

WE ARE



LIONS

Lions are men and women who serve their communities, state, nation and world.

With over 1.4 million Lions in over 200 countries and geographical locations, Lions International is the largest service organization in the world.

Lions improve the quality of life in their local communities, state, nation and world with focus on sight and hearing, as well as many other human needs.

LIONESSE



A Lioness Club has as its main purpose the support of the Lions Clubs' sight and hearing programs through donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Iowa Lions Foundation. Lionesses work with their local Lions Clubs in community service. In addition, many Lioness Clubs plan and implement their own community service.



LEOS

For the past 48 years, thousands of young people have benefited from membership in the Leo

Club program.

Making new friends and viewing the world through another's perspective are two of the benefits of Leo service.

Since 1917, whenever there has been a need at home or around the world, Lion members have been there to help.

YOU COULD HELP TOO!



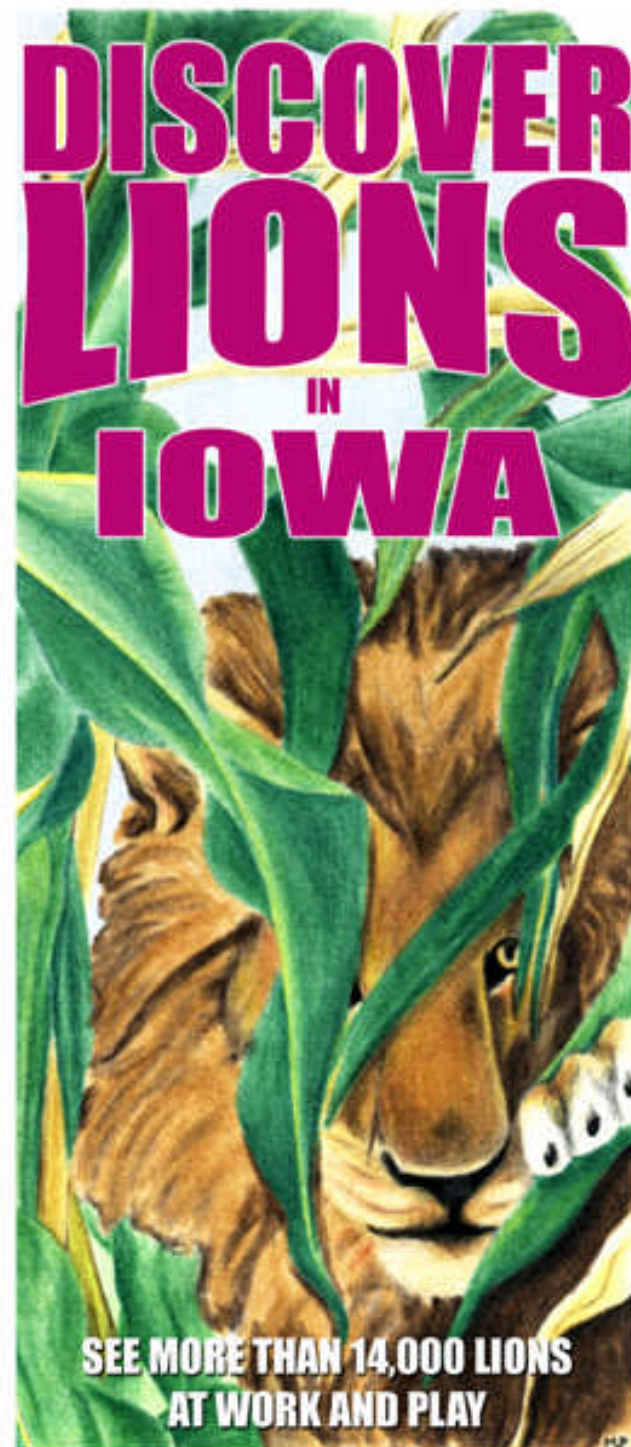
We Serve

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Iowa Lions Work Hard



Helen Keller

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the fledgling Lions Association to be “Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

Since that time Lions all over the world have worked in the areas of sight and hearing.



Through the Iowa Lions Foundation, we work with many agencies to fulfill our motto “We Serve”.



The Iowa Lions Eye Bank

is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of sight through the collection, processing, and distribution of human ocular tissue for transplantation and research, primarily in Iowa, but also throughout the world.

Approximately 140 hearing aids are dispensed free of charge each year to qualifying Iowans.

**Iowa Lions
Hearing Aid Bank**

The University of Iowa, in partnership with the Iowa Lions, has initiated a program to objectively screen infants and children (ages 6 to 48 months) for loss of sight.



Individuals with disabilities, as well as their families, should experience year-round recreational and respite care activities in a camp setting. Camp Courageous of Iowa provides this needed service to all.



We are dedicated to enhancing the lives of blind and visually impaired individuals. Since 1939, we have been providing highly trained Leader Dogs.

Iowa School for the Deaf

The Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, has been preparing children for the world since 1855.

Cochlear Implants at UIHC

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in partnership with Iowa Lions are pioneers in the exciting world of cochlear implants.

Iowa Department For The Blind

This program offers the specialized, integrated services that blind and severely visually impaired

Iowans need to live independently and work competitively. We believe that with the right training and opportunity, people who are blind can become full, contributing members of their communities.



We Iowa Lions serve around the world too. Nearly 1.4 million Lions' members in over 200 countries and geographic

areas answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world. Lions tackle tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention, and diabetes awareness.

Lions members—men and women—provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries and treat millions of people to prevent river blindness.

Lions World Sight Day was created in 1998 to spotlight the importance of eradicating preventable blindness and improving sight. An increasing number of Lions



Clubs are using this occasion to collect eyeglasses, conduct vision and diabetes screenings, and plan educational programs to inform their communities about the importance of sight and diseases such as diabetes that can impact sight.



Lions, Leos, and Lionesses collect used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers that are located throughout the world. The used eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired, and classified by prescription.

The eyeglasses are then distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries.

SightFirst fights the major causes of blindness: cataract, river blindness, trachoma, and, especially in developed nations like the United States, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma. SightFirst does this by building hospitals and clinics, training doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease.



True to our commitment to be “Knights of the blind,” in July, 2008 Lions concluded Campaign SightFirst II to continue our work. CSFII raised more than \$200 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst, Lions' worldwide program to combat preventable blindness.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest.



Lions Clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students ages 11, 12 or 13 participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's yearly theme.