

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to people with vision and hearing needs.

Mission Statement

The Lions of Illinois Foundation exists to assist in the general improvement of the quality of life of those in Illinois having unmet needs. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Illinois for the detection, treatment, and rehabilitation of visual and hearing impairments. The Foundation, solely, or in conjunction with the Lions/Lioness Clubs, Foundations, and other organizations, shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services.

Monetary Support

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is funded mainly by club contributions from Candy Day, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Gift Card Campaign, Annual Gala, Car Show and BBQ.

The Foundation led the campaign to raise \$5 million to finance construction of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (L.I.E.R.I.) in Chicago, as well as the campaign to raise \$1.1 million to finance the Charles I. Young Professional Chair.

Why the Lions Help

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is a nonprofit organization with members throughout the state of Illinois.

Since 1925, the Lions have taken the challenge given to them by Helen Keller. Addressing the Lions at their convention she urged them to become:

“Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Blindness.”



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Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.



Want to be an LIF District Trustee?

Be a guiding member of one of the prominent voices for charity, community, and Illinois services to people with vision and hearing needs.

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What is the role of a District Trustee?

The office of District Trustee of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is vitally important to the Lions of Illinois.

When the LIF was created by the Lions in 1974 it was to act as a collective response to the needs of people with vision and hearing needs. The Trustees serve as the guiding representatives of the LIF.

Trustees serve as members of the Lions of Illinois Foundation Board and are responsible for managing the property and affairs of the Foundation.

Trustees are also responsible for **Motivating** the Lions of their District to participate in the fundraising activities, programs, and services of the Foundation and for representing the Foundation by **Communicating** information about all aspects of the Foundation to Lions Clubs throughout the District.

The Lions of Illinois Foundation provides critically needed programs and services to people with vision and hearing needs in the Trustee's District and throughout Illinois. Accordingly, the District attaches utmost importance to the effective management and delivery of these programs and services. If you meet the candidate requirements and understand and agree to the District expectations listed in this brochure, then you should be encouraged to run for District Trustee.

Who qualifies to be a District Trustee?

Members who wish to become District Trustees must meet the following qualifications:

- Be an active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in his/her District; and
- Have served as President or Secretary of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, or as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than 3 years; and
- Have served as a member of a District Cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.

Lions who satisfy these prerequisites, and desire to make the commitment required to run for the office of District Trustee, should consult the current LIF Bylaws for the specific guidelines of becoming a candidate.

The long-term benefits of membership include the opportunity to network with others involved in the management of Lions Foundations. In addition, District Trustees obtain critically needed information and training. Members are encouraged to participate in an annual conference held in the spring. Trustees receive the benefit of reduced registration fees. Dues are paid once a year, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

Expectations & Duties of a District Trustee

Persons considering running for District Trustee should understand that their District expects a Trustee to do the following:

- Visit each Lions & Lioness Club in the District at least once during each two years' term
- Maintain at least one Eyeglass Collection Depot (including hearing aids, keys, aluminum tabs, inkjet/laser cartridges)
- Manage Candy Day & Tootsie Pop Day
- Oversee Sight & Sound Sweepstakes
- Actively promote the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund
- Train, supervise, and be an active positive role model to the District's Lions of Illinois Foundation and Endowment Fund Coordinators
- Attend and participate in all required Foundation and Endowment Fund meetings
- Provide both written and oral communication to the District Clubs via District newsletter, District website, and any other means necessary

LIF Programs

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| • Camp Lions for Children and Adults | • Used Eyeglass Collection |
| • Low Vision Screening for Students | • Recycling Program |
| • Adult Low Vision | • Used Hearing Aid Bank |
| • Mobile Retinal Screening Unit | • Social Services and Referral |
| • Mobile Hearing Screening Unit | • Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency |