deadline of November 13, 2026

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate Past District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors: The 2027-2028 Council Chair search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor or seated District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 13, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the seated MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, December 4, at the Holiday Inn Express Mt. Pleasant. Selection of the 2027-2028 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Contact Executive Director Wendy Burns for application and appropriate forms:
wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for details.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11, in this very important capacity.



2026-2027

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM LEADERS



PCC DAVID HILL
GLOBAL EXTENSION
TEAM



PCC BRENT BERACY
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
TEAM



PCC ROSHNI PATEL
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP
TEAM



IPCC BECKY HAMILTON
GLOBAL SERVICE
TEAM



PCC RON GIBSON
MD 11 DISASTER RELIEF
TEAM



PDG RON RIEBSCHLEGER
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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11

September is **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



It's an ideal time to organize activities.
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Wear a gold ribbon to raise awareness and show support for children and families battling cancer.



SPREAD AWARENESS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

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OUR LIONS IN OUR STATE SUPPORT



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Learn more:

kidskickingcancer.org

*Together, we can make a difference
in the lives of children and families.*



**TOGETHER,
We Serve.**

**LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
SERVING CHILDREN. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES. CHANGING LIVES.**

GET TO KNOW

THE PEACE CONTESTS

The International Peace Contests are made up of two unique contests sponsored by Lions clubs — the International Peace Poster Contest and the International Peace Essay Contest. Young people ages 11-13 can share their creativity in expressing what peace means through art and writing.

Grand prize winners for each contest receive an award, a monetary prize of US \$5,000 and an invitation to a Lions International event. For the International Peace Poster Contest, 23 merit winners will receive a certificate and a monetary prize of US \$500.

2026-2027 Poster/Essay Theme: Harmony in Humanity

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people

of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.

Lions clubs can buy Peace Poster kits from January 15 through October 1. Clubs must send winning posters to the district governor by November 15. District Governors will bring their district's winning poster/essay to the December 3rd Council of Governors meeting in Mt. Pleasant to vote on a state winner. The winning poster will be sent to LCI Peace Contest by the December 15 deadline.

"Together as One"

Yifan He - 25/26 Winner

13 years old

China





WORLD SIGHT DAY

OCTOBER 8, 2026

VISION

*OCTOBER
8 - 18, 2026*



Plan a service activity for World Sight Day on October 8 or International White Cane Day on October 15! The new Vision Service Project Ideas resource can help you get started with popular service activities such as vision screening and eyeglass recycling as well as some new ideas. Join Lions and Leos around the world as they improve the lives of the visually impaired and help prevent avoidable blindness.



Lions of Michigan 2026 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location
Which training program is right for you?

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: (ELLI)

Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development program for individuals who are ready to serve at a club, district or multiple district level

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLLI)

Designed for individuals who are ready to grow, lead and serve at a higher level. Individuals who may be serving as Vice-Presidents or seeking to take on the role of Zone or Region Chair positions

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates: **November 6-8, 2026**

Location:

R.A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? please reach out to
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pdg10jen@hotmail.com
906-399-8214



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Leadership Institute



Registration Fee

\$350	Single
\$300	Double

Registration Fee Includes:

- 2 - Nights Lodging
- 6 - Meals
- Snacks
- Course Materials

Registration/Check-In

- Friday, November 6 9:30 - 11:30 AM

CheckOut/Departure

- Sunday, November 8
- Check out Morning
- Departure 1:00 PM

Classes include:

- Team Building
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- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership Skills
- Effective Listening
- and Much More

Skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

Join us for Fun and Fellowship on Friday and Saturday evening. Make new friends, network and exchange ideas

Send completed form and payment to:

Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911

Online application and credit card payment available:
lionsofmi.com/index.php/leadership-institute

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Ema _____

Club Name _____ District _____

of Years in Lions _____ Roommate (if double occupancy) _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute: Yes _____ No _____

Which institute do you plan to attend: Leadership _____ Emerging Lions _____

Deadline to Register: October 1, 2026

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— INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT —

