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A Message from the Council Chair

By CC Brad King



season.

So why should someone attend a District or State Convention?

Attending a Lions Club district or state convention offers an opportunity to grow, connect, and recharge as a Lion, while strengthening the impact of your local club.

These conventions bring together Lions from across the district or state, reminding members that they are part of a much larger movement dedicated to service, leadership, and community improvement. By attending, Lions gain exposure to new ideas, successful service projects, and proven fundraising strategies that can be brought back and adapted to meet local needs.

Educational workshops and training sessions provide practical skills in leadership, communication, and club management that benefit not only Lions' activities, but also personal and professional life.

It is hard to believe that we are already moving along in the second half of the Lions year. We are coming upon officer elections, installations, leadership trainings and convention

Conventions are also where important decisions are made. It is where officers are elected giving attendees a direct voice in shaping the future direction of Lions at the district or state level.

Beyond learning and governance, conventions foster meaningful relationships. Meeting Lions from other clubs builds friendships, encourages collaboration, and creates a support network that members can rely on for years to come.

The social events, banquets, and celebrations add an element of fun and recognition, helping Lions feel appreciated for their service and proud of their

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accomplishments.

Perhaps most importantly, conventions reignite

enthusiasm and purpose, reminding members why they joined Lions in the first place.

Returning home, attendees bring renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and practical tools that can inspire their clubs, strengthen membership, and expand service to the community. In short, a district or state convention is not just a meeting, it is an investment in personal growth, club success, and the continued strength of Lions Clubs as a force for good.

So, I hope to see you at your district convention and at the state convention!



Council of Governors Meets in February

The 2025-26 Council of Governors gathered at the Lions Headquarters in Grove City for their third meeting of the year on February 14. They were joined by state committee chairs, Past International Director Ron Keller, a number of Past Council Chairs and other interested parties. **Meeting highlights include:**

Global Service Team: Ohio Lions have reported serving over 1,000,000 people in 2025-26 so far.

LCIF: We are somewhat down in donations from last year, but looking for a boost from the “Parade of Checks” during convention season.

OLERF: Grants / Fellowships awarded for 2025-26 totaled \$110,000. We plan to provide a total of \$200,000 in 2026-27.

Building: Studying quotes on roofing issues.

Membership: As of the CoG meeting, Ohio Lions membership is down by 162. However, some good things are happening. District OH5 has created a new Lions Campus club with 25 members and more on the way. Several districts report they are close to forming new clubs, as well.

Service Reporting: Leo Clubs have reached 100% service reporting in the Lions Portal. Lions Clubs are close to that goal and should be their soon!

Global Leadership Team: Super Weekend training for Vice District Governor-elects will take place on May 29-31. At this point, the plan is to have the training at the Lions HQ in Grove City.

GST Corner!

By PCC Dave Stockum
MD13 GST Coordinator

MD13 Lions,

It was my pleasure to give a presentation on the structure and the recent activity of the MD13 GST at the January Winter Retreat.

Our Multiple is currently waiting for 7 clubs to report their service, and we will reach 100% reporting for the fifth straight year. **More importantly, we have reported serving over 1,100,000 people so far this Lions Year.** We will award 20 clubs the Ace of Clubs Banner Patch and 130 more the King of Clubs Patch at the upcoming District Conventions. **Two districts have over fifty percent of their clubs receiving banner patches!**

Keep up the dedication to our motto, WE SERVE.

We are supporting the OLPCF's slightly worn shoe collection (see the OLPCF CoG Report on OhioLions.org) at the State Convention in May. Also the RLLI 3 Class Project supporting Mental Health was adopted at the February CoG Meeting. Their project offers clubs a way to support this year's International Initiative, which is promoting mental health. See below for an introduction to this project!

Ohio Lions Courage Kit Project Supports LCI's Mental Health Initiative

At the February Council of Governors meeting, the CoG voted to adopt the **Lions Courage Kit** project proposed by the 2025 Ohio Regional Lions Leadership Institute level 3 class.

