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Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes.

The first Lions Clubs were founded in 1917.

The Lions Clubs motto is "We Serve."

Lions make a strong commitment to young people through youth outreach programs. Lions also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

Based on a recent report of Lions clubs worldwide, it is estimated that each year Lions clubs donate approximately \$722 million and 71 million hours, which is equivalent to 34,000 people working full time for a year.

Lions Clubs collect more than 5.2 million pairs of unwanted eyeglasses annually for free distribution to those in need in developing countries.

Lions Clubs provide 600,000 free professional glaucoma screenings and make 25,000 corneal transplants possible each year.

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of a Chicago insurance man named Melvin Jones.

Excerpt from Helen Keller's speech to the Lions in 1925

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this:

To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind.
 Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided?

I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

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