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**2025
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Strengthening the PRIDE since 1995!

Our Mission

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

Core Values

Prioritization of vision care

Resource for education and empowerment

Investment in strengthening the impact of Lions

Dedication to elevated service for all Tennesseans

Excellence in service-focused leadership

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FROM THE VERY MESSY OFFICE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Friends and Lions,

Was 2025 a year or what?

I guess the better question would be, what kind of year was 2025?

Hopefully, it was a great and successful year for you and your fellow Lions. For me personally, it was a year of change and, hopefully, growth. In May, I accepted a new position as executive director of the organization. Since that time, I've made visits to clubs in four of Tennessee's five districts. These experiences have been a great way for me to learn more about the mindsets that each district and every club brings to their service. These visits have also helped me grow as a Lion and better understand my role as executive director of Tennessee Lions Charities (TLC). Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to visit every district and more clubs in 2026 so that we can continue to strengthen the bonds between the clubs and TLC.

For Tennessee Lions Charities, 2025 was a milestone year. We celebrated our 30th anniversary of service to Tennessee's children, families, and Lions! Achieving this milestone is amazing! We could not have reached this point in our service without decades of great leadership and a commitment of support and service from Tennessee's Lions. Growth and adaptation are essential for nonprofits to succeed. TLC's board felt that our 30th anniversary was an ideal time to step back and strategize for our next stage of service. In this effort, we updated our mission to reflect our role in the Lions community and the communities we serve across Tennessee. We also developed five core values that will guide our decisions and service. We are still in the process of developing new goals and programs that will allow us to better serve our mission, Tennessee's Lions, and Tennessee's communities. I am eager to share these goals and new programs with you as they evolve.

2025 was also a great year for Tennessee KidSight! As you will see in this report, we have amazing Lions Clubs that are dedicated to bringing the two

vision screening programs held under the Tennessee KidSight banner (KidSight Outreach and KidSightPLUS) to the children and students in their communities.

Normally, this annual report is an Excel spreadsheet with some very small type, and we have a digital library on our website dedicated to highlighting years of that data. I invite you to peruse it at your leisure; the reports are much easier to read digitally. This report does contain screening data, but I hope you will do more than review the numbers, as we have worked to create a report that better represents Tennessee Lions Charities and our Tennessee KidSight program.

If your club has never participated in our vision screening programs, I hope you will explore this report in depth and learn more about what sets TLC's Tennessee KidSight apart. In this report, we reflect on last year's struggles and successes. Also highlighted are our efforts to bring new schools into the Tennessee KidSight family and recover schools that lost access to Tennessee KidSight during the COVID-19 pandemic. TLC's Tennessee KidSight vision screening program and the follow-up protocols developed by our staff are a vital resource for Tennessee's children, students, and their families. Tennessee's Lions dedicate thousands of hours to this life-changing service program, but there are still several children who do not receive the elevated service our Lions and TLC's staff provide. When you are ready to join TLC and these dedicated Lions Clubs in this service project, you will find my contact information below. Please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love the chance to help you bring this service program to your club and community.

Thank you to the amazing Lions who dedicate so much time to Tennessee KidSight every year! Together, we can continue to improve the lives of children and students in communities across Tennessee!



ARTHUR WILHOITE

Executive Director

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc.

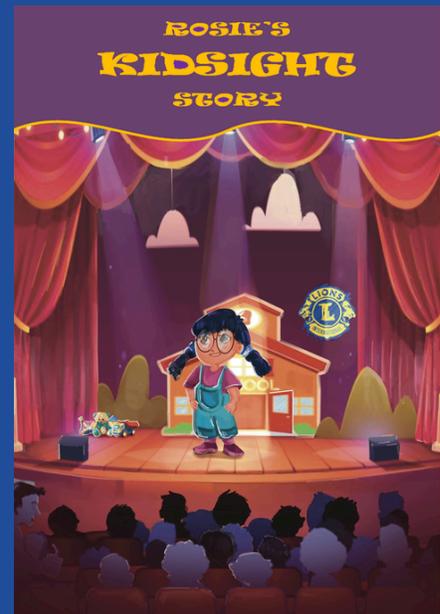
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THE BASICS



What is Tennessee Lions Charities?

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization that serves the Lions Clubs of Tennessee and the people of Tennessee. Our primary focus is the development and coordination of statewide service programs and projects, as well as unique educational and promotional resources that strengthen the impact Tennessee Lions can have in their communities. and provide patron services for Tennesseans in need of vision care.

