



20-W Lions Clubs
Affiliated Organizations
and Club Resources

Lions Clubs International- Primary Missions

- ▶ **Worldwide organization:**
 - ▶ 1.4 million members
 - ▶ 48,000 Clubs
 - ▶ In over 200 countries

Vision Statement:

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service

Motto:

“We Serve”



LCI – Primary Missions:

- ▶ 1). Vision
- ▶ 2). Youth
- ▶ 3). Disaster Relief
- ▶ 4). Environment
- ▶ 5). Childhood Cancer
- ▶ 6). Diabetes Awareness
- ▶ 7). Humanitarian
- ▶ 8). Hunger



Primary Missions for Your Club:

- ▶ All LCI initiatives plus:
 - ❖ Hearing Loss
 - ❖ Other...
 - ▶ Ex: Seniors
 - ▶ Any need ID'd for your community



Vision: Possible Club Service Projects:

- ❖ Youth Eye Screenings
- ❖ Vision checks
- ❖ Eyeglass purchase assistance
- ❖ Guide Dog training & support



Youth:

- ❖ **Assist or form an alliance with:**
 - ❖ YMCA's
 - ❖ YWCA's
 - ❖ Day Cares/After School
 - ❖ Boys and Girls Clubs
 - ❖ Area school districts
 - ❖ Disability Service Organizations
 - ❖ Homeless shelters



Environment:

- ❖ Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troops
- ❖ Brownie/Girl Scout Troops
- ❖ Local Parks
- ❖ Playgrounds
- ❖ Community Common areas
- ❖ Walking Paths
- ❖ Adopt-a-Highway



Hunger:

- ❖ Local Schools
 - ❖ Affordable lunch programs
 - ❖ Backpack programs
- ❖ Senior Centers
- ❖ Day Cares/After school programs
- ❖ Food Pantries
- ❖ Food Banks
- ❖ Homeless shelters
- ❖ Domestic violence shelters



Diabetes Awareness:

- ❖ Educational outreach
- ❖ Health Fairs
- ❖ Day Cares/after school programs
- ❖ Nutritional Programs
- ❖ Healthy Food planning for new parents

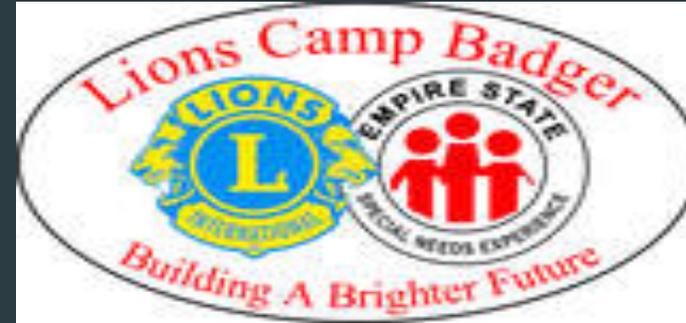


Hearing Loss:

- ❖ Educational outreach
- ❖ Health fairs
- ❖ Affordable Hearing Aid Program
- ❖ Free Ear Plugs at County Fair Tractor Pulls



Club Resources & Possible Service Partners



- ❖ Camp Badger

- ▶ **Mission Statement:**

- ▶ Our Mission is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled youth and adults.





Club Resources - Cont'd

- ❖ **Lions Camp Abilities:**
- ❖ ***Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one-week educational sports camp for children and teens who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind. It is held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Camp Abilities Saratoga is a service project of the Saratoga Springs Lions***



Lions Hearing Conservation Society:

- ❖ Educational outreach
- ❖ Health Fairs
- ❖ Loan-out Centers
- ❖ Affordable Hearing Aid Program
- ❖ County Fair ear plug volunteers



Lions See (Screening Eyes Early)

- ▶ Mission:
 - ▶ Decrease childhood blindness through early detection & treatment
 - ▶ Locally can be coordinated through NABA (Northeastern Assoc. of the Blind at Albany)
 - ▶ Or other local Clubs



MD-20 ALERT Program

- ❖ Housed on Camp Badger grounds, Spencer, NY
- ❖ Local Clubs can access emergency supplies for:
 - ❖ Emergencies
 - ❖ Natural Disasters
- ❖ Such as:
 - ❖ Tents
 - ❖ Generators
 - ❖ Sleeping mats
 - mini fridges
 - Canopies
 - Group shelters
 - Emergency lighting
 - Clean-up buckets
 - Tarps



Outside Partnership Agencies:

- ▶ **Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany:**
- ▶ **Services for the blind & visually impaired**
- ▶ **Children's recreational programs**
- ▶ **Teach living skills**
- ▶ **Rehab services**
- ▶ **Help people lead independent lives**



Outside Partnership Agencies – cont'd

- ▶ Central Assoc. of the Blind and Visually Impaired:
 - ▶ Help achieve independent living
 - ▶ Mohawk Valley Braille Transcribers
 - ▶ Vision Rehab Therapy – Adaptive equipment
 - ▶ Orientation & Mobility Techniques – teach how to get around
 - ▶ Child services



Outside Partnership Agencies – Cont'd

- ▶ **Guide Dogs:**
- ▶ **Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation: www.fidelco.org**
- ▶ **Freedom Guide Dogs: eric@freedomguidedogs.org**
- ▶ **Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind: www.guidedog.org**
- ▶ **Leader Dogs for the Blind: leaderdog@leaderdog.org**
- ▶ **Guiding Eyes for the Blind: www.guidingeyese.org**



MD-20 Reading Action Program

- ▶ 10-year commitment to increasing reading & literacy rates
- ▶ Reading skills open the door to more educational and employment opportunities



MD-20 Reading Action Program

- ▶ **RAP** Supported Service Programs:
- ▶ Serve as a volunteer reader
- ▶ Promote Braille literacy
- ▶ Provide support for your local library
- ▶ Help build a classroom for underserved children
- ▶ Organize a book drive



MD-20 Reading Action Program

- ▶ **Programs & Projects of some Lions Districts:**
- ▶ **Rome Lions – Read all or part of book to families- each family member receives a new book. Sundaes served.**
- ▶ **District K-1 – “Lets Read Again” – intractive community library**
- ▶ **Literacy Fiesta – children & families share in storytelling, read aloud, arts & crafts. Free books to kids.**
- ▶ **Club serves as host for an evening with a youth author**
- ▶ **Dictionary Project – donated books to local nursing homes**



Grant Funding Organizations:

- ▶ **Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation:**
- ▶ The Foundation is dedicated to helping your club help children in need where you live. We are achieving that goal by providing matching grants of up to \$2,000 toward any project that qualifies to meet that goal.



Grant Funding Organizations:

- ▶ New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation:
 - ▶ Up to \$5,000 matching grants-Clubs, Zones or Districts
 - ▶ Emphasis on Sight, Hearing & humanitarian services
 - ▶ Annual raffle tickets their major fundraiser



Lions Eye Bank at Albany

▶ **Mission:**

- ▶ The Sight Society of Northeastern New York (Lions Eye Bank at Albany) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing ocular tissue for transplantation, medical education and research.

▶ **Vision:**

- ▶ The Sight Society of Northeastern New York will serve as a resource center for visual advocacy
- ▶ The Sight Society also has a special program within its service area to assist individuals who are not serviced by Lions Clubs to help cover the cost of an eye exam and glasses for those who cannot afford them.





Lions Eye Institute at Albany & Lions Foundation at Albany

- ▶ Our mission is to continually strive to develop and focus on new treatments, technologies, eye research, and educational opportunities for our educators, physicians and communities in order to provide the very best patient care for the people of NY and our neighbors in New England.



LCIF Available Grants:

- ▶ **Humanitarian Grants**

- ▶ 82 humanitarian grants, totaling \$4,879,850

- ▶ **Lions Quest Grants – In support of youth service projects & education**

- ▶ 13 Lions Quest grants, totaling \$780,499

- ▶ **Diabetes Grants**

- ▶ 17 diabetes grants, totaling \$844,295

- ▶ **SightFirst Grants – restore & improve vision; eye care & education**

- ▶ 9 SightFirst grants, totaling \$2,211,380



Some 20-W Service Projects:

- ▶ Area Lions Clubs:
 - ▶ Albany-Troy Lions - Blueberries
 - ▶ Saratoga Lions - Camp Abilities
 - ▶ All Lions Clubs- Eyeglass purchase for those in need
 - ▶ Free Shredding
 - ▶ Open Mic
 - ▶ Camp Badger - Volunteers & wish list
 - ▶ Support local Leo Clubs



Lion Meeting Protocols:

Dress Code - Uniforms, casual?

The Lions Prayer: Have printed out for reference

Meeting Protocols:

Lions Toast:

Words to...

When given...

Water glass with water...

!!Welcome to the Lions!!

You are a valuable member of the
world's largest service organization!

You share our passion for community
service

and...

making your community a better
place!