MARK S. LYON

— 2026–2027 —

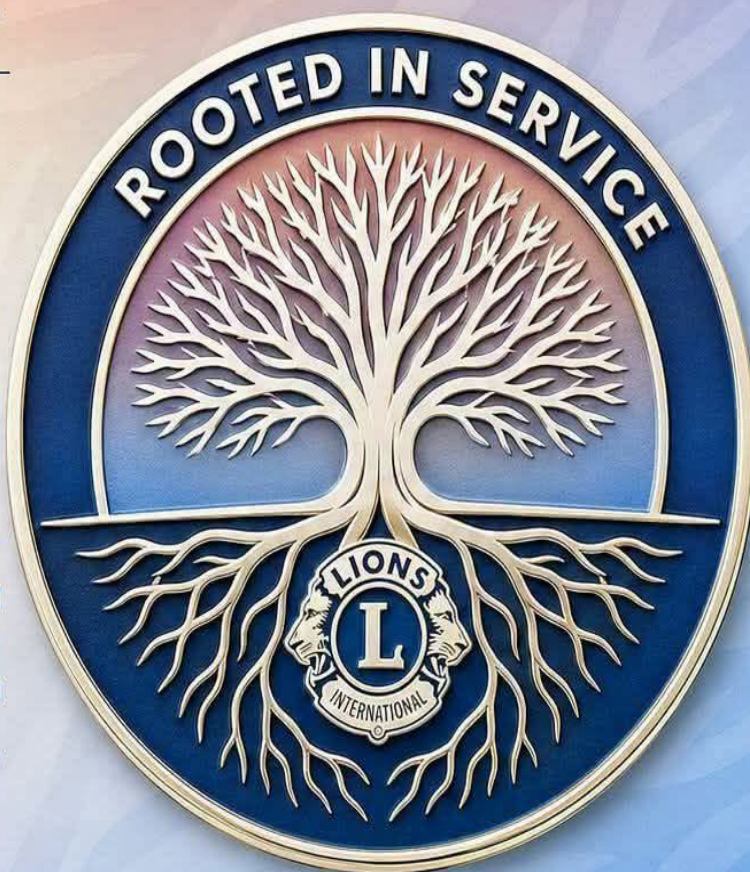
— 2026–2027 THEME —

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Service is the foundation of Lions.
It's who we are and what we do.
Our roots run deep — stretching far
and wide to build lasting connections
and strengthen our world.

**Every time we serve,
our roots grow stronger and deeper.**



— 2026–2027 —
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2027



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2027

2028



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JUNE 23-27,
2028

2029



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JULY 3, 2029

2030



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TEXAS, USA 🇺🇸



JUNE 28-
JULY 2, 2030

2031



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FINLAND 🇫🇮



JULY 4-8,
2031



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SOMETHING
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Congratulations 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees



PEGGY ALLEN

Council Chair 2017-2018

Peggy Allen began serving Lions before she was officially inducted, participating in District 11-B1 vision screenings and attending leadership training at the Higgins Lake Lions Leadership Institute. From her beginning in Lions, Peggy has shown exceptional motivation and commitment to her Lions Club and community. She continues to seek new challenges, answer the call to serve, and support her Lions Club, District, and the Lions of Michigan with unwavering dedication.



JULIE MAYUIERS

District Governor 2020-2021 & 2022-2023

Julie Mayuiers has been a member of the Three Rivers Lions Club for 14 years and is the only District Governor in District 11-B2 to serve two terms, holding the position in 2020–2021 and 2022–2023. She currently serves as Club Treasurer and has previously served as Club President, Club Secretary, Board Member, Membership Co-Chair, and Chair or Co-Chair of several Three Rivers Lions Club projects, including its Annual Ox Roast and the Christmas Food and Toy Distribution. In addition, Julie has served as Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Zone Chair, District GLT, Guiding Lion, President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and Chairperson of the Lions of Michigan Forum Committee.



DR. PAUL HODGE

District Governor 2019-2020

Dr. Paul Hodge has been a member of the Allegan Lions Club for 24 years, following 15 years of service with the Allegan Jaycees, where he received a lifetime membership and JCI Senatorship. As an Allegan Lion, Paul has served on the Board of Directors, as Vice President, five-time President, Membership Chair, Club LCIF Chair, Tail Twister, and Club Administrator. In District 11-C1, he has served as Zone Chair, Region Chair, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG, District Governor, and Vice Council Chair. He has chaired the District 11-C1 GLT since 2020 and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee since 2021. In addition, Paul has also served as MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws Co-Chair since 2022, and he has served on the Lions of Michigan Foundation Board since 2000, including roles as Secretary, Vice President, and President.