This kit is meant to support Lions International's Mental Health initiative by providing comfort, encouragement and hope to people facing mental health challenges and high-stress situations. Lions clubs of any size can assemble and distribute these kits in their communities in schools, hospitals, first responder agencies, veterans groups, shelters, etc.

Each kit for individuals will have core items, including encouragement cards, stress balls, fidget toy, Journal and pen, scented lip balm, tissues, hand lotion and a community resource list card.

These core kits can then be customized with additional items for Vets, teens, seniors, the homeless, First Responders and others.

For more info, contact the creators of the Courage Kit: DG Faith Cataldo-Gauger (OH1), 1VDG Nina Cleaver (OH3), 1VDG Ben Dunn (OH6), 2VDG Tony Winner (OH6), Lion Nikki Becher (OH3), Lion Neal Cleaver (OH3), Lion Staci Winner (OH6), Lion Kevin Plummer (OH7), Lion Teresa Ponn-Lemaster (OH7), Facilitator: PCC Dave Gauch.



Get to Know Your ID Candidates!

PCC Lydia Houser



Lion Lydia joined the Mad River Lions, Dayton, Ohio, in March of 1999. Since then, she has served as Tail Twister, Director, Membership & Service Chair, Assistant Secretary, VP and President. She is Chair of the Mad

River Lions Const & By-Laws Committee, Vision Committee, Morale & Welfare Committee, Food Pantry and Scholarship Committee among others. Lion Lydia stays involved in her club's fundraisers and service projects. She has served as Zone Chair, District 13H Newsletter editor (2008-12), Lioness Liaison, North American Membership Initiative Chair, GLT, New Voices Chair and Convention Tail Twister for years. She is the District Region 1 Chair, USA/Canada Forum Rep and Convention Chair.

Lion Lydia served as OH6 2VDG, 1VDG and DG then was elected as Council Chair (2019-20) where she utilized creative ways of communicating/meeting due to COVID. From 2022-25, she was a member of the Liaison Committee, serving as secretary for two years. She is the Executive Director of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation since 2019 and board member since 2012. She is also on the board of the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio (2022) as well as on the Executive Board of Prevent Blindness Ohio Miami Valley (2022) where she is Community Services Chair. She was previously on the board and Executive Board of Pilot Dogs (2019-23). Lion Lydia was also on the USA/Canada Forum Ohio committee for the 2018 Columbus Forum. She has been a moderator at multiple Forums and has taught seminars at many Lions events. She also participates in the Alliance of Lions Foundations. She has her Bachelors from Lions University.

Lion Lydia is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow with 100% attendance as a Lion. She has received many awards: two International President's Letters of Commendation, five International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation, James T. Coffey Fellow, three Council of Governor's Awards of Merit, Council Chairman's Award of Excellence and the WR "Dick" Bryan Award. She became a Guiding Lion in 2016 (currently guiding the Miami Valley Lions and previously the Peebles Lions) and has been a Club Excellence Facilitator.

Lion Lydia is married to Lion PDG Ric Houser. They have four children - Chris, Jason, Jeremy & Rachelle - and 11 grandchildren. Lydia's parents, PDG Freda and Lion Buck, were instrumental in her becoming a Lion. Lions is a family affair with her parents, husband, daughter (DG Rachelle), son-in-law Josh and now granddaughter working to form a Leo club. Service is special when the family works together to make a difference.

Lion Lydia retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after 39 years as the Chief of Configuration/Data Mgt, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance & Special Ops Forces Directorate managing a multi-billion-dollar portfolio of programs. She also taught classes for Air Force employees and contractors. She is involved in her church, schools, Hope for Riverside, clothes distribution for needy families & women shelter projects.

Lion Lydia has served as a Sunday school teacher for youth and named Sunday school teacher of the year. She coached cheerleading for 10+ years for grade school & high school youth and served as Cheer Athletic Director for six years where her squads received numerous awards. She also coached co-ed volleyball & softball for adults. She is recognized on the U.S. Air Force Museum Hall of Fame for her leadership and received numerous awards for her service to the government. She was named in Who's Who of American Professionals.

