

TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.



AUGUST 2026 IMPACT REPORT

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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,

We are officially in the busiest season for Tennessee KidSight! I'm excited to say that we are approaching 25,000 KidSight vision screening sessions and 10,000 KidSight vision screening events since KidSight moved from Vanderbilt's offices to our offices on Fesslers Lane in 2013. If your club is interested in joining our Tennessee KidSight vision screening efforts or if your club is currently active in KidSight but would like to learn how you can expand your service, please email or call me. The best part of my job is helping Tennessee's Lions bring life-changing vision screenings to your communities!

Early in August, TLC's staff were invited to attend the 2026 National Vision Screening Summit in Kennesaw, GA. Plusoptix hosted the event and brought together Lions and vision care professionals to discuss the impact and importance of vision screenings for students. I'm excited to say our display turned heads, and Lions from many states took a great interest in the protocols that were developed in Tennessee. The featured speaker, Dr. Ed Cordes, took time to say that Tennessee Lions Charities and Tennessee's Lions were critical in developing the vision screening program and protocols that change the lives of students, especially our follow-up protocols.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the 2026 Honors Banquet. This event is a great night where Lions can fellowship and honor their fellow Lions. In addition to Lindsey-Jennings Fellowships and KidSight awards, we have three Lions being inducted into the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame this year. There is still time to add more deserving Lions to this year's Hall of Fame class. The updated application can be found on our website!

I'm also proud but saddened to say that I'll personally be honoring two fallen Lions with the PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor at this year's Honors Banquet. Kevin Buie of the Paris Lions Club was a dedicated Lion in his community and all West Tennessee, a valued trustee of Tennessee Lions Charities, and a Lion who quickly became a friend and mentor to me. I'll also be recognizing my grandfather and TLC's former Executive Director, Lynn Wilhoite, with a PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor. These two amazing Lions will join James Delk as recipients of this memorial honor, and they will be honored at our Honors Banquet on November 7th. Their photos will also be placed on our website and hang on the new PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Wall at the Lions of Tennessee headquarters to inspire others in their service journeys.



Any fallen Lion can receive a PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor, regardless of when they left us. A \$500 donation to TLC will earn a beloved mentor and friend a place of recognition and allow them to continue their service as inspirations to the next generation of Lions and Leos. If you, your club, or your district would like to honor a Lion with a PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor at this year's Honors Banquet, please send their name and donation to me before the end of September.



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RSVP for the 2026
TLC Honors Banquet now!



TENNESSEE

KidSight

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

KidSight Outreach



Over 728,489 children have participated in KidSight Outreach vision screening since 1997!

44,041 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 11,019 participants in the few years since its launch!



August 2026

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www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/library

1,047 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

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

34 Lions Club KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 52 hours conducting seven KidSight Outreach vision screenings totaling \$1,810 in volunteer time.

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

Top KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs August 2026

Lions Club	# Screened	# Referred
Maryville	309	21
Red Bank	231	69
Clinton	169	6
Oak Ridge	145	19
Murfreesboro	86	15

KidSight PLUS

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

255 students received referrals from these screenings.

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

Top KidSightPLUS Clubs August 2026

Club	Screened	Referred
Nolensville	578	237
Maryville	192	18
Woodbury	7	0
Hixson	5	0

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!

Please join us for a night of
celebration and service!

The 2026
Tennessee Lions Charities
Honors Banquet

November 7, 2026

Doors Open - 5PM | Dinner - 6PM

Cumberland University's Baird Chapel
1 Cumberland Square
Lebanon, TN 37087

RSVP BY **TICKETS: \$40**
10/23/2026 **DRESS TO IMPRESS**

Special Speaker: Chris Hall



Tennessee Lions Charities'

Awards and Honors



Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship

www.tennesseelionscharities.org/ljf

The Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship is the highest honor that the Lions of Tennessee use to recognize individuals who have demonstrated their unselfish service to mankind. The LJF was created in honor of two of Tennessee's most prominent Lions and their commitment to humanitarian projects in Tennessee, PIP Ed Lindsey and PIP Austin Jennings. The Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship was created as a fundraiser for Tennessee Lions Charities, but it is also a way of recognizing individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to service in their communities.

If your club or district has recognized you as a Lindsey-Jennings Fellow, it means you are an example to other Lions. You have shown a dedication to improving the lives of Tennesseans through your work and service to your community.

A \$1,000 donation to Tennessee Lions Charities entitles a club or individual to name a Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship. These donations are essential to ensuring the sustainability of our organization.

TN Lions Hall of Fame

www.tennesseelionscharities.org/hof



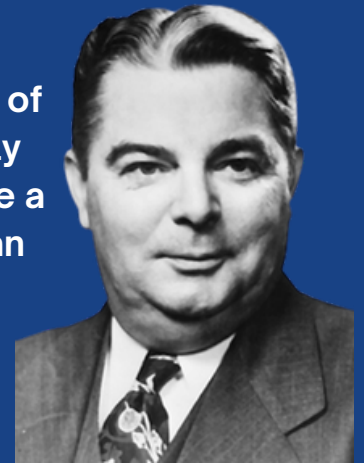
The Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame was created in 2010 to honor those Lions of Tennessee who have distinguished themselves through dedicated selfless service beyond their local club. The standards for induction into the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame are incredibly high, but we have been able to induct at least one new member every year at our annual Honors Banquet.

The new application is available on our website! \$150 application fee.

PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor

www.tennesseelionscharities.org/pipcliffpierce

Clifford Pierce was the first Tennessee Lion to serve as president of Lions International. When PIP Pierce took office, the Lions had only launched just twenty-nine years earlier. Yet, the Lions had become a notable resource for the communities they served. According to an article from the Aspen Times, PIP Pierce noted that the Lions had "shown vigorous progress year by year, without exception, until Lions International today is a mighty force for service and constructive action..."



The PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honorarium is a fundraiser for TLC that allows clubs to remember a fallen Lion who exhibited the mighty force for service that PIP Pierce spoke

A \$500 donation in the memory of a fallen Lion will be used to help Tennessee Lions Charities continue our mission and service to Tennessee's Lions and Tennesseans.

So far, three fallen Lions have been memorialized. Their families have or will receive memorial honors to remind them of the service to which their family leaders dedicated so much time and effort. We are excited to share now that these fallen ~~Lions will be memorialized~~ **Lions are memorialized** in the Lions of TN Headquarters in Nashville.

Every fallen Lion who receives a PIP Clifford Pierce Memorial Honor will have their photos displayed on the PIP Clifford Pierce Wall of Service! All fallen Lions are eligible for this honor for the service of your mentors and club and district leaders.

...a mighty force for service...



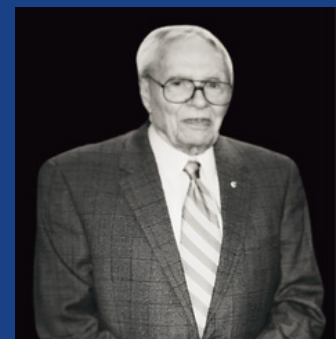
James Delk

...a mighty force for service...



Kevin Buie

...a mighty force for service...



Lynn Wilhoite

...a mighty force for service...



Do you have the latest forms?

  **KidSight Outreach**
Kindergarten, Pre-K, and Daycares

*Attach Instrument
Printout Here*

Consent of Parent/Guardian
The Lions Clubs in your community, in conjunction with Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc., will offer free vision screenings at your child's school. The screening will provide a digital reading of your child's eyes. No physical contact is made with your child, and eye drops are unnecessary. Results will be returned to the screening site where they will be available to you within two weeks.

I, the undersigned, give permission for my child, named below, to participate in the screening event. I understand the following regarding this program:

1. The information obtained from this vision screening is preliminary only and does not constitute a diagnosis of vision problems.
2. There is no charge to participate in the vision screening process.
3. I understand that I am responsible for arranging an eye exam if my child has been referred through the KidSight vision screening. I give permission for my doctor to share the evaluation results with Tennessee Lions Charities and Vanderbilt University.
4. I understand and give my permission to be contacted by Tennessee Lions Charities' follow-up coordinator if my child is referred. *(Parents/Guardians of referred children are encouraged to inform the follow-up coordinator [see below for number] of professional exam dates or exam results before the follow-up process begins.)*
5. I will not hold the Lions Club volunteers, Tennessee Lions Charities, or Vanderbilt University accountable for any errors of commission, omission, or other misdiagnosis.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Child's Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ City and Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Is your child already wearing glasses or receiving treatment prescribed by an eye care professional? ☐ Yes ☐ No
A child currently wearing glasses should not be screened.

Results

☐ Pass We are unable to detect a vision problem at this time. Please realize this screening is not a substitute for a complete exam. Consult your eye care professional if you suspect a vision problem.

☐ Refer Your child should be examined because he or she may have a condition that has the potential to cause poor vision in one or both eyes.

☐ Unreadable Re-screen in one year, or see an eye doctor sooner if you suspect a problem.

☐ C. U. T. Based on your answer above, an indication from the school, or a note from a Lions Club screening volunteer, your child is Currently Under Treatment and should continue that prescribed treatment.

If you have any questions about the screening process or wish to inform our coordinator of a referred child's exam date or exam results, please call the KidSight Outreach offices at (615) 690-8644 ext. 222 or visit our website www.tennesseelionscharities.org/kidsightoutreach

To learn more about KidSight, visit our website to read our free children's book www.tennesseelionscharities.org/PosieKidSightStory

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KidSight Outreach
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KidSightPLUS
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 **KidSight PLUS** 
Grades 1-12

Consent of Parent/Guardian
The Lions Clubs in your community in partnership with Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc. are offering free vision screenings to your child as part of TLC's KidSightPLUS program. The screening will provide a digital reading of your child's eyes. No physical contact is made with your child and eye drops are not necessary. Results will be attached to this form and returned to you.

I, the undersigned, hereby give permission for my child, named below, to participate in the KidSightPLUS screening event. I understand the following regarding this program:

1. The information obtained from this vision screening is preliminary only, and does not constitute a diagnosis of vision problems.
2. There is no charge to participate in the vision screening process.
3. I understand that I am responsible for arranging a full eye exam if my child has been referred as a result of the vision screening.
4. I will not hold either the local Lions Club or Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc. accountable for any errors of commission, omission or other misdiagnosis.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Name _____

Is your child already wearing glasses or receiving treatment prescribed by an eye care professional? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Results

Attach Results Label Here

*If you have questions about a referral result, please contact Tennessee Lions Charities.
Phone: (615) 690-8644 ext. 222 Email: kidsightplus@tnlions.com*

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Questions about implied/opt out consent?

We can provide consent forms that allow you to use a school's implied/opt out consent policy. Call or email us to discuss further.

Email: arthurwilhoite@tnlions.com Phone: 615-594-1868

Sustaining Donors

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*Thank
you!*

**We would like to thank the following
individuals and Lions Clubs for their
support of our efforts in August!**

Lions Club Donations

**Johnson City Lions Club
District 12-O Lions**

Memorial Donations

**Fairfield Glade Lions Club
in Memory of
Kevin Troyano**

**Learn more about how you can support our
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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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