

Lions Giving Opportunities

Local Charities – at your clubs discretion.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Department 4547

Carol Stream, ILL 60122-4547

Make checks payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. LCIF is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt public charitable organization. LCIF supports Lions' compassionate works by providing grant funding for their local and global humanitarian efforts. LCIF asks that you donate to two major areas: The General Disaster Relief Fund and the Empowering Service Fund. The Empowering Service Fund provides a donation to Campaign 100 and supports all of LCIF's causes including Vision, Youth, Humanitarian, Diabetes, Hunger, Environmental, and Childhood Cancer. The General Disaster Relief fund enables LCIF to direct the funds to the area's most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.

Melvin Jones Fellowship – gifts of \$1,000 to LCIF allows someone to be recognized as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual. These gifts can be made in installments over a five-year period. Make checks payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation and indicate a person to be honored or state a "Melvin Jones fellow to be named later".

Wisconsin Lions Foundation – WLF

3834 County Road A

Rosholt, WI 54473

Make checks payable to Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF). The Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. (WLF) is a charitable non-profit Wisconsin Corporation organized and maintained by the Lions of Wisconsin and is in charge of all statewide service and fund-raising activities. The Foundation began in 1956 as the administrative arm to the Wisconsin Lions Camp. The Foundation now has a total of five state-wide projects: The Wisconsin Lions Camp, the Eyeglass Recycling Center, Diabetes Education, the Hearing Program, and Vision Screening. If so desire, please indicate on the memo line of your check what programs you would designate for your donation and district 27 B2. Attach a listing if necessary.

Additional ways to support the Wisconsin Lions Foundation:

Friends and Honor Garden – Donations are accepted from individuals, clubs, and businesses who wish to honor, appreciate, or memorialize someone or themselves. There are two donating levels.

A donation of \$5,000 or more provides the donor with a 12 x 12 diamond-shaped block. A donation of \$2,500 to \$4,999 provides half a diamond.

Wall of Honor - the purchase of a block can be accomplished by sending one check for \$500 or spread over two years for \$250 per year. Money collected is used for repair and maintenance of existing buildings, furnishings within the buildings, and new construction as needed.

Annual Birch-Sturm Memorial Golf Outing – Hole sponsorship - \$100; Camper Sponsorship - \$700

Hustle S'more for Lions Camp – Annual race event – the website for details

Camp for Kids Raffle – Tickets are \$10 each. Raises funds for the Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Century for Sight – Yellowstone Trail – Sponsored by the Manawa Lions – see website for details.

Deer Hides for Lions Camp

Wish List

Lions Pride Endowment Fund of Wisconsin, Inc.
3834 County Road A
Rosholt, WI 54473

Make checks payable to Lions Pride Endowment Fund of Wisconsin, Inc. Lions Pride is an endowment fund program established to fund future Wisconsin Lions Foundation statewide projects including the Wisconsin Lions Camp using investment income from the endowment fund.

Ray Hempel Fellowship - A Hempel Fellowship contribution of \$1,000 will be deposited into the permanent Lions Pride Endowment Fund where interest earnings help support Lions Camp and other Wisconsin Lions Foundation statewide projects both today and tomorrow. The Lions Pride Endowment Fund is "Today's Help, Tomorrow's Hope," contributing annually to the WLF, while protecting the contributed principal, ensuring the lasting legacy of service, that began with Lion Ray Hempel's vision of Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund
3834 County Road A
Rosholt, WI 54473

Make checks payable to the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund, Inc. A club or individual can donate to the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund, Inc. – with a \$1,000 donation, an individual can be named as a Birch-Sturm Fellow – the highest honor a Lion can receive from the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Investment income from the Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund is used to support the programs of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation per their investment/grant policies.

Sturm Humanitarian Foundation
c/o Lion John Dunlap, Treasurer
2216 Rasmussen Place
Green Bay, WI 54304

Make checks payable to the Sturm Humanitarian Foundation. The Sturm Humanitarian Foundation is a non-profit organization used for benevolent purposes within District 27-B2 only. The name "Sturm" is in honor of Past International President, Clarence L. Sturm of Manawa. Funds collected are distributed to help individuals with medical and medical related needs as per the foundation grant guidelines.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Inc.
5003 Tradewinds Parkway
Madison, Wisconsin 53718

Make checks payable to Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Inc. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization and team of professionals and volunteers, dedicated to the mission of restoring the gift of sight through recovery and transplantation of corneas, research to advance the knowledge and treatment of eye diseases, and education to increase donations.