In her spare time, Lion Lydia enjoys traveling (especially cruising and going to the Smoky Mountains), reading, shopping and sports. She is an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan and Ohio State football fan.

As you can see, Lions are a very important part of my life. My personal involvement in my community and my professional career, training and experience have prepared me to be a candidate for International Director. I respectfully ask all Lions to consider supporting me as the Ohio Lions candidate for ID.



Get to Know Your ID Candidates!

PDG Jackie Miller

Hello everyone. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am PDG Jackie Miller from District 13 OH5, and I am a candidate for International Director.

Many of you already know me, as I have had the privilege of serving Lions across Ohio for many years. Perhaps we met at a convention while I was taking photographs, during a club visit where I shared a Helen Keller presentation, or simply while enjoying the fellowship at a Lions event. If we have not yet had the opportunity to meet, I sincerely hope we will very soon.

As an International Director representing Ohio, my **vision** is to motivate Lions to reconnect with the reason we began this journey of service. I am deeply committed to honoring our proud legacy while carrying it forward with hope and purpose. I believe that service begins with hope, and I am dedicated to inspiring that hope in every Lion I meet.

My **mission** is simple and heartfelt: to inspire Lions and share kindness wherever I go.

I joined Lions Clubs International in 2004, and each year my involvement and dedication to Lionism have continued to grow. To learn more about my background and experience, I invite you to read my biography on the Ohio Lions State website: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>.

I have been fortunate to accomplish much through Lions and in my personal life, and while my bio highlights many of those achievements, it represents only part of my journey and my passion for service.

It's Miller Time!



What past experiences would make you our best candidate for ID?

Who I am has a base in my experiences in a Lions family. I am married to fellow Lion PDG Ric Houser who is passionate about Lions technology and marketing our Lions. My parents, PDG Freda and Lion Buck, were instrumental in me becoming a Lion. “We Serve” is a family affair with my parents, husband, daughter (DG Rachelle), son-in-law Josh and now our granddaughter working to form a Leos club. Our grandson is excited to soon be a Lion. I bring this sense of family with me to events and projects, constantly growing my Lions family.

1. I spent 34 years in the insurance industry with a super-regional property and casualty carrier, serving in commercial, personal, and bond underwriting, as well as in corporate business continuity and security role. This career gave me a deep understanding of organizational operations, risk management, governance, and strategic decision-making.
2. I served for 15 years on the Parks and Recreation Board as Treasurer, working closely with commissioners across multiple community programs. During this time, I also founded the Taekwondo program, through *Free Spirit Karate*, that I continue to teach through the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. I am a small business owner, operating two enterprises: Jack's Photography and *Women in Leadership*, a professional speaking and leadership development organization.



Four Questions For Your ID Candidates!

4. Since becoming a Lion in 2004, I have consistently attended District Conventions across Ohio, allowing me to build strong relationships, gain insight into the unique priorities of each district, and better understand the needs of Lions throughout the state.
5. I have held numerous leadership positions at the Club, District, and Multiple District levels, most recently serving as MD13 GLT (2 yrs), OH5 LCIF Coordinator, and, MD13 PDG Association Communications Coordinator, just to name a few.
6. I have represented the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank on its boards for many years, contributing to its mission and governance.
7. I have attended numerous District, State, and International Conventions, developing meaningful relationships with Lions from across MD 13 and around the world.
8. I have participated in multiple USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums as both an attendee and a presenter, served as a moderator, and earned a Doctorate from Lions University.
9. I have participated in every Winter Retreat as both attendee and a presenter, served as a moderator, and been on the Winter Retreat committee. What current resources can you draw upon to be an excellent ID?



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PDG Jackie Miller: I bring a broad network of relationships and strategic resources that will support effective service as an International Director.