When did Tennessee Lions Charities begin its service?

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc. was formed in 1995 by two former presidents of Lions Clubs International - Ed Lindsey and Austin Jennings - and other Tennessee Lions leaders to facilitate and oversee the fundraising for the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt University's Children's Hospital.



After the construction of the Tennessee Lions Eye Center, Tennessee Lions Charities worked with pediatric ophthalmologists to develop a new vision screening program, KidSight Outreach. KidSight Outreach focuses on the early detection of Amblyopia in pre-k students. Amblyopia is the leading cause of vision loss in children, and early detection is essential to optimizing successful treatment. After years spent developing protocols for screening and follow-up for children referred by screenings, Tennessee's Lions were trained, and equipment was purchased. Tennessee Lions Charities' KidSight Outreach was officially launched in 1997 to serve Tennessee's preschools and daycares.

Over 700,000 children have participated in a KidSight Outreach screening event since 1997, and more than 40,000 children have been referred for life-changing treatment.

In 2024, elementary and middle school students in Nashville lost access to another company's vision screening program. To address this need, we quickly developed KidSightPLUS. KidSightPLUS focuses its attention on students in grades 1-12. KidSight Outreach and KidSightPLUS now fall under the banner of Tennessee KidSight.

Why does Tennessee Lions Charities prioritize vision care?

Good vision is vital for a child's development, daily life, safety, and well-being. Over 80% of the brain's input is visual. For this reason, Tennessee Lions Charities and our Lions Club volunteers have dedicated years to our Tennessee KidSight vision screening program. Tennessee KidSight vision screenings provide early detection of Amblyopia in pre-k students, which can result in irreversible vision loss if left untreated. In older participants, our screening goals broaden to include the detection of risk for uncorrected refractive error.

Beyond Amblyopia and refractive errors, Tennessee KidSight screenings have led to the detection of cataracts, ptosis, and even tumors inside the eye. Unfortunately, research indicates that barriers exist that prevent children from accessing treatment after a vision screening referral. Nationwide, the percentage of children who receive treatment after a vision screening referral varies widely, between 5% to 50%. Common barriers include cultural beliefs, financial and travel challenges, and limited awareness of vision health and its impact on education and life.



Our staff dedicates thousands of hours each year to following up with the parents of children who have been referred for treatment. We strive to educate parents about the effectiveness of our Tennessee KidSight vision screening program and the potential issues their child faces. Our partnership with Tennessee's Lions is also a phenomenal resource for families who cannot afford or travel to receive treatment. Together, we can eliminate barriers to treatment, ensuring that every child has the chance to succeed without the burden of an unknown and untreated vision problem.

How does Tennessee Lions Charities plan to remain sustainable?

Tennessee Lions Charities is lucky to have a strong base of super volunteers who bring our service programs to their communities across the state. Several of Tennessee's Lions and Lions Clubs are also committed to providing financial support for Tennessee Lions Charities and our efforts to strengthen the impact that Lions can make in their communities through the service programs we offer.



In addition to donations from our Lions supporters, we have a variety of fundraisers in place, and we are lucky to receive support from amazing foundations throughout the year. We also own the building in which TLC's offices are located, and we rent space to fund our programs and operations.

In 2010, we created an endowment to ensure that funds would be available to support our programs and operations for years to come.



STRENGTHENING THE PRIDE IN 2025

A look at the year through Tennessee Lions Charities' core values

Prioritization of vision care!

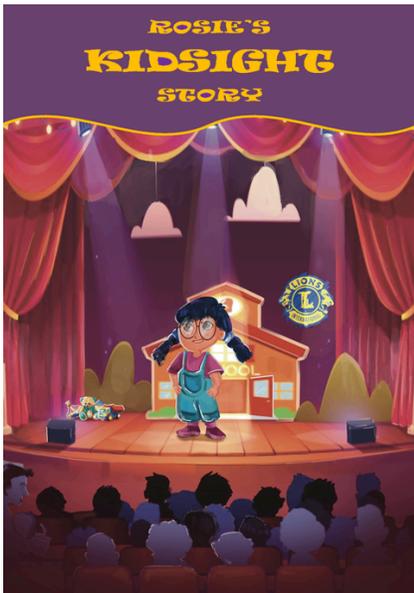
Our Tennessee KidSight vision screening program is the prime example of this, but, beyond that program, we strive to embody this core value in many ways. The 2025 honors banquet is one great example of that this year.



