

Fellow Lions and Community Supporters,

The Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia, Inc., supports the 95 Lions Clubs of District 24-I located throughout central and southeastern Virginia. The Foundation operates using contributions, interest on investments and net proceeds from our fundraising event, the Bid 'N Buy Auction.

The Board of Directors has been very busy this Lions year. I'd like to share with you some of the activities funded by the foundation in Lions Year 2019 – 2020:

- \$20,500** Lions Diabetes Family Camp is a unique retreat for diabetic children, ages 6 to 18, and their families. The goals of the weekend include: to learn more about diabetes self-care management, share experiences with other families and enjoy adventurous physical activities. In April 2019 Lions hosted 48 families.
- \$26,500** The Burkeville Lodge is a vacation spot for the visually impaired to gather with family and friends. It was established in 1960 by the Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind and is located in the small rural town of Burkeville, Virginia. This grant is designed to assist in the Burkeville Lodge renovation project by replacing mattresses, beds and headboards
- \$10,000** Barrier Islands Center for My First Field Trip Educational Program is designed to teach children ages four and five about the Barrier Islands history, art, music and manners. Over the last five years \$50,000 has been donated to the Barrier Island Center.
- \$5,570** Virginia Beach Public School Division's Beach Bag Program providing food over the weekends and school breaks for children identified by the school division as food insecure.
- \$4,000** Holiday House of Portsmouth, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of lives of youth with intellectual disabilities.
- \$2,840** Donations to the Food Banks of Southeastern Virginia, Peninsula and the Northern Neck region
- \$2,800** Boy Scout Post 180 at the Sara Bonwell Hudgens Center. This is the largest Post in the USA for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The foundation continues our commitment to programs designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health for residents of Central and Southeastern Virginia. Lions also work to restore hearing by providing services or equipment to individuals in financial need.



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- \$28,700** Value of services provided by our medical services partners for two prosthetic eyes and five cataract surgeries for individuals suffering from vision loss.
- \$21,125** Purchase of four Spot devices to perform eye screenings to detect vision problems in children as young as six months old. Lions are screening children ages six and younger to detect the need for eyeglasses or a disorder commonly called “lazy eye.” If lazy eye is caught and treated early, it can prevent blindness in that eye. Total of **19,067 kids** between the ages of 6 months and 10 years were screened with **2332 being referred** for further evaluation. In addition, **3339 individuals** of ages outside the above parameters were screened with **580 being referred**. Our referral rate of individuals screened is slightly over 15%.
- \$17,550** Twenty-six hearing aids provided to individuals suffering from hearing loss.
- \$11,700** Provided eyeglasses and exams for indigent individuals at various Lions screenings conducted at the Union Mission, Richmond County and Homeless Connect projects in the cities of Hampton, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

The grants listed above combined with various smaller grants allowed the foundation to distribute **well over one hundred thousand dollars** this year. I’m pleased to report this brings our overall contributions to **more than One Million dollars since 2010**. As you can see the work of the Lions Charity Foundation of southeastern Virginia is essential to both the Lions Clubs of District 24-I and the individuals we serve. This is why I hope you will continue your generous support of the foundation and the Bid ‘N Buy Auction. Finally, I’d like to thank our donors, Lions and our Board of Directors for their generosity and tireless efforts to support the Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted,



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