



## VISION SCREENING PROJECT

Hello Lions of Montana:

I am seeking your help in a project that is tied to one of the core values of Lions around the world and one of the earliest Lion's projects undertaken. **The project is doing vision screenings.** Your help would be to actually do vision screenings within your local community. I realize that a number of Lions Clubs within the State are already doing vision screening, either within the schools or at various events. This would be a chance to broaden the scope of these existing projects with the newest innovative equipment available.

While attending the International Convention in Seattle one of the interesting exhibits we saw was the hand held vision screening devices available to Lions for performing vision screenings. This device, the Plusoptix SO9, allows for both eyes to be screened at the same time in less than 10 seconds. It works on individuals as young as 6-months old. This allows for earlier detection of potential problems and does not require any verbal response from the individual being tested, so less chance of an error through some misunderstanding of a communication. The device allows for early detection of a variety of potential eye problems such as Amblyopia (lazy eye) or Anisometropia (unequal refractive power) or Astigmatism (blurred vision). If detected early and then treated it reduces the costs associated with getting an individual proper vision or even by preventing blindness which can happen in the case of Amblyopia.

Upon returning to Montana I talked to my Club about the purchase of a screening device and then as a trustee on the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (MTLS&HF) brought it up at one of the meetings. The MTLS&HF thought it was worth investigating further. At the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, my wife Lion Jayne and I talked with the company representatives and also attended a presentation that was put on by the owner of the Company and Lions from other States that are using the device and performing screenings. Based on the information we gathered we decided that we would pursue getting one for our home club. In addition I decided that I would get other clubs involved and work on getting a grant from LCIF to purchase devices that would belong to the MTLS&HF and thus be readily available to Lions Clubs around the State to use for vision screenings in their communities.

We feel that this project will have an immediate and direct impact on local communities by providing early detection of potential vision problems in local youngsters. This can help to ensure children are better prepared to attend school by identifying those that might have a hard time being able to read as a result of vision problems. We have targeted infants and young children because 80 percent of all information is gathered through the eyes and early detection is key to successful corrective actions. Vision problems usually go undetected since young children think that limited vision is normal and usually vision problems don't hurt so there is no reason to think there is a problem. It also has a very direct impact on that two to five percent of the population that is susceptible to Amblyopia, which can lead to blindness in one or both eyes if not treated. Since eyes change as individuals mature there is a need for continued eye screening, so this would not be a onetime event for an individual, but rather a continuing need each year.

I have been appointed as the Chair for this project, which is being coordinated through the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. My contact information is Lion Bill Pfeifer, 218 Dogwood Drive, PO Box 831, Bozeman, MT 59771, e-mail [ogeez@optimum.net](mailto:ogeez@optimum.net) or 406-580-6442 or 406-209-2083.

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## **LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF** **UPDATE**

Application for incorporation of a Foundation without share capital under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act was made by a legal firm we retained in Calgary. On July 14, 2010 we received the Letters of Patent and the By-Laws for LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF (the Fund).

On October 4, 2011 **Notification of Registration as a Charitable Organization** with an effective date of July 1, 2011 was received. The official name is LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF. The registration number is **85732 1517 RR0001** which must appear on all Tax Deductible Receipts (TDRs). The Charity's fiscal year end has been established as June 30.

Please find attached a Donor Contribution Form that is **required for all donations received by the Fund**. This form reveals the recognitions available for your contributions; Melvin Jones Fellowships, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships, Contributing Member Pins, Club Plaques, and Corporate Plaques. It also reveals where to find more information and where to send your contributions in order to receive you TDR.

The Fund was established to enable Lions Clubs in Canada to carry out charitable activities, and to assist those Clubs and members to increase those activities through the advantage of TDRs for personal contributions and making it much easier for Clubs to contribute where Provincial Gaming rules cause difficulties to use funds raised under their rules for donations outside Canada. All other donations should continue to be made directly to LCIF. A very positive aspect of LCIF is that every dollar donated will be spent on the humanitarian causes outlined above, as all expenses will be covered from interest earned on donations as is the case with all LCIF donations. We also hope, as we have done in the past, to partner with Provincial and Federal "matching grant programs" to further maximize our efforts.



The **purposes of the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** are; the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and programs and projects of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). These purposes mimic the purposes of LCIF which may be found at the following website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

The governing Board of Directors of the Fund consists of members in good standing of a club in good standing in Canada who have served or are serving in the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International.



The Board shall elect its own officers and an Executive Committee from amongst its members (not yet done). The Board may delegate the powers and authority of such officer or employee to any other officer or employee or to any director of the Fund. This Board may appoint non-voting Honorary members and Patrons from within and outside of Canada for such terms as they see fit. There shall be held an annual general meeting of the Board before December 31 each year. One was recently held by way of webinar. 25% of the Board shall be present in order to constitute a quorum.

Directors of the Fund shall not receive any remuneration for their service, except for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings and performing other Directors' obligations, in accordance with Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International. It is planned that most, if not all, meetings can be through webinars and/or conference calls.

