

BLIND
DINNER DATE
15TH ANNIVERSARY

You and I rely on our abilities to navigate life. If physically able, we stand, walk, jump, drive, and so on. If sighted, 80% of the information we take in each day is processed through our eyes.

For children, poor vision affects many aspects of their lives and development—their health, school progress, and societal integration. The risk of a child failing one grade is more than 3 times higher for children with vision worse than 20/20.

For older adults, vision loss can adversely impact their well-being through increased risk of falls and fractures, increased risk of depression, difficulty identifying medications, and other daily challenges like bathing and dressing.

Too often, and without thought, **we take our vision for granted.**

Imagine your day if you were living with limited or no vision. How would you read this letter, pick out clothes to wear, pour yourself a cup of coffee, fix meals, or travel to and from work? These are just some of the challenges thousands of residents in our community face each day.

The Grand Rapids Lions Club is excited to present the **15th Annual Blind Dinner Date** fundraising event. Please join us and help children and adults throughout West Michigan living with severe vision loss receive the care they need to live independently, confidently, and with dignity.

All the funds raised through the Blind Dinner Date provide:

- **eye care to all ages** through the *Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health*, including children with special needs; and
- **rehabilitation services to individuals with visual impairment or blindness** through the *Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired*.

This important event will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at The B.O.B. in downtown Grand Rapids. Please join us for an evening with drinks, dinner and a program that will recognize the achievements of several area professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with vision loss.

Your participation is essential to the care and wellness of our community!

Please review the sponsorship and participation levels on the attached sheet. Then, contact me at 616-719-9799 or Linda Zizos at 616-458-1187 to make your commitment or for more information. Deadline is Friday, March 13th if you want your name or company name to be included in the program.

Thank you for sharing our vision! We look forward to seeing you March 24.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Eavey
Blind Dinner Date Chair

A Grand Rapids Lions Club Project



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2020 SPONSORSHIPS

Title Sponsor | \$10,000

Names in event title

Mention of Name and logo in all event publicity and promotion including mailings, web, and social media

Name and logo on all event signage, program and print materials

News release announcing company as Title Sponsor

Recognition from podium at event

Two tables of 8 for the event

Post-event recognition in PR materials

Appreciation award for display

Platinum Sponsor | \$5,000

Mention of Name and logo in all event publicity and promotion including mailings, web, and social media

Name and logo on all event signage, program and print materials

Recognition from podium at event

One table of 8 at the event

Appreciation award for display

Gold Sponsor | \$3,000

Mention of Name and logo in all event publicity and promotion including mailings, web, and social media

Name and logo on all event signage, program and print materials

Recognition from podium at event

Event tickets for 4 individuals

Silver Sponsor | \$1,000

Name and logo in event program

Event tickets for 4 individuals

Bronze Sponsor | \$500

Name and logo in event program

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Sponsorships

- Title Sponsor | \$10,000
- Platinum Sponsor | \$5,000
- Gold Sponsor | \$3,000
- Silver Sponsor | \$1,000
- Bronze Sponsor | \$500

Donations

- \$250
- \$100
- Other \$ _____

Tickets to the Blind Dinner Date | March 24, 2020

_____ Individual Dinner Ticket(s) x \$75 each, total of \$ _____

_____ Table(s) of 8 x \$600 each, total of \$ _____

Sponsorship/Donor Information

Company _____ Contact _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

(Please Check One) Check Enclosed Invoice Please Credit Card

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CCV# _____

Signature _____

Table Guests (Please note if a vegetarian meal is requested.)

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Please make checks payable to Grand Rapids Lions Club

And return with this form to ABVI - 456 Cherry Street SE | Grand Rapids, MI 49503

For questions or additional information, please contact:

Benjamin Eavey (616-719-9799) or Linda Zizos (616-458-1187).