

## *Be a Proud Lion*

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**You** as a Lion make a difference to many others in your community, across the state, and around the world!

- **You and your club** have provided eyeglasses and vision exams to many children in your hometown and community
- You have supported the local needs of those faced with personal tragedies
- Through your help and support, along with over 18,000 Ohio Lions in over 500 clubs, our state supported the following programs last year:
  - \$184,000 for Pilot Dogs
  - \$35,500 for Ohio flood victims (plus \$10,000 from LCIF)
  - \$20,000 for Helen Keller Scholarships for blind college students
  - \$16,100 for Camp Echoing Hills
  - \$11,500 for Happy Canine Helpers
  - \$6,900 for Newsreel, Inc.
  - \$4,600 for the Society for the Prevention of Blindness
  - \$2,300 for Ohio Radio Reading Services
  - \$2,300 for Hearing Dogs
  - \$2,300 for Columbus Speech and Hearing
- Around the world Lions Clubs International was able to provide the following last year:
  - 3,000,000 pairs of used glasses recycled to needy individuals
  - 600,000 free professional glaucoma screenings
  - 25,000 corneal transplants
- The following programs are servicing the world's needs:
  - Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) disbursed grants in excess of \$16,700,000
  - 68 Lions Eye Banks provide quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes (three are located in Ohio)
  - SightFirst has permitted sight to be restored for over 850,000 individuals through cataract surgery in just a few years
  - Lion's grants have made it possible for Lions to build clinics, hospitals, libraries, schools and many other facilities
  - Guide dog schools have trained dogs to provide a blind person with greater mobility, and are usually provided free of charge (this includes Ohio's Pilot Dogs)
  - Lions' Youth Programs include following
    - \* The Lions-Quest drug abuse prevention and life-skills program (in many local clubs)
    - \* Lions International Youth Camps bring young people of different nationalities together at 84 camps in 30 countries (including Camp Echoing Hills)
    - \* Lions International Youth Exchange permitted more than 3,800 young people to stay with volunteer host families in 67 countries in 1994-95
    - \* The LEO program has grown to over 125,000 young men and women in 5,000 clubs in 135 countries, dedicated to making a difference in their communities, just like **YOU**