The Board may retain the services of firms and/or individuals to manage the processing of income of the Fund, issuing receipts for such income, secretarial assistance, recording of allowable expenses, preparing semi-monthly reports to LCIF, and preparing unaudited statements for the Board, and an annual audited statement for the Board.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.35 million members in 207 countries and geographic areas.

In Canada, Lions are the largest service club organization, with more than 39,000 members in more than 1,600 clubs throughout every Province and Territory.



In the beginning, the funds received will stay in Canada to cover some of the grants received by Canadian Districts and/or Multiple Districts. Once an excess of funds are raised by the Fund they could be used to cover grants, meeting the criteria of Canada Revenue Agency, from LCIF to other countries.

Together we **will** make a difference.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- 1) Can I receive a Tax Deductible Receipt for my contribution to LCIF?** Yes, if you make the contribution through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF on the prescribed form.
- 2) Can I receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Contributing Member Pin for my contribution?** Yes, all you need do is to complete the Donor Contribution Form and send it with your contribution.
- 3) Who do I make the cheque payable to?** To the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.
- 4) Where do I send my contribution?** Send it to the address on the Donor Contribution Form.
- 5) Can I receive a Tax Deductible Receipt if I send my contribution directly to LCIF in Oak Brook?** No.
- 6) How will the money collected by the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF be used?** In the beginning, the funds received will stay in Canada to cover some of the grants received by Canadian Districts and/or Multiple Districts. Once an excess of funds are raised by the Fund they could be used to cover grants, meeting the criteria of Canada Revenue Agency, from LCIF to other countries.

# Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF Donor Contribution Form

The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered Canadian charity.



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



Individual Completing this Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Purpose of Donation

Please check one

Area of Greatest Need  Measles

Disaster  Humanitarian Needs  Sight  Youth  
(Each choice above is eligible for MJF credit)

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(May not be eligible for MJF credit)

## 2. Contribution Details

Donor Name (individual, club, company, foundation)

Donor ID \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Club \_\_\_\_\_ Donor District \_\_\_\_\_

### Amount of Contribution

Full Payment  Installment  Final Installment

### Gift Type

US or Canadian \$ Cheque Enclosed (payable to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF)

Credit Card  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Wire/Bank Transfer (Please attach bank transfer receipt)

Local LCI Deposit (Please attach bank deposit ticket)

Cash

### Use Funds Previously Donated:

\*Please Note - This section should only be used if sufficient funds have already been credited with Lions Clubs International Foundation

Use Credits From: \_\_\_\_\_

Club# \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Recipient of Recognition

Type of recognition requested (please check one)

MJF  PMJF  To Be Named Later

Memorial Plaque in memory of deceased

Recipient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID# (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Club # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**For Memorial** Name of the individual to whom the plaque is to be presented. (Required for preparing recognition letter.)

## 4. Shipping Information

Please Note: Materials cannot be sent to PO Boxes.

Ship to Member ID # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Recognition is sent once donation and application are received and processed at headquarters. Please allow a minimum of 30 days for shipping.

Special Instructions/Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF  
Barrhaven RO  
PO Box 89059  
Nepean, Ontario K2J 0R2  
Canada

Tel: 630-203-3836 • Fax: 630-571-5735

Web site: [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate)

E-mail: [Donations@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Donations@lionsclubs.org)

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# Le fond LCIF des Lions du Canada Formulaire de contribution pour donateurs

Le fond LCIF des Lions du Canada est un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré canadien



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



Personne qui remplit ce formulaire :

Nom \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Courriel \_\_\_\_\_ Numéro de tél. \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. But du don

Veillez cocher une des cases :

Besoins les plus urgents  Rougeole

Désastre  Besoins humanitaires  Vue  Jeunesse  
(Chaque don pour les choix susmentionnés peut être pris en compte pour la distinction de CMJ)

Autre \_\_\_\_\_  
(Peut ne pas être pris en compte pour l'attribution de la distinction de CMJ)

## 2. Informations sur la contribution

Nom du donateur (particulier, société, fondation)

Numéro d'identification du donateur

Club du donateur \_\_\_\_\_

District du donateur \_\_\_\_\_

### Montant de la contribution

Versement complet  Versement partiel  Dernier versement

### Type de don

Chèque en Dollars américains ou canadiens joint  
(à l'ordre du Fond LCIF des Lions du Canada)

Carte de crédit  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

No. de la carte de crédit

Date d'expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Code de sécurité \_\_\_\_\_

Nom du titulaire tel qu'il est indiqué sur la carte bancaire :

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Virement électronique ou bancaire (prête de joindre le bordereau de virement)

Virement sur un compte LCI existant (prête de joindre le bordereau de virement)

Espèces

### Utilisation des fonds déjà offerts :

\*Remarque – Ce formulaire ne doit être utilisé que si les fonds suffisants ont déjà été crédité à la Fondation du Lions Clubs International.