- I have established strong connections and lasting friendships with many Past International Directors and Past International Presidents throughout the United States and internationally, providing valuable insight, mentorship, and collaboration opportunities.
- I maintain active relationships with numerous organizations outside of Lions, including the American Red Cross, Hospice organizations, insurance companies and agencies, Toastmasters, Taekwondo and other youth-focused organizations, Parks and Recreation departments, Community Associations and multiple Chambers of Commerce. These connections strengthen partnerships, expand Lions' community impact, and support membership growth and service initiatives.

PCC Lydia Houser: To be an excellent International Director (ID), I will draw upon a combination of resources, both within Lions Clubs International and from my own leadership experience and training which has helped me lead effectively, support fellow Lions and projects, and advance our mission. We also have the best Past International Directors in Ohio that I would work with as well as other IDs, PIDs, LCI staff, etc., who have the expertise to assist me with difficult questions and situations.

Key Lions resources include Lions Clubs International Constitution & Bylaws, Lions Clubs International Board Policies, Strategic Plan & Forward-Looking Initiatives, LCIF, Leadership Development Programs and many other resources that LCI provides.

By leveraging advanced technology and communication tools such as MyLCI, Lions Learning Center & digital meeting

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platforms, we have transformed the way we collaborate and make decisions. These innovations foster greater engagement, more effective reporting, and seamless coordination across regions. Ultimately, technology empowers us to operate more efficiently, extend our reach, and continually improve the way we accomplish our mission.

Personal Experience & Relationships. My previous roles from club service to district and multiple district leadership give me practical insights into what works on the ground. Those experiences, combined with relationships built through years of service, help me to guide, listen, and act effectively. I have worked tirelessly to be another “set of hands” helping wherever the need has been. I also have 39 years of experience training, authoring articles and training courses, creating videos, teaching and learning as a US government worker, supervisor and senior leader.

As an ID, I can help develop and update policy to meet the Lions’ needs across Ohio and worldwide. Together, these resources equip me to serve with integrity, strategic focus, and responsiveness ensuring I can advocate for Ohio Lions while strengthening our broader global impact and serving Lions worldwide.



What project or charity that is endorsed by Lions International are you most passionate about? Why?

PCC Lydia Houser: The Lions International project I am most passionate about is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), particularly its focus on vision and humanitarian services. Restoring and protecting sight embodies who we are as Lions while meeting a fundamental human need and changing lives in immediate, lasting ways. LCIF allows Lions to extend their service far beyond what any single club or district could accomplish alone.

When the tornadoes hit the Dayton area in May 2019, I authored a grant and received \$10,000 from LCIF in emergency funds within days to support the community. I managed three storage units providing food, blankets, towels, sheets, etc., helping those in immediate need. I headed up a second grant in 2022 when a tornado hit Goshen, OH and LCIF was there again with \$10,000 within days. Our clubs could not have come up with that amount of funds quickly. LCIF is our foundation and helps Lions worldwide each day.

What makes LCIF especially meaningful to me is that each contribution directly supports impactful, measurable projects that improve lives locally and globally. LCIF unites Lions around the world under one mission of service, reminding us that while our service begins in our communities, it does not end there.

Supporting LCIF means Lions can respond to where the need is greatest, ensuring our legacy of service continues and grows. That global reach combined with real, life-changing results is why LCIF is the project I am most passionate about.

PDG Jackie Miller: The Lions International initiative I am most passionate about is vision services, inspired by the legacy of Helen Keller and her enduring influence on Lions worldwide.

Those who know me well understand that my commitment to vision services is deeply rooted in Helen Keller’s historic challenge to Lions. Too often, we forget why Lions began this journey and why vision remains critically important more than 100 years later. When I was first asked to speak about Helen Keller, I wanted to understand more than just the speech she delivered to Lions; I wanted to know *why* she chose to speak to us and what motivated her call to action.