NORBERT "BERT" RIVETTE

District Governor 1986-1987

After leaving the United States Air Force and settling in the Zilwaukee area with wife Dottie, Bert Rivette joined the Zilwaukee Lions Club. He advanced through the club's offices, served on numerous committees, and maintained perfect attendance for more than 40 years. Bert will be remembered for his love of people and his unwavering kindness and generosity. He was active in countless associations and organizations that improved the lives of others, but his greatest passions were the Zilwaukee Lions Club, the Special Needs Vision Clinic, and Eversight, formerly the Michigan Eye Bank.



STEVE VAN TOL

District Governor 2019-2020

Steven Matthew Van Tol was born on December 21, 1952, and he was a westside Bay City native. Steve moved to Auburn shortly after marrying Debra Laetz on July 6, 1973. Lions became part of Steve's life in 2010, and he quickly immersed himself in Lions service. His Lions journey included roles as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region Chair, and District Governor in 2019. He received many awards and honors, served twice as President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation and held numerous district committee positions. As his health declined and mobility became limited, he continued mentoring as many Lions as possible, sharing his deep knowledge of Lionism and promoting his "Just Ask" philosophy.



DAVE WINEMAN

International Director 2024-2026

Dave joined the Sebawaing Lions Club, now the USA Lions Club, in 1994, and he has held many leadership roles within the Lions association, including District Governor, Guiding Lion, Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Youth Chairperson, Area Leader, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, President and Board Member of Lions Bear Lake Camp, and at the Association of Lions Clubs 106th International Convention, held June 21–25, 2024, in Melbourne, Australia, Dave was elected to a two-year term to serve as International Director.



JERRY BRANDT

District Governor 2000-2001

Jerry was a charter member of the Harrison Lions Club. He served as President three times, as well as Vice President, Treasurer for seven years, Hearing Aid Chair, and Eyeglass Chair. In 59 years of Lions service, he sponsored more than 30 new members. A devoted Lion and strong leader, Jerry touched countless Lions across the state, his district, and the Harrison Lions Club through his commitment to service, leadership, and kindness. He believed in the power of Lions to change lives and worked tirelessly to strengthen clubs and inspire new leaders. Jerry served as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Deputy District Governor, District Governor, District Convention Chair for five years, Membership Chair, District Chaplain, LCIF Coordinator, International Understanding and Cooperation Chair, Vice Council Chair, and Lions of Michigan Convention Committee Chair.

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The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. We work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life.

While our programs encompass many areas, through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, we primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event.

Through our KidSight Program, we aim to identify and help restore normal vision to children suffering from undiagnosed vision disorders that affect their ability to perform in school and develop on pace with their classmates.

Through our Eye Care Assistance Program, we help underinsured and financially struggling families with eye care and eyeglasses. We partner with regional and statewide eye care providers to maximize quality of service for our clients and minimize programs costs.

Through our Hearing Screening Program, our objective is to identify and treat hearing problems before they impede a child's learning and development and negatively impact a child or adult's quality of life.

Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, we help low-income people with hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency through the provision of affordable hearing aids and audiology services.

Through our Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program, we aim to identify and treat diabetic eye diseases during the onset of the disease to prevent vision loss and potential blindness. Diabetic eye diseases are the leading cause of preventable blindness in adults.

Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, we help uninsured and underinsured people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures.

Through our Emergency Military Family and Veterans Relief Program, we help current and former military members and their families with financial emergencies.

Through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help people and families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados. Funding is determined by the number of individuals and families affected by the disaster and the overall amount of losses incurred.

Through Donor Advised Funds, we partner with individuals, families, businesses and other non-profit organizations to provide charitable services that are important to the fund's primary donor or donors. Our status as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity allows us to create Donor Advised Funds that others can operate like their own family, private or corporate foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible; and we are responsible for sending receipts to the donors, disbursing funds at the donor's request, and reporting information to the IRS and other government agencies. Tax attorneys and accountants are not needed, donors simply contribute to the fund and decide what grants to make.



