

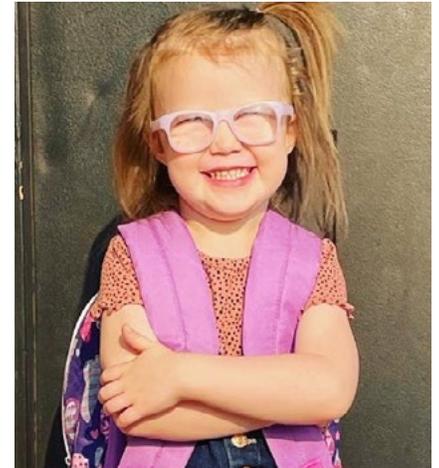
DONOR CONNECTION

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THANK YOU for Helping Kids Like Khloe See the World

Khloe spent her days struggling to see. Her mother, Madalyn, knew a lazy eye condition ran on her side of the family, and her daughter desperately needed eyeglasses to help correct the condition.

Thanks to a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions in Utah, and Eye Care 4 Kids, a non-profit in Utah focused on providing vision care, Khloe, now sees the world with her pink eyeglasses. “I cannot even begin to express how grateful we are for Khloe’s glasses,” Madalyn said.



Lions in Utah, who care deeply about the welfare of their community, recognized that many families need affordable or no-cost eye care for their children especially in Utah, where more than 80,000 children live without family health insurance.



Khloe is only one example of more than 400,000 kids served over the last 20 years by the non-profit, Eye Care 4 Kids, founded by Dr. Joseph Carbone, a Lion member himself. The operation uses a 34-square-foot bus to travel across Utah to provide free eye care services to children whose families cannot afford care. The “eye doctor on wheels” travels to school districts, rural areas, fairs, and Native American reservations. Unfortunately in 2019, the bus needed serious service repairs and equipment.

Lions in Utah, determined to provide eye care for their community, turned to LCIF. In response, LCIF awarded the Lions a US\$99,600 grant to repair and remodel the van and acquire additional exam equipment.

Thanks to the grant, the non-profit continues to serve families with vision screenings, eye exams, and eyeglass prescriptions.

“Unfortunately, some children still go to school every year without a vision screening, eye exam, or a pair of glasses,” Dr. Carbone said. “These children need these services because they cannot become self-reliant if they cannot see or read.”

Using vision screening cameras, Dr. Carbone and his staff screen children for poor eyesight, and sometimes discover serious health conditions — like tumors or glaucoma — that could lead to permanent vision loss for a child. Recently, Dr. Carbone discovered late-stage glaucoma in a child that, if not treated, would have left the child blind in six months.

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A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Fellow Humanitarian,

It is hard to believe that the end of Campaign 100 is just a few short months away. We are pleased to report that to date, **thanks to generous supporters like you**, we have reached approximately 90 percent of our goal, having raised more than US\$274 million!

Not that many months ago, in June 2021, we reached a significant milestone, making Campaign 100 the largest fundraising success in LCIF's history, raising more than Campaign SightFirst II did over a decade ago. **This amazing achievement would not have been possible without your tremendous support.**



We have already accomplished so much since the campaign launched in 2018 at our international convention, and funds raised have already magnified our service and impacted the lives of so many around the world. We hope you enjoy reading how together, Lions and LCIF, made a difference for Khloe, who is featured on the cover of this newsletter, and that you will take a moment to read about some other projects made possible by your support.

There are just a few months left until we celebrate our collective accomplishments during LCIFCon in Montreal, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. In the days remaining, we encourage you to add to your support of LCIF encourage your fellow club members to pledge their support to help us reach our campaign US\$300 million goal. All donations received before June 30, 2022 qualify for limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition.

Let's bring Campaign 100 to the finish line, and begin to build on our success!

Sincerely,



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For Dr. Carbone, providing eye care services is essential, but it is equally as important to bring services to families and children. "We are changing lives. Sure, it's a pair of eyeglasses, but it's reading. It's education. It's a child's future," Dr. Carbone said.

Lions in Utah are not alone in their dedication to giving the gift of sight to the world. Between July 2017 and January 2022, more than 60 vision-related LCIF grants were awarded to Lions totaling more than US\$7.1 million.

Help us continue to help kids, like Khloe, see the world. Visiting lionsclubs.org/campaign100 to learn how Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to reduce avoidable blindness and improve eye care for children.

YOUR CAMPAIGN 100 DONATIONS AT WORK



DIABETES

Michigan, USA

Lions in District 11 D-02 utilized a grant from LCIF and donations from 20 clubs in the district, as well as area businesses, to renovate a building in downtown Croswell, Michigan, and establish a Community Diabetes Center. Established through a joint effort between the Croswell Lions Club and the Community Health Fitness Center Committee, along with the grant funding and other donations, the clinic is intended to improve access to care for patients with diabetes as well as diabetes education classes, information, and screening programs.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

Illinois, USA

The District 1-H Lions recognized that families with a child in cancer treatment often struggle with worry and concern, spending long hours at the hospital – feeling helpless and uncertain about the future. To support these families in need and help them process and cope with a very difficult time in their lives, the Lions - empowered by a Childhood Cancer grant from the foundation - provided both educational and recreational supplies for both inpatient and outpatient clinics, including iPads, gaming systems, laptops, sensory and wall activity boards and educational dolls.



HUNGER

Quebec, Canada

In Argenteuil County, Quebec, many families experience hunger. Offering a bit of relief, d'Entraide d'Argenteuil, the local community centre, provides food and empowering social services. When its refrigerated truck broke down, a Matching grant from LCIF enabled Lions to purchase a new truck, modifying it with a refrigeration system. Thanks to LCIF and Lions, the centre is able to once again provide a bounty of fresh food to its nearly 1,500 weekly patrons.

YOUTH

Alberta, Canada

Recognizing the importance of SEL to its country's future, the University of Lethbridge Faculty of Education ensured that more than 160 university students completing practicum coursework had access to Lions Quest SEL resources and lessons. The goal was to equip future educators with SEL skills and knowledge to better support students' social and emotional development, during elementary school teaching practicum experiences and beyond.



RESPONDING TO COVID IN CANADA

When Canada was hit hard by the pandemic in 2020, passionate Lions mobilized quickly to support their neighbors in need. With a COVID-19 frontline relief grant from LCIF, Lions purchased essential personal protective equipment for healthcare providers caring for vulnerable long-term-care-facility residents, helping save lives. The initial US\$10,000 grant funding served as an inspiration to the Lions in the district, igniting the passion for service and helping to magnify their good.



LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACT OF LCIF

Funds raised through Campaign 100 empower and magnify the service of Lions and Leos, both locally and globally. With 100% of donations benefitting grants and programs, every donation makes a difference – no matter the amount.

Together, LCIF and Lions have accomplished so much since the campaign launched in 2018 at LCICon in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Here are a few highlights:

Expanded Grant Opportunities

In 2019, LCIF launched two new grant programs addressing childhood cancer and hunger, awarding more than US\$4 million to date.

COVID-19 Relief

Because of the funds raised through Campaign 100, LCIF quickly responded to communities around the world with nearly US\$7 million in COVID-19 Relief grants.

Support for Refugees and Displaced Persons

LCIF created a designated fund that supports Lions-led relief efforts to help refugees who have fled their homes to find a place of safety and security during immensely challenging times.



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