Our annual honors banquet is a night to recognize Tennessee's amazing Lions who join the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame, and present awards to Lions for their service & support. The honors banquet is also a night that can reaffirm our Lions' commitment to service. Each year, we invite a speaker who reflects our core values and dedication to service. This year, we were blessed to have Stephanie Jones of the Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired join us and share stories of Clovernook's amazing work, especially with children, as well as her own experiences as a mentor and person living with visual impairment.

This year, we added a new aspect to the honors banquet and raised money to support Clovernook's Camp Abilities program. We focus so much attention on the prevention and treatment of visual impairment that we often forget training and skill development are essential aspects of vision care for those living with visual impairment. We are proud to say that we raised over \$1,000 to help Clovernook bring children who cannot afford the expense to their Camp Abilities program.

Resource for education and empowerment!



Rosie's KidSight Story is an original children's book created by Tennessee Lions Charities in 2024 to help educate parents about the importance of pediatric vision screenings and their ability to detect Amblyopia, which can result in irreversible vision loss if left untreated. We were able to place this book in schools across the state of Tennessee, and it was made available at no cost to parents and children at home on our website.

While *Rosie's KidSight Story* has served as a resource for many children, a large number of children referred for treatment through Tennessee KidSight come from

homes where English is not the primary language spoken. To address this barrier, we launched the KidSight Super Lion Fundraising Drive in May of 2025. Donating Lions and Lions Clubs received their own KidSight Super Lion cutout to help promote their services while they helped us bring *Rosie's KidSight Story* to more families.



¿Conoces a Rosie? ¡Se parece mucho a ti!



Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs and Individual donors, we were able to translate *Rosie's KidSight Story* into Spanish and order new copies to be distributed to our Tennessee KidSight schools.

Investment in strengthening the impact of Lions!

Our mission is to empower and support the Lions of Tennessee through leadership, programs, and resources that strengthen their impact on the lives of Tennesseans. In addition to the service programs and promotional and educational resources that we have developed for the Lions of Tennessee, we had the chance to strengthen the impact that Tennessee's Lions can have on their communities in a new way in 2025.



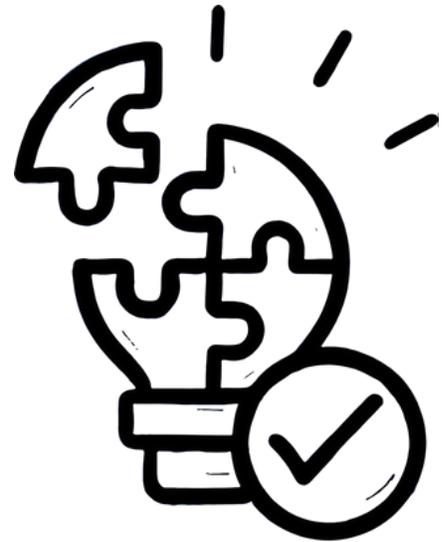


Tennessee Lions Charities was entrusted with the task of writing and overseeing the completion of a Lions Club International Foundation grant that would help four Lions Clubs purchase vision screening equipment. Our staff dedicated time to the grant and traveled to meet with each recipient to ensure they received training on the new Plusoptix vision screening equipment that was purchased through the grant.

Dedication to elevated service for all Tennesseans!

The staff of Tennessee Lions Charities has long prided itself on our patron service. This could range from helping those in need find a Lions Club in their community to get assistance with glasses, helping a preschool schedule a vision screening with their local club, or walking a parent through questions about a child's referral for treatment.

However, elevating our service goes beyond prompt, kind, and well-informed responses. That is why Tennessee embarked on a guided strategic planning effort in 2025. This process has forced us to take a long look at our strengths and weaknesses. We have also developed a plan to address hurdles we are facing to improve the organization and improve our service to Lions and all Tennesseans.



Excellence in service - focused leadership!



Over 600 Tennessee KidSight vision screening events were conducted in 2025 by 170 trained and dedicated Lions Club volunteers!

Every Tennessee KidSight vision screening allows our Lions Club volunteers to work with Tennessee's young people and illustrate the benefits and importance of community leadership and organizations that emphasize service to those in need.

Every Lions Club volunteer who dedicates time to Tennessee KidSight knows they are an inspiration to tomorrow's leaders and Lions.