Utiliser les fonds de : \_\_\_\_\_

No. du Club \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Récipiendaire de la distinction

Type de distinction souhaitée (veillez cocher une mention)

CMJ  CMJP  Sera nommé ultérieurement

Plaque commémorative à la mémoire d'une personne décédée

Nom du récipiendaire

\_\_\_\_\_

No. ID de membre (le cas échéant) \_\_\_\_\_

Adresse \_\_\_\_\_

Ville \_\_\_\_\_ État/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Pays \_\_\_\_\_ Code postal \_\_\_\_\_

Club du récipiendaire

\_\_\_\_\_

No. du Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Pour les dons commémoratifs** Nom de la personne à qui la plaque sera présentée. (Nécessaire pour préparer la lettre de reconnaissance.)

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## 4. Renseignements d'expédition

Veillez noter : Le matériel ne peut pas être expédié à une boîte postale.

Expédier à : no. ID de membre (le cas échéant) \_\_\_\_\_

Nom \_\_\_\_\_

Adresse \_\_\_\_\_

Ville \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Pays \_\_\_\_\_ Code postal \_\_\_\_\_

Courriel \_\_\_\_\_

No. de tél. \_\_\_\_\_

La distinction est envoyée lorsque le don et le formulaire de demande de distinction sont reçus et traités au siège International. Prière de prévoir au moins 30 jours pour la livraison.

Instructions spéciales/Remarques

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Nepean, Ontario K2J 0R2  
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site Web : [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate)

Courriel : [Donations@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Donations@lionsclubs.org)



**Lions Clubs International  
District 37N Convention  
Oct 12, & 13, 2012  
Kalispell, Montana**

Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:		Email/Fax:

Registration (Received by Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2012)	_____	X	\$90.00 =	_____
Late Registration (Received after Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2012)	_____	X	\$110.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Banquet – Saturday Evening	_____	X	\$25.00 =	_____
*Registration includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet				Total = _____

Cash  Check  Money Order  Credit Card - VISA  MC

**ALL MONIES ARE IN U.S. FUNDS**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note: Your card will show a charge to MD 37 Lions Clubs. US credit cards may be charged a \$12-\$15 international transaction fee by your bank.

**Mail to:**

Lion Mike Collins  
143 River Place  
Kalispell, MT 59901

**Contact:**

Name: Lion Mike Collins  
Phone 406-871-4178  
Email: [mikeacollins@bresnan.net](mailto:mikeacollins@bresnan.net)

**Contact:**

Name: PDG Monte Weisser  
Phone 406-758-8528  
Email: [Monte014@centurytel.net](mailto:Monte014@centurytel.net)

You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters is the Red Lion Hotel. 20 North Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901  
Tel: 800-733-5486 or 406-751-5050. Room Rates in the Lions Block are \$79.95 Plus Tax per night (includes breakfast). (Rooms on hold until 9/12/2012)

**Refund Policy:** If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Refunds may be allowed within a 30-day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made to the C.A.C. through the District Governor and Club President.

Please bring a auction item to benefit Lions of Alberta Foundation or Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.



## **Multiple District 37 Council of Governors, 2012-13**

(left to right)

DG Lary Garrison, District 37S

DG Laura Dickerson, District 37N

DG Bruce Bishop, District 37O

DG Rob Gingera, District 37I

DG Wanda Coates, District 37L

The MD37 Council of Governors is composed of the District Governors that serve Montana, Alberta, British Columbia and the North West Territories. The team is headed by Council Chair Dan Krum (District S, Montana) and Vice Council Chair Dennis Stevenson, (District O, Alberta) and organized by Council Secretary/Treasurer is Tim Haight (District O, Alberta). They serve the 6,000+ Lions of the Multiple District and work to insure that our International Multiple District is an innovator in service and provides resources for our Districts, Clubs and every Lions Member. The Council meets four times per year, face to face. However, their communication and work is ongoing throughout the year.

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### **Does your club have a web page or Facebook page?**

Let's get connected! Please send the link to our District 37 Web site: <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/contact.php>.







### USA/CANADA Leadership Forum

The **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida this September. You can view the available training sessions and access the enrollment form in the **Lions Links** section of the newsletter. This is an outstanding training opportunity for club members.

### Trying for Twenty

Is your club willing to work to increase membership? The top three clubs in District 37N will be recognized and rewarded by the District for reaching the 20 member status based on their percentage of growth. These clubs will receive awards, prizes and be nominated for the Club Rebuilding Award through LCI! Of course, you don't have to stop at 20 members!

### Reading Action Program:

As part of this year's "[A World of Service](#)" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service. Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them. The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.



### Global Service Campaign:



#### **August – [Engaging our Youth](#)**

Invite Leos and youth in your area to help organize and participate in a service project. Projects may include school or community facility cleanups or a visit to a home for senior citizens or a children's hospital. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project enables them to learn skills while emphasizing the role of service.



## **Lions Links:**

District 37N Lions: <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/index.php>

Multiple District 37 Lions: <http://www.md37lions.org/>

Lions Clubs International: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

USA/Canada Forum: <http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Lions Quarterly Video Magazine: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=25>

Lions Clubs International Foundation : <http://www.lcif.org/>

International President's Theme: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international\\_theme\\_highlights.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international_theme_highlights.pdf)