

Lions Clubs International

The largest service organization in the world. 1.45 million men and women members in 210 countries.

“We Serve” is our international motto. Although the Lions were challenged by Helen Keller to be “The Knights for the Blind”. Our volunteer service focus is to assist those in need in the areas of vision impairments, hunger, pediatric cancer, diabetes, the environment and disaster relief.

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation provides \$75 million dollars a year to empower lions clubs, volunteers and partners to support those in need through humanitarian grants and services. 100% of what is collected from the public, goes back to those in need through these services. Lions Clubs member dues pay for the operation of the organization.

Grand Rapids Lions Club

The oldest Lions Club in the lower peninsula, founded in 1919. Our members come from every walk of life, even to include Past President Gerald Ford. Our mission is to provide support, financial and otherwise to our designated charities and programs. We do this by conducting fundraising events and hands on service for those in need in Grand Rapids, Michigan and around the world.

If you would like to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of those in need, please contact us.

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Grand Rapids Lions Club Activities

2023 Student Awardees

Catholic Central High School

Michael App

Ava Soltysiak

City High

Aron Chen

Gabriella Stillerman Flores

East Grand Rapids High School

Corbin DeVibiss

Liam VanderLaan

Grand Rapids Christian High School

Luke Selfe

Anna Treizenberg

Grand Rapids Montessori

Romulus Flowers

Sam Leggett

Innovation Central High

Laylah Addison

Terrence Coke

Union High School

Ashanti Auricchio

Ervin Bernabe-Mateo

West Catholic High School

Connor Foley

Allyson Olszewski

Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".
Children's Christmas Shopping-Partnering with Meijer in Cascade to take 35-40 visually impaired and disadvantaged youngsters shopping with a Lion to buy Christmas presents for their family. Each child has a budget of \$125.

Blind Dinner Date Annual Awards Gala – Annual awards and fundraising banquet to help children and adults living with severe vision loss. Awards given to individuals in our community that have made an outstanding contribution to assisting those with these impairments.

Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing – Funds raised to provide needed vision care for those that can't afford it. Major funding raised for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Vision Clinic at Cherry Health

Eyeglass Recycling Center – Collecting, sorting, washing, measuring, recording prescriptions in database, packaging glasses for shipping. We collect 400,000 pairs of used eyeglasses a year and process them for use on our Lions Vision Missions and some local uses.

Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health – Opened in 2009, the clinic treats over 9,000 underserved patients a year. Eyecare and glasses are provided free of charge for those that qualify financially.

High School Recognition Awards – Annual recognition for two seniors from each Grand Rapids area high school. Awards are given for a combination of academic, athletic, leadership and community service excellence.

International Vision Mission Trips – One or two times a year, weeklong trips to Central and South America or the Caribbean. The used eyeglasses are taken from our recycling center and the team provides eye exams, glasses and surgery referrals for 2,000 to 2,500 people.

Transportation Services – Our members provide rides for sight impaired residents to their medical appointments and shopping needs.

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired – since 1913, ABVI has provided assistance for those with visual impairments of all kinds. This is done by our Certified Low Vision Doctors, Orientation and Mobility Specialists, Occupational Therapists and licensed Social Workers. All visual aids and appliances are available in our clinic.

Leader Dog for the Blind – Founded by Lions in 1939, providing guide dogs free of charge to the visually impaired. Guide dogs allows the opportunity for independence.

Eversight Eye Bank – Founded by the Ann Arbor Lions in 1947. Eversight is a global non-profit eye bank with a mission to restore sight and prevent blindness through tissue donation, transplantation and research.

Lions Bear Lake Camp – A camp for every child to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience for young people 5-16, regardless of ability. Visually Impaired Camp. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp. Juvenile Diabetes Camp.

Paws With a Cause – Enhancing the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities through custom trained Assistance Dogs. Service, Hearing, Seizure Response dogs and Dogs for Children with Autism..

Lions of Michigan All State Band – A marching band composed of mostly high school students serving Michigan communities and internationally through the gift of music. Performance annually at the Lions International Convention with 20,000+ delegates from around the world.

Grand Rapids Lions Club High School Outstanding Student Achievement Award Luncheon



*University Club
April 18, 2023*