1997 - 2025

733,210
Students Screened
in Tennessee

45,052
Students Referred
for Treatment

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KidSight

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

KidSight Outreach



Kindergarten & Pre - K

- Free vision screenings for kindergarten and pre-k students.
- Primary goal of KidSight Outreach is the detection of Amblyopia, a vision development disorder that can lead to irreversible vision loss.
- Extensive follow-up that educates and empowers parents and educators about the importance of seeking treatment after a referral.
- Unique educational and promotional resources that spread awareness about the importance of pediatric vision screenings.

KidSight
PLUS
Grades 1-12

- Free vision screenings for students in grades 1-12.
- Educational and empowering follow-up and patron service is available for parents and educators.
- Focus of these screenings expands to the discovery of unknown refractive errors.

2025 Quick Facts



17,970 kindergarten and pre-k students screened!

1,676 kindergarten and pre-k students referred for treatment that will allow for improved social, behavioral, and educational development.

Tennessee Lions Charities staff will spend approximately 2,514 hours providing follow-up to the families of the referred students. These follow-up efforts educate and empower parents to make informed decisions about their child’s vision care.

57 Lions Clubs and nearly 170 KidSight volunteers spent an estimated 5,277 hours conducting 621 KidSight Outreach vision screenings, totaling \$183,600 in volunteer time.

The current estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$34.79. - independentsector.org

Top 5 KidSight Outreach Screening Clubs in 2025

| Lions Club | # Screened | # Referred |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Nolensville | 1,293 | 170 |
| Murfreesboro Noon | 1,292 | 111 |
| West Knox | 1,292 | 64 |
| Maryville | 1,028 | 69 |
| East Hamilton | 998 | 128 |



To view the KidSight Outreach data for each club in 2025, visit our website!

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KidSight Outreach

Top 25 1997 - 2025

| Lions Club | # Children Screened | # Children Referred |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| WEST KNOX | 61,215 | 2,247 |
| MARYVILLE | 42,890 | 1,935 |
| MURFREESBORO NOON | 39,839 | 3,608 |
| FRANKLIN | 32,764 | 2,121 |
| MURFREESBORO | 30,966 | 1,656 |
| * FRANKLIN NOON | 23,924 | 960 |
| COOKEVILLE EVENING | 21,663 | 1,193 |
| FAIRFIELD GLADE | 19,898 | 1,106 |
| ROGERSVILLE | 18,688 | 1,386 |
| SHELBYVILLE | 17,530 | 1,499 |
| GALLATIN | 16,447 | 877 |
| TELLICO VILLAGE | 15,547 | 961 |
| LAWRENCEBURG | 12,687 | 819 |
| HOUSTON COUNTY | 11,162 | 703 |
| CLEVELAND | 11,040 | 556 |
| DANDRIDGE | 10,526 | 733 |
| LAFAYETTE | 9,745 | 652 |
| CAMPBELL COUNTY | 9,624 | 650 |
| * DALEWOOD-LAKESIDE | 9,610 | 456 |
| TULLAHOMA DOWNTOWN | 9,280 | 563 |
| DONELSON | 9,240 | 373 |
| * BRENTWOOD | 9,133 | 295 |
| NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN | 8,820 | 655 |
| FARRAGUT | 8,135 | 338 |
| GREENEVILLE | 8,027 | 484 |

*Club no longer active

KidSight PLUS

GRADES 1-12

2025 Quick Facts

- 5,622 students across the state of Tennessee in grades 1 - 12 participated in KidSightPLUS!
- 838 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. Our staff are also available to review results with parents to ensure they understand the reason for referral. When a need exists, our staff also helps parents find funding for treatment.

Top 5 KidSightPLUS Screening Clubs in 2025

| Club | # Screened | # Referred |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| FAIRFIELD GLADE | 1298 | 155 |
| NOLENSVILLE | 936 | 323 |
| KINGSPORT | 506 | 45 |
| MARYVILLE | 443 | 56 |
| WEST KNOX | 434 | 8 |



2025 Top 10

| Club | # Screened | # Referred |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| NOLENSVILLE | 2,229 | 493 |
| WEST KNOX | 1,726 | 72 |
| FAIRFIELD GLADE | 1,724 | 183 |
| MARYVILLE | 1,471 | 125 |
| MURFREESBORO NOON | 1,320 | 118 |
| EAST HAMILTON | 1,034 | 133 |
| WARREN COUNTY | 794 | 61 |
| COLUMBIA | 712 | 83 |
| NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN | 668 | 130 |
| COOKEVILLE | 653 | 91 |

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Voices from the Pride

A Quick Interview with the Nolensville Lions Club's KidSight Team

Arthur Wilhoite - TLC Executive Director

When reviewing Nolensville's KidSight history, the club had conducted a few screenings with around 250 children participating from 1997 to 2023.

