Vision service project ideas

Ever since Helen Keller called upon Lions to champion the cause of vision in 1925, Lions and Leos around the world have stepped up to serve — and you can too. See all the different ways you can get involved in serving the blind and visually impaired.

Service Ideas

- Learn about blindness and vision impairment by reviewing the **World Health Organization's fact sheet**. Consider sharing the information in your community at club meetings, teach-ins or through other outreach.
- Explore the **Lions International Vision webpage** which features our vision programs, LCIF grant opportunities, and how to make a donation to empower the service of Lions around the world.
- Collect used eyeglasses and send them to the nearest **Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center**. Visit the **Eyeglass Recycling** webpage for information on collection resources, including ordering the Lions International Collection box.
- Plan a **Lions KidSight** children's vision screening event to help identify correctable vision conditions.
- Collaborate with a **Lions Eye Bank** in your area or utilize the **Lions Eye Bank Overview** resource to promote the importance of corneal donations.
- Organize a **vision screening** event in your community. Nearly 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening.
- Contact a local eye care facility or center for the visually impaired to find out how you can support them. For example:
  - Assist with building repairs and renovations.
  - Provide transportation to and from appointments for individuals undergoing treatment.
  - Consider making in-kind donations of supplies or equipment.
- Support individuals and families in your community by providing vouchers for comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses. Explore partnerships with local vision service providers to provide affordable or free services.
- Plan a service activity on **World Sight Day**, which is on the second Thursday in October annually.
- Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a local school, library or senior center.
- Develop a directory of community resources and services available for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
- Partner with a local hospital or vision provider to hold an educational event about vision conditions such as cataracts, refractive errors, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. Visit the **Lions International Advocacy webpage** to explore ways to raise awareness and create positive change.
- Connect with organizations that provide service animals for the visually impaired and see how your club can engage with them.
- Work with your city, town, or community to ensure all bus stops and public transportation locations have braille signage or audible announcements.
- Celebrate **International White Cane Day** on October 15 by learning its history, advocating for accessibility and independence for people who are visually impaired, and exploring ways to make an impact in your community.