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District and Club Community Impact Grant Report Form



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FOUNDATION

The information and guidelines provided in this form are to assist you in the preparation of the final report for the LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) awarded to your club or district. Your report to LCIF helps provide a means of evaluating the grant and measures benefits achieved. In addition to publicity purposes, LCIF requires a full accounting and complete financial report on the use of donated funds.

Guidelines

DCG projects should be completed within one year of approval by LCIF, unless otherwise specified by the foundation. A final report is due no later than 45 days after completion of the project.

General Grant Project Information

- LCIF grant tracking number
- Brief project description
- Grant award amount
- Dates grant project began implementation and date it was completed

Impact of Grant / Beneficiaries

- Number of direct beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Please explain how this was calculated.
- Number of indirect beneficiaries from the grant funded project. Please explain how this was calculated.
- Type of project impact: Short term or Long term. If the grant supported project is expected to provide an ongoing long term impact in the community, please estimate this impact in future years in terms of direct and indirect beneficiaries.
- How does the actual impact of the grant and number of beneficiaries compare to the grant application's estimated impact? Did the grant do what it was expected to do?

Narrative Report

- What was the situation in the community that led to the grant project?
- Provide a detailed description of the grant project activities.
- Did the grant project achieve its goals?
- What were the limitations and difficulties in implementing the grant project?
- Number of Lions members directly involved in implementing the grant project?

Financial Report

Please provide a detailed accounting of the use of LCIF DCG grant funds and any local Lions funds contributed to the project. Grantees should keep receipts documenting the expenses so that they can be provided to LCIF (if requested).

Date	Vendor	Amount	Comments

LCIF identification and project publicity

Please provide action photos of the project beneficiaries and photos of the grant funded materials / building if applicable. In the case of physical projects, photos should confirm signage is in place acknowledging the project was made possible by LCIF.

Report Endorsement

- Please include evidence in the form of cabinet meeting minutes or club meeting minutes that the grantee district or grantee club has reviewed the final report and approves its submission to LCIF.
- Signatures are required for all reporting submitted to LCIF.

Grant Administrator signature

Date

Club President's signature (required for projects at the club level)

Date

District Governor's signature (required for projects at the district level)

Date

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November 12

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Vision service project ideas

Ever since Helen Keller called upon Lions to champion the cause of vision in 1925, Lions and Leos around the world have stepped up to serve — and you can too. See all the different ways you can get involved in serving the blind and visually impaired.



Service Ideas

- Learn about blindness and vision impairment by reviewing the [World Health Organization's fact sheet](#). Consider sharing the information in your community at club meetings, teach-ins or through other outreach.
- Explore the [Lions International Vision webpage](#) which features our vision programs, LCIF grant opportunities, and how to make a donation to empower the service of Lions around the world.
- Collect used eyeglasses and send them to the nearest [Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center](#). Visit the [Eyeglass Recycling](#) webpage for information on collection resources, including ordering the Lions International Collection box.
- Plan a [Lions KidSight](#) children's vision screening event to help identify correctable vision conditions.
- Collaborate with a [Lions Eye Bank](#) in your area or utilize the [Lions Eye Bank Overview](#) resource to promote the importance of corneal donations.
- Organize a [vision screening](#) event in your community. Nearly 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening.
- Contact a local eye care facility or center for the visually impaired to find out how you can support them. For example:
 - Assist with building repairs and renovations.
 - Provide transportation to and from appointments for individuals undergoing treatment.
 - Consider making in-kind donations of supplies or equipment.
- Support individuals and families in your community by providing vouchers for comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses. Explore partnerships with local vision service providers to provide affordable or free services.
- Plan a service activity on [World Sight Day](#), which is on the second Thursday in October annually.
- Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a local school, library or senior center.
- Develop a directory of community resources and services available for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
- Partner with a local hospital or vision provider to hold an educational event about vision conditions such as cataracts, refractive errors, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. Visit the [Lions International Advocacy webpage](#) to explore ways to raise awareness and create positive change.
- Connect with organizations that provide service animals for the visually impaired and see how your club can engage with them.
- Work with your city, town, or community to ensure all bus stops and public transportation locations have braille signage or audible announcements.
- Celebrate [International White Cane Day](#) on October 15 by learning its history, advocating for accessibility and independence for people who are visually impaired, and exploring ways to make an impact in your community.