What inspired the Nolensville Club to add our TN KidSight program to your club's service programs/projects?



Terri Anderson - Nolensville Lions Club's KidSight Coordinator

Shortly after I became a Nolensville Lion, a new King Lion, Steve Allemore, became our president. He said his focus during his term would be sight services and asked me to work in that area. I had experienced KidSight several years earlier when I was the director of a preschool. Our club invited you to attend a meeting and update us on the policies and procedures. After you spoke to us and showed us how to use the equipment, we cautiously booked a few preschools to test the waters. Then you invited us to help at the big bash event put on in Murfreesboro. That's all it took to get us excited about doing more.

Arthur

After the COVID-19 pandemic, KidSight has struggled to regain entry into some schools, but the Nolensville Lions Club has brought TN KidSight to several new schools and back to schools that used to welcome the Lions every year.

Can you share your experience working with new schools? Do you have any tips that might help other clubs open more doors?

Terri

It was shortly after COVID that we started our venture. Using the list of childcare/schools you provided, we began actually visiting a few in our area. We took a copy of the explanation of the various eye issues the equipment can detect to share as part of our recruitment presentation. Fortunately, we were successful in getting several screenings scheduled. We eventually turned to using phone contacts and sending the website link for KidSight to promote bookings. Quite a few schools said they had previously had KidSight services, but had not been contacted since COVID. These schools were anxious to be reconnected to the service.

However, many schools had no knowledge of the program. We experimented with scripting an explanation of what the screening does as well as how the process works. It often involves leaving messages, sending out the link, several follow-up calls, and some persistence to get to the school personnel who can make the decision. But it works.

Robert Bennett - Nolensville KidSight Team Member

I think it helps that Terri has experience operating a pre-school program so she could relate to the directors she was calling. It might be a good idea to ask for the script she developed. It helps alleviate concerns.

Terri

We also check in with the schools after a screening is scheduled. We send the schools links to the consent forms on the TLC website, and do a follow-up call two weeks prior to the date to make sure consent forms have been sent home. We do another call two days before confirm that they have students signed up to be screened and review what we need from them in terms of a screening room. Following the screening, we send a written thank you card and review what the next step from Tennessee Lions Charities will be. We remind them that screenings are recommended annually, and that we are looking forward to serving them again.

Arthur

Can you share some of your favorite stories from your experience with TN KidSight? What motivates you to wake up early to visit a school? What struggles have you faced? Has TN KidSight increased your passion for Lions? If so, how?

Robert

I am new to the Lions Club, and KidSight helped me feel there was a benefit to what we are doing. It was interesting when we got to screen students who came to Rutherford County Schools' orientation at the beginning of the school year. The county offered a new backpack to every student who visited the services being offered, and the Lions and KidSight were one of the services that needed to be visited.

Don Hoffmeister - Nolensville KidSight Team Member

Our team really enjoys working with the schools. Seeing and being with the children is especially important to all of us. Anytime Terri contacts us for a potential screening, she always has more volunteers than she needs. There are some struggles. We have had to screen in some very odd places. Once, we had to use a bathroom to have a darkened area to work in. A picture of Steve Allemore sitting on a toilet screening kids is one of our highpoints of screening.

Terri

By far, most of our experiences have been so pleasant and encouraging! Some have been disappointing. And, a few have been discouraging. We will occasionally arrive at a facility where a very small percentage of children participate, sometimes only 10%. When 2 out of those 7 get a referral, it is frustrating to wonder how many of those who did not take advantage of the program could have been helped. But we celebrate even the “1” who gets help.

In spite of all the many contacts ahead of the screening, we have shown up at a few sites and not been able to screen. Once, the school was flooded during the night and they forgot to tell us. Once there were several students who tested positive for COVID before we arrived, and we decided to reschedule rather than risk our team’s health. And once, the director lost the consent forms. We waited as one by one, she filled them out as a designated care giver. It was a very long morning.