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As I researched her life and impact more deeply—particularly to answer the many questions Lions asked after my presentations—Helen Keller became increasingly fascinating to me. That growing understanding transformed into a profound passion for vision screening and vision care. The more screenings we conducted, the more referrals we received, and the more powerful stories I heard—stories of individuals whose sight was saved or restored because Lions were there.

It is impossible to imagine where the world, or Lions, would be today without Helen Keller's influence. Because of her vision and advocacy, Lions embraced vision services, which became the foundation from which our service initiatives expanded. From that single focus, Lions now serve through seven global causes. Over the past century, millions of people worldwide have had their eyesight restored or preserved, enabling them to lead healthier, more active, and more independent lives. This extraordinary impact traces back to one brilliant woman whose message continues to guide and inspire Lions more than 100 years later.



How do you see your ability as a PID to help the Lions of Ohio?

PDG Jackie Miller: Throughout my Lions career in Ohio, I have consistently served wherever I was needed—whether at the Club, District, or State level—always with a commitment to supporting the Lions of Ohio in any capacity asked. As a Past International Director, I will continue that same service.

In this role, I will share my knowledge and experience in Lionism both locally and internationally, serving as a resource and point of connection for Ohio Lions. I see my responsibility as helping to effectively communicate and filter information between the international organization and our local Lions, serving as a liaison within the broader International family.

I have always connected well with the Lions of Ohio and strive to remain approachable, accessible, and supportive wherever I go. I look forward to continuing to serve as a Past International Director in any capacity that benefits the Lions of Ohio and supports their ongoing success.

PCC Lydia Houser: As a Past International Director, I see my ability to help the Lions of Ohio as both a responsibility and an opportunity. I bring a broad understanding of Lions Clubs International, gained through years of service at the club, district, multiple district, and international levels. This perspective allows me to support Ohio Lions by sharing best practices, offering guidance, and helping connect local needs with international resources.

I can serve as a mentor and advocate, help encourage our Lions to become our future leaders and work to strengthen collaboration in and across districts. By listening to our Lions and understanding their challenges, I can help them identify solutions that align with our mission of service while honoring Ohio's unique strengths and traditions.

Most importantly, I strive to inspire unity, service, and growth. By promoting membership engagement, supporting service initiatives, and reinforcing the values of Lions Clubs International, I can help ensure that the Lions of Ohio remain strong, relevant, and impactful in their communities today and for future generations. I will model integrity, innovation and the importance of sharing kindness – one act at a time.



Service Report: Hunger

By Lion Dr. Brenda Toler, OH5, 2025-26 MD13 Hunger Chair, drbktoler@gmail.com



Ohio Lions continue to treat hunger as a core service priority each quarter, with clubs encouraged to complete at least one hunger-related project each quarter of the Lions year. Recent statewide reporting shows hundreds of hunger relief activities, from food drives to meal service, have already been logged, with some districts reporting several dozen projects in a single quarter. Many clubs are also partnering with established hunger organizations and food banks. As we move through the remainder of this Lions year, every club is invited to review its service calendar and ensure hunger remains a visible, measurable focus.

Lions International encourages clubs to highlight **LCIF grants** as a key way clubs and districts can move from small, one-off projects to sustained hunger initiatives with measurable impact. Ohio Lions districts have used LCIF grants to strengthen hunger relief by building capacity at partner sites, expanding service reach, and pairing food access with other humanitarian support. By reporting strong hunger service activity across MD13 and then leveraging those results into LCIF grant proposals, Ohio districts can position themselves to secure funding for bigger, longer-term hunger solutions that clearly carry the Lions name into the community. By sustaining quarterly projects and inviting new partners and volunteers into this work, Ohio Lions will continue to live out our “We Serve” motto and stand on the front lines of the fight against hunger in our communities. Keep up the good work!

