



THE OHIO LIONS FOUNDATION



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Report to the Ohio Lions Council of Governors November 1, 2007

Disaster Relief Grants awarded for Ohio flood victims. The Executive Committee of the Ohio Lions Foundation responded promptly the fall when numerous Ohio communities such as **Bucyrus, Findlay, Arlington, Bluffton, and Ottawa** experienced severe flooding. To date, the Foundation has paid in excess of \$17,000 for food coupons and vouchers for flood victims in these communities.

Ohio Lions Foundation supports Family Seminar at the Ohio State School for the Blind: The Ohio Lions Foundation approved a grant at its August, 2007, Board meeting in the amount of \$1,000 grant to the American Council for the Blind – Ohio to help support the “*Building Blocks for Better Future Family Seminar*” which was held at the Ohio State School for the Blind on September 15, 2007. The seminar focused on assisting families in their efforts to overcome the challenges that come with being blind or visually impaired.

Ohio Lions Foundation - Helen Keller Scholarship Program: Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$2,750 each, on the basis of financial need and academic ability, to visually impaired Ohio students enrolled as full time students in undergraduate, graduate or professional degree programs at one of the seven participating state universities. The Foundation has approved a total of eleven (11) scholarships to be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year as follows:

The Ohio State University	4 scholarships
Cleveland State University	1 scholarship
Wright State University),	2 scholarships
Ohio University	1 scholarship
Bowling Green State University	1 scholarship
Youngstown State University	1 scholarship
University of Cincinnati	1 scholarship

The *OLF Helen Keller Scholarship Program* is one of the very few scholarship programs available for visually impaired students pursuing post-graduate courses of study. O.L.F. Helen Keller Scholarships have been awarded to students in nearly every academic field of study, including nursing, education, rehabilitation, physical therapy, electrical engineering, finance, mathematics, computer / information science, music, law, and veterinary medicine.

Matching Grant Program for Low-Vision Readers / Video Magnifier Devices for Public Libraries and Senior Centers: The Ohio Lions Foundation is continuing its Low vision Reader Matching Grant program. The goal of the program which began in May, 2002, is to place low vision readers / video magnifier devices in public libraries and community-based senior centers throughout Ohio. Lions Clubs may apply for matching grants of up to \$1,200 each toward the cost of acquiring the qualified low-vision readers. A brass plaque is placed on each unit acknowledging that the unit was a gift of the local Lions Club and the Foundation. To date a total of 59 low vision reader matching grants have been awarded, and the O.L.F. has budgeted five (5) additional grants for this fiscal year. A copy of the Low Vision Reader Matching Grant application form is attached.

Pre-School Vision Screening Grants: Pre-school vision screening grants are available to defray the costs of screening pre-school children. The grants may be used to cover the costs of supplies, film, maintenance of the screening cameras, etc. The O.L.F. has budgeted \$3,000 for pre-school vision screening grants for this fiscal year. In September, 2007, the OLF awarded a \$910 grant to the Lawrence County Early Childhood Center in South Point, Ohio (in the Ironton Lions Club service area), for the acquisition of pre-school vision screening equipment.

Election of Trustees. The Ohio Lions Foundation Board of Trustees consists of one trustee elected from each sub-district for staggered three year terms, one trustee-at-large elected by the Ohio Lions Council of Governors for a one year term, and trustees emeritus (not more than five) elected by the Ohio Lions Foundation Board of Trustees. The terms of office for the elected sub-district trustees form Districts E, F and G expire June 30, 2007.

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Yes. Please indicate name of Club _____

No

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(Please Note: A Founder's pledge may be paid in installments over a four-year period.)

GOLD PATRON (\$500. or more)

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Donor's Name: _____

If donor is a Lions Club, please indicate the following:

District: _____ Name of club secretary: _____

Address of donor: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Enclosed is my (our) check payable to the Ohio Lions Foundation in the amount of \$_____, representing a DESIGNATED GIFT as follows:

MEMORIAL GIFT IN MEMORY OF: _____

(Note: effective 05/01/92, all memorial gifts to the Foundation are automatically designated for the Foundation's endowment fund, the interest from which is used to fund Helen Keller Scholarships)

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