



CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Foundation President's Message

This is a very exciting time for the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation and the Lions of Connecticut. The Connecticut Lions Kidsight program has been recognized as one of 10 model programs across the country by Lions Club International. With over 22,000 already screened, the Lions of Connecticut are ensuring that all children ages 6 months to 6 years old are screened for the risk factors of Amblyopia. With over 260,000 children to be screened and only 6 WelchAllyn SPOT screeners, it has become necessary for the Foundation to grow this initiative.

Our Lions clubs and the Foundation have the dedication, the manpower and the resources to make the Kidsight program a true success. The Foundation is pursuing a \$100,000 Standard Matching grant from LCIF. With the collective efforts of our Lions, local bank grants, fundraisers and the growing assets of the Foundation, the potential \$200,000 will afford us the opportunity to purchase an additional 26 screeners and meet the growing the demands of this program.

Lions are making a difference with the Kidsight program. We have a visible presence within our communities, serving the mission of the Foundation with the conservation of sight. I encourage every Lions club to participate in the Kidsight screening program and to financially support our recent grant request. All funds designated towards the Kidsight program this year will be applied towards the matching grant. The Kidsight program represents the best of Lionism here in Connecticut and our motto, WE SERVE.

In Lionism

President Lion Keith Lemire, PDG

2015 Foundation Gifts

The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation presented a donation of \$40,000 to the Pediatric Eye Center at Yale to the interim chief of Ophthalmology at Yale, Dr. Adelman, at the October Board Meeting.

Foundation's Purpose

To foster and encourage the citizens of Connecticut a lively interest in the conservation of sight and in the prevention and treatment of blindness.

Meeting Dates

Board of Directors

- December 14, 2015
Manor Inn, Southington
Special Guest
Dr. Safarazi-
UCONN

- February 15, 2016

- April 11, 2016

- June 6, 2016

Special Event

The Foundation's
60Th Anniversary
Gala Event this Spring



Support the Connecticut Lions Kidsight Screening Program. Please contact your district CLERF or LEHP Chairperson for more information.

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The Madison Lions Club honor their 52nd “Miss Be Thankful You Can See”, Emily Gravino, a senior at the Daniel Hand High School. The Madison Lions raised \$2000 for the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation with the “Be Thankful You Can See” campaign. The Madison Lions Club will be celebrating its 60th year of service in 2016 and they have supported the Foundation for nearly all of those 60 years, donating over \$80,000 to CLERF.