Multiple District 13 has 99% of Clubs reporting as of February. MD13 Lions have worked diligently to

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Service Report: Sight & Hearing

PDG Bill Niejadlik (OH1) 2025-26 MD13 Sight & Hearing Chair, rugguy522@msn.com



As many of you are aware the state of Ohio has started a vision program for children grades Kindergarten to 3rd grade. Two programs, Sight for All United and Vision to Learn have been approved for eventual state funding thru the OhioSEE program. Sight for All United will connect students and families to medical providers who can continue ongoing vision care while Vision to Learn helps by bringing eye care to local schools. This program connects children K-3 from low income areas with local eye doctors to help establish lifetime vision care.

As these programs get off the ground, there has been difficulty in getting volunteers to help with screenings. Many areas have no local Lions Clubs and there has been poor communication looking for help. Sometimes calls go out the night before or mornings of screenings. Hopefully, this problem will be rectified and we as Lions can provide adequate assistance.

IPDG Lilane Fox has accepted an invitation to attend an ODH ad hoc committee for vision. This will be a four year term.

At the last COG meeting, the council voted to cease donations from Sight and Hearing to Pilot Dogs. Since this was done without consulting with the S&H committee, the committee will look into disputing the decision and bring the matter back to the CoG for review. More on this as it evolves. Individual clubs may still donate directly to Pilot Dogs if they so wish.



Service Report: Pediatric Cancer

By PDG Sara Camacho, OH7, 2025-26 MD13 Pediatric Cancer Chair, sara.r.camacho@gmail.com



We're heading into the second half of the year, and we're planning a strong finish! This coming convention season, we expect to see at least one new face to our Board as both OH6 and OH7 have their representatives up for election. In OH6, **PDG John Bond** is an original OLPCF board member, and a member of the Level 3 RLLI class that came up with the legacy project that birthed the STEPS Walks! His service to us for the past 9 years has been invaluable. He has indicated there is a chance someone else runs to represent OH6, and we would greatly miss his contributions as an active board member. In OH7, we're planning an election race with possible competition for a new representative to replace me.

Donation season is upon us, and we are very excited where things are heading! We have already made a donation to **Promedica Hospital** in Toledo this year – allowing a full-time staff person to be funded to help support pediatric cancer patients & families as they navigate treatments & appointments. This position was match-funded, allowing our \$25,000 grant to go twice as far! However, for the first time, we are in a position to offer a second \$25,000 grant to a hospital in Ohio for pediatric cancer research or direct program assistance for pediatric cancer! Our board reps in NE Ohio and SW Ohio are looking at possible projects for us to vote on at State Convention.

Finally, OLPCF is working with **Kids Get Cancer Too**, a Pediatric Cancer Foundation out of Pickerington, Ohio; their Executive Director is a proud Pickerington Lion! **We are working to collect your gently used shoes** – adults, children, boots, ballet slippers, golf spikes, sneakers, sandals, official dress – you name it! We will have major collections at the District Conventions, Leadership Days/Schools, and at the State Convention. I have personally created a “Most Soleful” District and Club award for those donating the most pairs of shoes! Ask your friends, neighbors, congregations – we want their loved shoes (without holes or major stains) to help raise funds for pediatric cancer!

Rolling into 2026, pediatric cancer has reared its head multiple times. My best Lions friend's nephew was diagnosed and in surgery within two days of finding a Wilms Tumor. When I reported on his status and need for prayers at our Lions Club meeting, one of our members shared to me that he had lost a brother in 1954 from that same tumor. Now, because of the work of research that we are able to fund, Wilms tumors have a 90% cure rate. While her nephew lives in PA, just outside of our Foundation's reach, we are all greatly impacted by every case. **In Ohio, we've approved 3 new gas card applications in January alone.** Pediatric Cancer shows up every day, but because of Lions in Ohio, we are consistently ready to make a difference, one child at a time.

