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New Resident in the Tennessee Lions Charities Vault

FROM THE VERY MESSY OFFICE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Thanksgiving, Lions!

At this time of year, we often reflect on our many blessings, family, and community. The Lions of Tennessee have been a part of my life since I was a child. Many of you know my grandfather, PDG Lynn Wilhoite, a Lion with more than six decades of Lionistic service in Tennessee and former Executive Director of Tennessee Lions Charities. Growing up, I attended many Lions Club events with him:



5Ks, fish fries, potlucks, golf tournaments, and my first (and hopefully only) chitlin boil. All of these events brought Lions and members of surrounding communities together, allowing them to see their Lions in service and remind them that they are always at work to improve their communities.

When my relationship with the Tennessee Lions turned professional, I was introduced to the annual Honors Banquet. The Honors Banquet is a night to celebrate Lions in Tennessee, specifically, new inductees into Tennessee's Lions Hall of Fame, recipients of Lindsey-Jennings Fellowships, and KidSight Community Leadership awards. The Honors Banquet has been a November tradition for Tennessee's Lions for more than a decade. Still, something has always been missing from the event for me: service to the community.

For my first Honors Banquet as Executive Director, I'm excited to say that we had a great night. Fred Mundt, Dennis Doebler, and Linda Justice all joined our Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame. Several Lindsey-Jennings Fellows were awarded. Terri Anderson, Jim McFarland, and Kevin Buie received KidSight Community Leadership Awards, and Ronald Birdwell received Tennessee Lions Charities' Humanitarian Award for his years of service on TLC's board. We also added an element of service to the night in addition to recognizing some amazing Tennessee Lions.

Stephanie Jones from Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired was our speaker. Earlier in the year, Stephanie spoke at the state convention about the life-changing work her organization does for children living with visual impairment through Camp Abilities. Stephanie also told the Lions in attendance how Lions in other states had refused to offer help to a child whose family could not afford Camp Abilities for the upcoming summer because he was not part of their community. I was amazed at how the Lions of Tennessee immediately offered to address the need, raising enough funds by passing the hat for this child to attend Camp Abilities.

I hoped to continue this goodwill with our Honors Banquet, and I'm proud to say that Tennessee's Lions showed their commitment to improving the lives of children. All donations from the 2025 Honors Banquet went to support Clovernook's Camp Abilities. We raised over \$1,500 to ensure that more children in need can attend Camp Abilities, allowing them to learn necessary skills and grow their own unique community. Hopefully, our Honors Banquet will continue to be a night to recognize Lions in Tennessee, but also raise funds for amazing causes that reflect the values of Tennessee's Lions.

As I said earlier, I grew up around the Lions, and I am lucky enough to see every day the good work each club and every Lion brings to their community. Our mission at Tennessee Lions Charities is to help you strengthen your impact in and connection to the communities you serve. However, my unofficial mission is to make sure that dedicated Lions know their work is recognized and appreciated. On behalf of so many who benefit from your generosity and service, thank you.



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Visit our website to learn more about the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame and see how you can nominate a deserving member of your Lions Club!

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KidSight

Two great programs that allow Tennessee's Lions to serve the children in their communities!

KidSight Outreach



Over 719,784 children have participated in KidSight Outreach vision screening since 1997!

43,212 children have been referred for life-changing treatment thanks to KidSight Outreach's early detection of vision problems!

Kindergarten & Pre - K

KidSight PLUS Grades 1-12

Launched in 2024 as a way to meet the needs of charter schools in Nashville, TN.

Provides vision screenings to older students.

Over 5,000 participants in the first year!



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2,657 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

293 kindergarten and pre-k referred for treatment that will allow for improved social, behavioral, and educational development.

81 Lions Club KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 210 hours conducting 106 KidSight Outreach vision screenings totaling \$7,305 in volunteer time.

The Current Estimated National Value of Each Volunteer Hour Is \$34.79. - independentsector.org

Top 5 KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs in October

Lions Club	# Screened	# Referred
Nolensville	273	32
East Hamilton	239	25
Fayetteville	238	51
Cookeville	217	36
West Knox	212	11



KidSight PLUS

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621 students across the state of Tennessee in grades 1 - 12 participated in KidSightPLUS!

99 students were referred for treatment!

The families of these referred students received referral information that empowers them to make informed decisions about their child's healthcare!

Top 5 KidSightPLUS Clubs October 2025

Club	Screened	Referred
WOODBURY	219	30
NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN	83	34
COOKEVILLE	77	14
COLUMBIA	32	0
MURFREESBORO NOON	28	7

KidSightPLUS is a great service project for community events!

- Larger population served!
- Simpler protocols!
- Same elevated service that empowers and educates parents!

