

TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.



MONTHLY IMPACT
MARCH 2026

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www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/impact

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FROM THE VERY MESSY OFFICE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends and Fellow Lions,

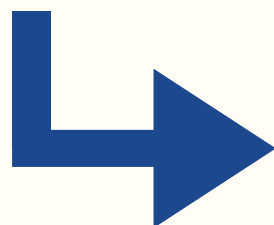
It was great getting to meet and reconnect with so many of you at the district conventions in February and March. Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit the Tennessee Lions Charities and Tennessee KidSight table at each convention. I

always try to have lots of information and something to spark curiosity in TLC or KidSight at my tables at district conventions, but we are really going to have a great setup at the state convention!



We will have:

- Super Lion caps, mugs, and tumblers!
- New Lion cutouts for photos!
- Sneak peeks at the 26/27 theme for Tennessee KidSight!
- Free gifts!
- AND A CHANCE TO JOIN A SECRET CLUB AND USE LOGIC TO WIN AN EXCLUSIVE PIN!



Joining the Tennessee Lions Charities' Watering Hole Club is lots of fun! Logic and Luck play a role in the riddle and rhyme you must master in order to become a member.

I hope to see you at the state convention for a chance to chat about TLC and KidSight, how we can help elevate your Lions Club services, and the new programs and projects that will hopefully be coming in the new Lions year.

Also, we've only had one person RSVP for our first Tennessee KidSight training session in Chattanooga. The date is 5/20/2026! Tammy Johnson will be on site! I'll be buying lunch!

RSVP here: <https://www.tennesseelionscharities.org/events>

Hopefully, I'll see a lot of you at the state convention!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A.L. Wilhoite". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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KidSight

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

KidSight Outreach



Over 725,489 children have participated in KidSight Outreach vision screening since 1997!

43,708 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 10,562 participants in the few years since its launch!

KidSight Outreach



March 2026 Report

To view the full report visit our website!

www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/library

683 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

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

30 Lions Club KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 55 hours conducting 32 KidSight Outreach vision screenings totaling \$3,305 in volunteer time.

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

Top 5 KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs in March

Lions Club	# Screened	# Referred
Maryville	156	11
Tellico Village	122	14
West Knox	118	4
Murfreesboro	96	11
Farragut	50	1



KidSight PLUS

March 2026 Report

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

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 March 2026

Club	Screened	Referred
Nolensville	18	0
Loretto	8	0
Murfreesboro	6	0
Savannah	4	0
Tellico Village	3	0

Visit our website to learn more!

www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/KidSightPLUS

KidSightPLUS is a great service project for community events!

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

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



1st Quarter 2026

Output, Outcome, & Impact

Output

- 2,831 students in pre-k through 12th grade participated in a vision screening!
- 27 Lions Clubs spent approximately 200 hours bringing Tennessee KidSight to schools and children in their communities.

Outcome

- Early detection and treatment can change a student's life. When a student is screened, and a potential issue is identified, a referral is made for further evaluation. 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, and increase the likelihood of a child receiving needed treatment.
- Tennessee KidSight Follow-up protocols include:
 - Educating the parents of students who receive referrals about the screening process, what the referral could mean for the child, and the importance of seeking treatment for their child's vision needs to eliminate potential developmental hurdles.
 - 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 first quarter of 2026 saw 253 students receive referrals for treatment. They now have the opportunity to address the challenge of visual impairment. The treatment they receive will improve these students' educational, physical, and personal development.
- Tennessee Lions Charities and the Tennessee Lions, who volunteer their time to bring KidSight Outreach and KidSightPLUS to students across the state, provide more than a life-changing service; they present examples of service-focused leadership and inspire the community leaders of tomorrow.

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc.



**SPECIAL GUEST
from Plusoptix
TAMMY JOHNSON!**

Special Event!

When? 5/20/2026, 11 AM EDT

**Where? Red Bank Lions Club House
3704 Dayton Blvd. Red Bank, TN 37415**

**Join TLC's Executive Director,
Arthur Wilhoite, for a day of
fellowship, training, and strategy
for the 2026/2027 school year!**



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

RSVP TODAY!

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Sustaining Donors

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Thank you!

We would like to thank the following individuals, organizations, and Lions Clubs for their support of our efforts in March!

Lions Club Donations

Dickson Lions Club
Smyrna Lions Club

Memorials

From Roy Koskinen in Memory of Lynn Wilhoite
From Fairfield Glade Lions in
Memory of Cheri Kazmierczak
From Warren Co. Lions in
Memory of Lynn Wilhoite
From East Hamilton Lions in Memory of
Randy Wallace and Sherold Walker

Purchase of Mugs and Tumblers

B. J. Blankenship, Jim Fields, Ann Butler,
Thom Smelser, & Lisa Vinson

Learn more about how you can support our mission and KidSight programs!

www.tennesseelionscharities.org/funding

**BECOME A TLC/KIDSIGHT
SUSTAINING DONOR IN 2026 TO
RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S EXCLUSIVE
SUSTAINING DONOR PIN AND
EVERY YEAR'S EXCLUSIVE PIN
GOING FORWARD!**



2026'S SUSTAINING DONOR PIN

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Mission Statement

To empower and support the Lions of Tennessee through leadership, programs, and resources that strengthen their impact on the lives of Tennesseans.

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