Knight of Sight Fellowship – Knight of Sight Fellowship award can be achieved through a Lions Club financial donation of \$1,000 or more. Your name will be displayed on the LEBW Knight of Sight Wall of Honor, and also recognized in the LEBW's Annual Report.

Gift of Sight Fellowship - Gift of Sight Fellowship award can be achieved through a Lions Club financial donation of \$500 or more. Your name will be displayed on the LEBW Gift of Sight Wall of Honor, and also be recognized in the LEBW Annual Report.

Restoring Hope Transplant House
7457 Terrace Avenue
Middleton, WI 53562

Make checks payable to Restoring Hope Transplant House. Restoring Hope Transplant House is a non-profit home away from home for transplant families who are in search of a second chance at life through the miracle of transplantation at nearby UW Hospital and the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison.

The house currently features first and second floor guest bedrooms available to eligible transplant families for \$45 a night per room. Bedrooms feature both a double and twin bed ideal for 2-3 people, televisions with broadcast channels in each bedroom, 5 public bathrooms – three with showers, community kitchen, on-site laundry available for guest use, spacious living rooms on both floors with an ample supply of books, transplant related information and material, big screen televisions with cable tv for community use, Wi-Fi throughout the house, a great front porch outfitted with relaxing new furniture, an office and an on-site living quarters for round the clock staff. This is a Wisconsin Lions approved fundraiser.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc.
1039 S. Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Make checks payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Leader Dogs for the Blind provide guide dogs to individuals who are blind and visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life.

Annual Club Contributions - All clubs contributing \$100 or more annually receive a banner patch.

Top Dog Club Award – Make a total annual donation of \$5,000 or more and receive a Top Dog award.

Puppy Sponsorship – includes photos of your chosen puppy, your puppy's profile, banner patch and certificate.

Medallion - Honor a Lion with a medallion inscribed with the recipient's name.

Legacy Society – Include Leader Dog in your financial or estate plans to be recognized with Legacy Society membership and receive a special pin

Founders Tribute - Plaques are available in three levels – Bronze (\$500), Silver (\$1,000) or Gold (\$2,500). Along with their custom engraved plaque, award recipients receive a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch uniquely designed for each level.

Campus Naming – Continue the legacy by including your club's name on campus.

Tribute Bricks - Bricks are available at two levels: \$250 and \$500. They are installed in the Rochester Brick Plaza on the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

100% Awards – To salute the districts in which every club makes a donation to Leader Dog a pin and certificate are issued to the district governor and Leader Dog chair.

Together We Serve Pins - Pins are \$150 each and come packaged in a card suitable for awards presentation. Pins can be obtained with a one-time donation.

District Projects and Programs:

Lions Clubs International – District 27 B2
C/o Lion Dan Decker, 27 B2 Treasurer
1106 Truman Street
Niagara, WI 54151

Make checks payable to Lions Club International (LCI) – District 27 B2. Please indicate on the memo line the project to be designated: Diabetes Awareness, Vision Screening, Youth Exchange, Wisconsin Lions Missions, District Birch-Sturm Fellowship, or District Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Diabetes Awareness - Lions from around the world voted to make diabetes our primary cause moving into the future. Once this was decided, we didn't waste any time. We got right to work, educating communities on the issue—while establishing initiatives and programs to improve the lives of those living with diabetes and helping prevent others from developing type two diabetes. Funds contributed support education of diabetes.

Vision Screening - Eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to screen young children, primary school students, and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight. Funds contributed support our spot devices and printer ink.

Youth Exchange - The Youth Exchange Program is a world-wide exchange of youth (ages 15 – 22). Youth come to Wisconsin for four-six weeks in the summer. The Youth exchange participants attend a camp for one week with students from around the world living in Wisconsin for the summer. Youth from Wisconsin also travel to countries throughout the world for similar experiences. Donations to this program provide financial support for the students, the Camp and the host families each summer,

Wisconsin Lions Missions (formerly Mission to Mexico) - Wisconsin Lions Missions donations are used to assist groups traveling to foreign countries to bring eye glasses and other materials (school supplies, buses, ambulances, etc.,) to people in need.

District Birch-Sturm and Melvin Jones Fellowships – funds donated accumulate until the district has sufficient funds to help honor an individual with one of these fellowships. Applications are announced and the chosen candidates are typically honored at the annual district conference.