Visit our website to learn more!

www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/KidSightPLUS

Ask how we can get you prepared for your next community event!



October 2025 Output, Outcome, & Impact

Output

- 3,188 students in pre-k through 12th grade participated in a vision screening!
- 392 students received referrals for treatment!

Outcome

- Early detection and treatment can change a student's life. However, research shows that students and their families frequently experience difficulty accessing follow-up after a referral for treatment.
- We are proud to say that our staff's follow-up efforts lead to amazing conversations with parents, caregivers, and educators that almost always result in a child receiving needed treatment.
- Tennessee KidSight Follow-up protocols include:
 - Educating the parents of students who receive referrals about the importance of seeking treatment and the possible reasons for referral
 - Empowering parents to make educated decisions about their children's visual health through our staff's dedicated follow-up and educational and informational resources
 - Connecting those in need with an eye care provider for evaluation and treatment
 - Ensuring that no Tennessee student goes without treatment

Impact

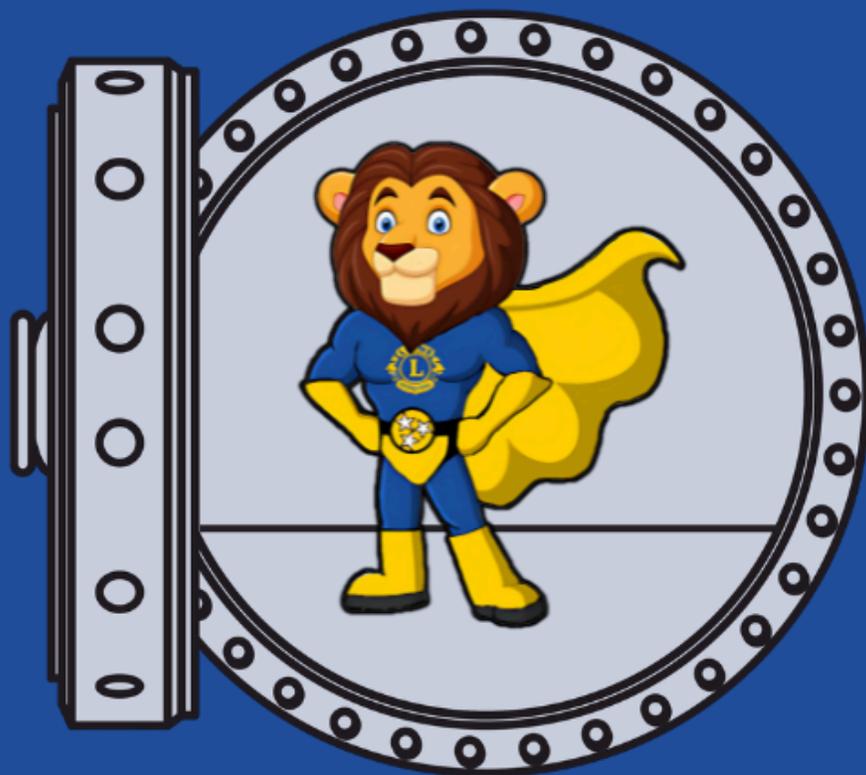
- Vision plays a critical role in physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development. An unfound and untreated vision problem can delay a student's development and, in some cases, lead to irreversible vision loss.
- The 392 students referred for treatment in during October's screenings will have the opportunity to address the challenge of visual impairment and build a foundation that will enable them to build a solid foundation that will forever affect their lives.
- Tennessee Lions Charities and the Tennessee Lions, who volunteer their time to bring KidSight Outreach and KidSight**PLUS** to students across the state, provide more than a life-changing service; they provide examples of service-focused leadership and inspire the community leaders of tomorrow.

The KidSight Super Lion Pin is going in the vault at the end of 2025! If you want to be one of the few Lions to have this pin in your collection, become a KidSight Outreach Sustaining Donor before the end of 2025!

Thank You

Sustaining Donors

PDG Lynn Wilhoite
Roy Koskinen
PDG Clifford Swoape
PDG Lelia Gibson
PCC Ron Birdwell
Steve Falk
Arthur Wilhoite
PDG Jim McFarland
PDG Bill Slover
PDG Carolyn Blankenship
PID B. J. Blankenship
PCC Brandon Johnson
Council Chair Scott Shelhamer
2nd VDG Dr. Katherine Mangione-Swoape
PCC Jill Smelser
PDG Patrick Scott
PDG Thomas Westlake
Debbie Mashburn
PDG Mark Cook
Connie Emmons



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Thank you again to all of the amazing Lions who volunteer their time to our KidSight Outreach and KidSightPlus vision screening programs!



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