2025-26 Lions Events

Feb 28, 2026: LEO State Convention

May 29-31, 2026: VDG-Elect Training,
Super Weekend, TBA

May 15-17, 2026: State Conv. / CoG Meeting
Holiday Inn, Roberts
Center, Wilmington

July 3-7, 2026: International Convention,
Hong Kong

Service Report: Diabetes

By Lion Ernie Richmann, OH4, 2025-26 MD13 Diabetes Chair, erichmann49@yahoo.com



Lion Ernie & grandson Aiden

How the LCIF Diabetes Grant will be used

Recently, Camp Ho Mita Koda (CHMK), the world's oldest camp for children living with Type 1 Diabetes, received an LCIF Diabetes grant for approximately \$105,000. With the 25% match from District OH4 and CHMK (\$17,658 each), the total grant amounted to \$141,260 to repair, refurbish and renew many areas of CHMK. The following shows how that money is being used to enhance the camp experience for the kids:

Arts and Crafts Building Renovations:

Metal Roof and insulation - \$16,125
Excavator Rental - \$1,250

Materials for waterline repairs - \$1,981
Electrical upgrade - \$2,383

Camp Bathhouse:

Adding drainage - \$6,975
Excavator Rental - \$1,250
Fuel for excavator - \$ 250

Burying water line - \$5,085
Concrete Pathway to back room \$4,475

Camp Kitchen:

Flooring demolition, repair - \$4,731

Epoxy flooring - \$28,690

Program Equipment and Supplies:

Commercial Oven - \$16,440

Water Bouncer & Aqua Swing - \$6,099

Septic System Replacement for Pool Restroom:

\$30,000

Traverse Wall Purchase & Install:

\$15,526

Workday Day at Camp Ho Mita Koda

14040 Auburn Road Newbury, Ohio 44065

Saturday, April 18 from 10AM to 2PM. Lunch is provided. Help with some projects or just come for the tour and see the progress of projects supported by the LCIF Diabetes grant.

Contact Lion Ernie at erichmann49@yahoo.com or on my cell at 440-668-8310



Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc.

Research Today . . . Vision Tomorrow

By PCC Lydia Houser, Executive Director

According to the study, “*Prevalence of Diabetic Retinopathy in the US in 2021*,” approximately one in four diabetic Americans age 40+ have Diabetic Retinopathy. A higher percentage of Black (8.7%) and Hispanic (7.1%) individuals with diabetes are at risk for vision loss compared to their White (3.6%) counterparts. There are big variations by state & county which reflect related factors such as access to eye care and resources.

Diabetic retinopathy can lead to other serious vision problems including diabetes-related macular edema, cataracts, glaucoma and retinal detachment. It is the leading cause of blindness in working-age adults.

Fortunately, the risk of vision loss and blindness from diabetes-related eye disease can be significantly lessened if it is detected and treated early. Regular eye exams, blood sugar control and prompt management of retinal changes are key to reducing complications. Initiatives to improve awareness and access to eye care can support early detection and treatment, helping to preserve vision and quality of life for those with diabetes.

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (OLERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status organization. OLERF is committed to finding treatments and cures for blinding retinal diseases such as Diabetic Retinopathy. It takes your continued support by providing donations for our grants/fellowships to Ohio researchers. There is still much more work to be done in the fight against blindness, and we cannot do it without you. Now is the time to renew/continue your dedication to ending blindness and vision loss.

Each District in Ohio has an OLERF member. Contact them for more information, to speak at a club meeting, district meeting, etc., or to donate. OLERF is proud of the research being accomplished and looks forward to continuing to be a leader for Ohio in eye research.

Hunger Report Continued...

complete 737 total Hunger Service Activities, serving a total of 214,198 people. Kudos to OH4 which has completed 237 Hunger Activities, demonstrating an increase of 116 since November 2025. Congrats to OH6 which has served 72,743 people, demonstrating an increase of 27,835 since November 2025 during this Lion Club year to date.

<u>District</u>	<u># of Hunger Activities</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>District</u>	<u># of Hunger Activities</u>	<u>People Served</u>
OH1	35	6,512	OH5	87	27,149
OH2	133	36,574	OH6	117	72,743
OH3	49	16,623	OH7	79	20,366
OH4	237	34,231			



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