We have found that passive or opt-out consent is the best way for a school to take full advantage of the program, and we highly recommend using it. Often, parents forget or put off filling out a consent form, and their child is left out. Or they may believe their child would never have an issue. But it happens.

Arthur

Has Tennessee Lions Charities’ staff helped you in your KidSight efforts? Are there any new struggles that we can help you overcome?

Terri

My biggest concern is inadvertently contacting a school that may have been served by another club in the past. We do not want to overstep a district boundary, but we hope to fill in the gaps and spread the availability of the program where it has not been offered in the past. Your recent addition of putting the club name next to the schools they are serving is very helpful, and updates are invaluable! Your support in helping us get our own equipment through a grant was amazing!!! For large screenings, we have been able to use two sets of equipment and get the process completed for the school in half the time.

Arthur

Has the TN KidSight program helped the Nolensville Lions strengthen their service to their community? If so, how

Robert

Yes! Fundraising is easier since the community connects us with something tangible.

Terri

Participating in KidSight has awakened our club to a new level of energy for service. We have a minimum of eight Lions on our team who are trained and ready to screen. It has kindled a desire to focus on vision as the core of what we do. We would be happy to spread the enthusiasm!



2025

Output

- **57 Tennessee Lions Clubs and 165 Lions dedicated over 5,000 volunteer hours to improve the lives of Tennessee's students through free vision screenings!**
- **23,592 students participated in a Tennessee KidSight vision screening!**
- **Tennessee Lions Charities' staff will spend over 2,000 hours conducting informative and empowering follow-ups with parents and educators of students referred for treatment, removing barriers that limit students' access to care!**



2025

Outcome

- Of more than 20,000 participants, 2,514 students received referrals for treatment!
- Early detection and treatment can change a student's life. However, research shows that students and their families frequently have trouble accessing care after a referral for treatment.
- 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 through partnership with our local Lions Clubs or through funds raised when a local Lions Club is unable to help

TENNESSEE KidSight 2025

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 2,514 students referred for treatment in 2025 now have the opportunity to address the challenges of visual impairment and build a solid foundation that will forever affect their lives for the better.
- Beyond improving the vision of students across the state, our Tennessee KidSight program offers our Lions Club volunteers the chance to provide examples of service-focused leadership that will hopefully inspire the community leaders of tomorrow.



2024-2025 FINANCIALS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cash | \$88,319.68 |
| Investments | \$1,351,389.10 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$42,045.52 |
| Cash - Restricted TLC TN School For the Blind Fund | \$163,570.63 |
| Investments - Restricted for Virginia Lindsey Leadership | \$62,319.84 |

FIXED ASSETS

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Building and Equipment | \$1,337,981.95 |
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LIABILITIES

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| Accounts Payable | \$8,997.10 |
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REVENUES

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Program and Operations Income | \$183,008.43 |
| Restricted Income | \$74,014.60 |

EXPENSES

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Programs and Operations | \$131,402.57 |
| Depreciation | \$29,323.44 |
| Restricted Expenses | \$55,498.00 |

Income & Expense 2024-2025 Income Breakdown

Program and Operations Income \$183,008.43

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|------------------------|-------------|
| TLC HQ Income | \$91,507.40 |
| Lions Support | \$45,299.82 |
| Grants & TLC Endowment | \$36,415.98 |
| Honors Banquet | \$3,928.58 |
| Misc. | \$3,563.28 |
| Estate Gifts | \$1,261.75 |
| Hall of Fame | \$1,031.64 |

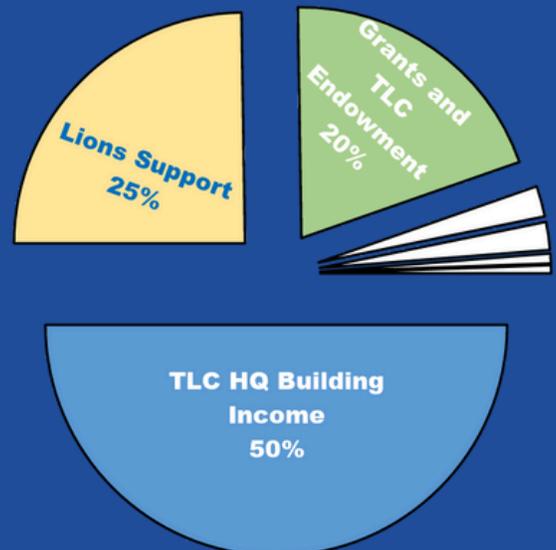
Total Income 2024-2025 \$257,023.03



Restricted Income \$74,014.60

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| TLC TN School for the Blind Fund | \$44,734.60 |
| LCIF Plusoptix Grant | \$24,280 |
| Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship - Endowment Restriction | \$5,000 |

