

TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.



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FROM THE VERY MESSY OFFICE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends and Fellow Lions,

As we begin a new Lions Year, there is always a noticeable surge of excitement among the clubs and the Lions leadership. New ideas are discussed, and new voices are heard, and if we are being honest, new voices are something that Lions struggle to hear and have, especially later in the year.

As most of you know, our former Executive Director, Lynn Wilhoite, my grandfather, passed away in February. Lynn spent decades volunteering his time and service to the Lions, and my family received many notes and emails noting how he encouraged others to take on a larger role in Lions, especially women. These stories inspired my family to decide to donate to Tennessee Lions Charities in Lynn's memory with the hope that it would be used to establish a committee that would develop service projects that would allow female Lions to help other women, highlight the important role that women play in the Lions and leadership, and bring new voices to the organization.





I am excited to say that Tennessee Lions Charities' board of trustees voted to approve the Women in Lions project at our last board meeting! We are currently building a committee of female Lions to help the

project get off the ground. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

A few weeks ago, my grandmother, Wondell Wilhoite, passed away. While she spent years volunteering for the Lions and Tennessee Lions Charities, she never took the steps to become a Lion. When my grandfather joined the Lions Club, women were not allowed to be a part of the organization. Sadly, this was not out of the ordinary at the time, and my grandmother and other wives donated their time and skills to support their husbands in their Lions' service, but never had a voice in the organization. When the Lioness Clubs were developed, my grandmother chose not to join the organization. In 1987, when Lions International voted to allow women to become Lions, Lynn asked my grandmother to become a Lion since she was already heavily involved.

Her reply:

“Why would I want to be part of an organization that didn’t want me at the start?”

Family lore varies on the exact wording and motivation, but this is the answer I was given when I asked.

Despite never becoming a Lion herself, my grandmother remained dedicated to helping my grandfather’s local club and supporting his work with TLC. She also counted the Lions among her closest friends.

Hopefully, TLC’s Women in Lions project will inspire new women to bring their voices to their local club, district, and Lions International, but if there is a grandmother or aunt who still feels that they can’t join the Lions, we’d love to change their thoughts on Lions too.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A.L. Wilhoite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized.

Arthur Wilhoite

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KidSight

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

KidSight Outreach



Over 727,442 children have participated in KidSight Outreach vision screening since 1997!

43,908 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!



July 2026 Report

To view the full report visit our website!

www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/library

134 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

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

Ten Lions Club KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 15 hours conducting seven KidSight Outreach vision screenings totaling \$521 in volunteer time.

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

Top KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs in July

Lions Club	# Screened	# Referred
Mt. Juliet / West Wilson	70	6
Murfreesboro	29	7
Woodbury	25	3
Greeneville	10	0

KidSight PLUS

July 2026 Report

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

132 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 July 2026

Club	Screened	Referred
Woodbury	130	32
Murfreesboro	117	41
Nolensville	107	58
Greeneville	11	1

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!



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.

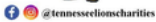
If you have any questions about the screening process or wish to inform our coordinator of a referred child's exam date or exam results, please call the KidSight Outreach offices at (615) 690-8644 ext. 222 or visit our website www.tennesseeioncharities.org/kidsightoutreach

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

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KidSight Outreach
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KidSightPLUS
Click to view latest consent forms

 **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 July!**

Lions Club Donations

**Lexington Lions Club
Lafayette Lions Club
Lafayette Lioness Club
District 12-S Lions**

Individual Donations

Alejandro and Tashena Martinez

**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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