

TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.



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FROM THE VERY MESSY OFFICE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends and Fellow Lions,

I know that it is still spring, but I want to take a moment to look ahead at the upcoming year. We have some exciting things planned for Tennessee Lions Charities, and I'm excited that we are already laying the groundwork for the 2026/2027 year.

Our April board meeting saw some new trustees joining us to get an early start, and a current District Governor and District Governor Elect joined us as well! I bring this up to remind you that all Tennessee Lions are welcome at our board meetings, either in person or via Zoom. We'd love to have you join us to learn more about TLC, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

Acquiring funding is an essential part of preparing for the 2026/2027 year. TLC was one of the lucky organizations to receive a Helper Grant from the Nashville Predators Foundation.



More than 400 nonprofit organizations in Middle Tennessee applied for funding from the Nashville Predators Foundation, and only 199 organizations were chosen to receive a Helper Grant. TLC is honored to have the support of the Nashville Predators Foundation, and we were excited to have Lions and Cubs from across Tennessee join us to accept this amazing honor.

The Helper Grant will fund 5% of our Tennessee KidSight vision screening program expenses for the 2026/2027 year.



Thank you again to the Lions who joined us. It was a great event and a great way to learn more about TLC and how we are funded.

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KidSight

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

KidSight Outreach



Over 726,227 children have participated in KidSight Outreach vision screening since 1997!

43,767 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 10,653 participants in the few years since its launch!



April 2026 Report

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www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/library

738 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

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

29 Lions Club KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 43 hours conducting 29 KidSight Outreach vision screenings totaling \$1,496 in volunteer time.

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

Top 5 KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs in April

Lions Club	# Screened	# Referred
Shelbyville	170	14
Murfreesboro	108	16
Farragut	81	4
Dandridge	80	6
Halls Corryton Branch	52	1



KidSight PLUS

April 2026 Report

91 students across the state of Tennessee in grades 1 - 12 participated in KidSightPLUS! 6 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 4 KidSightPLUS Clubs April 2026

Club	Screened	Referred
Dandridge	78	4
Farragut	5	0
Signal Mountain	5	2
East Hamilton	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!



April 2026

Output, Outcome, & Impact

Output

- 829 students in pre-k through 12th grade participated in a vision screening!
- 13 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.
- April saw 56 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.

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 April!

Lions Club Donations

West Knox Lions Club
Murfreesboro Lions Club

Memorials

From Barb Huebel in memory of Lynn Wilhoite

Individual Donations

Jim McFarland - 4 Diamond LJJ!

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

www.tennesseeelionscharities.org/funding

Do You Have the Right Stuff?

Are you ready to make a difference and show that Tennessee's Lions truly have the right stuff? Join us in our exciting spring fundraiser, where every contribution helps children see and reach for the stars!

Your support will help us fund Tennessee KidSight and empower the next generation to explore our world and beyond! Don't miss this opportunity to make an impact!

Visit www.TennesseeLionsCharities.org/therightstuff to get exclusive t-shirts, patches, polos, and more!



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SUSTAINING DONOR IN 2026 TO
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SUSTAINING DONOR PIN AND
EVERY YEAR'S EXCLUSIVE PIN
GOING FORWARD!**



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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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