Top Sources of Operating Income



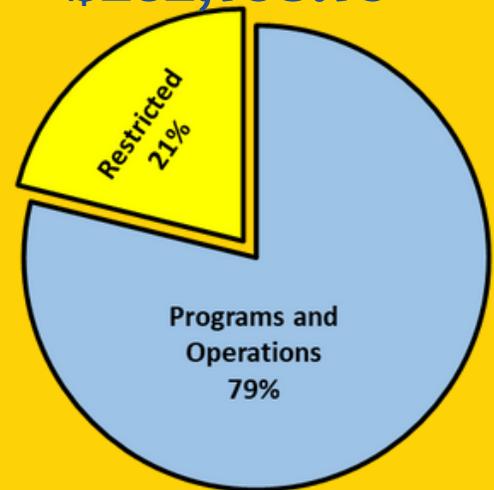
Income & Expense 2024-2025

Expense Breakdown

Program and Operations Expenses

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|----------------------|--------------|
| TN KidSight Service | \$114,950.24 |
| Operational Expenses | \$46,574.78 |
| Depreciation | \$29,323.44 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$11,708.88 |
| Honors Banquet | \$4,015.03 |
| Hall of Fame | \$728.42 |

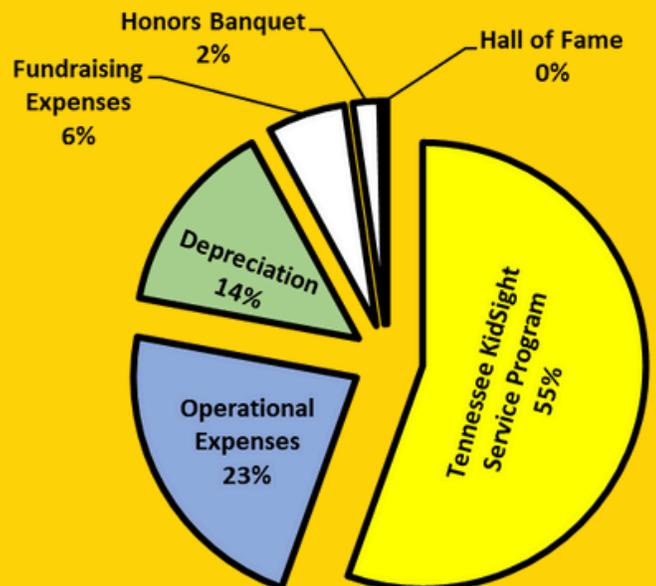
Total Expenses 2024-2025 \$262,798.79



Restricted Expenses

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| TLC TN School for the Blind Support | \$26,093.00 |
| LCIF Plusoptix Grant | \$24,280 |
| Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship - Endowment Transfer | \$5,000 |
| Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award | \$125 |

Top Operating Expenses



*Thank
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Foundations

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bartlett Lions Club | Lafayette Lions Club |
| Chapel Hill Lions Club | Lafayette Lioness Club |
| Charlotte Lions Club | Lexington Lions Club |
| Clarksville Queen City Lions Club | Lewisburg Lions Club |
| Crossville Lions Club | Lookout Valley Lions Club |
| Dickson Lions Club | Murfreesboro Lions Club |
| District 12-O Lions - White Cane | Nolensville Lions |
| District 12-S Lions - White Cane | PDG Association |
| Fairfield Glade Lions Club | Red Bank Lions |
| Fayetteville Lions Club | Shelbyville Lions Club |
| Franklin Lions Club | Smyrna Lions Club |
| Hixson Lions Club | Woodbury Lions Club |
| Johnson City Lions Club | |

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Dewey Phillips
Clifford Pierce
Billy Povlin
Harold Rohen
W. A. "Bill" Shannon
James Sherill
Pangle Stewart
William Watkins
Chester Webb
Lynn Wilhoite

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Jerry Burgess
Frank Depriest
William Hunter
James McBee
C. S. Needham

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Roy Proffitt
Robert Rittenberry
Bennie Scott
Edward Weaver

2013

2012

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William Howell
Dennis Powell
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Gene Staats
J. B. Walker
John Wolf

2014

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2018

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2020

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