

WHAT IS A LIONS CLUB?



Lions Clubs are groups of men and women organized and chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs, Inc. The first Lions Club was founded by Melvin Jones on June 7, 1917. The club's motto is "We Serve."

Our purpose was chosen at the 1925 Lions Convention when Helen Keller, the keynote speaker, challenged the Lions to become "The Knights of the Blind." Her challenge was accepted and, to this day, continues to be the main purpose of Lions International. In the late 1970's, the International Association officially expanded our purpose to include hearing defects.

Nearly 1.4 million Lions members in 202 countries and geographic areas answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world. Lions tackle tough problems head on including eye disease, blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness.

The Lions Clubs of District 16-B support many local projects which aid our neighbors in need.

Lions are the only service organization honored by the United Nations with a Lions Day at the UN to acknowledge the contribution Lions make to the world community.

LIONS OBJECTIVES

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To encourage service minded men and women to serve their community without personal financial reward.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Charitable Foundation was created in 1968 at the New Jersey Lions Multiple District Convention.

The purpose of the Foundation is fully charitable in nature and includes, but is not limited to, the fostering and promotion of rehabilitation programs, sight conservation, research and preservation programs, and any other programs which may be adopted from time to time.

The Foundation uses every penny for sight projects, hearing programs and any other projects related to Lions goals or missions. The Foundation was created to fund work, service and projects on a much larger scale than local clubs are normally able to do alone. Funds are disbursed to Trustee approved and District 16-B Lions Club sponsored requests with one time Grants and through interest free Loans. Every year, new Grants and new Loans provide the funding needed to accomplish Lions Club goals.

The Foundation has no paid employees and is operated fully by volunteers from each Region in Sub District 16-B. There are nine Trustees that include two from each Region and the current District Governor.

The Foundation derives most of its funding from proceeds of its annual Charity Ball, an annual 50/50 Raffle, and donations from Businesses and New Jersey Lions Clubs. All proceeds from these fund raising activities go directly into projects of the Foundation.

LIONS ...*people just like you!*

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Recent Grants and Loans:

- Thika High School (for blind), Kenya
- NJ Camp for Blind Children, Inc
- NJ Eyeglass Recycling Center
- LCIF-CSF II
- Hightstown-East Windsor Lions
(*Katzenbach Dorm Air Conditioners*)
- Lions Eye Ear & Diabetes Screening
Committee (*LCIF Core 4 education grant*)
- New Jersey Eye Glass Recycling Center
(*Van - LCIF matching grant*)
- LCIF Campaign Sight First II
- Moorestown Lions Club (*Food Van
Replacement*)
- Johnny D Van Fund
- Canine Hearing Companions (*Van LCIF
matching grant*)
- Housing & United Services (*Services*)
- LCIF Katrina Fund (*Hurricane Relief-New
Orleans*)
- Principal Eye Group (*Individual Eye
Surgery*)
- Medford Lakes Lions Club (*Flood Relief*)
- Lions Eye Research (*Research Chair
Project*)
- Recordings f/t Blind & Dyslexic (*Lions
Sound Booth - Make Up*)
- NJ Blind Citizens Association (*Repairs*)

Foundation, District and Lions International:

Foundation: www.16bcf.org
District 16-B: www.njlions.org
Lions Intl: www.lionsclubs.org

HOW CAN I HELP?

*We need funding and donations from
businesses, Clubs and men and
women like you who want to give back to
the community and make the world a
better place.*

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More Information is Available on the Web (www.16bcf.org):

The Foundation web site includes information
available for download:

- Grant and Loan Procedures and Application
- Charity Ball Package and Forms
- Current Listing and email addresses for
Trustees and Officers

District 16-B Charitable Foundation



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LIONS ...accomplish together what we can't alone!