

**Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization.** We have 1.35 million members in [more than 46,000 clubs](#) worldwide.

**Lions are everywhere.** We're men and women who are active in community projects in more than [208 countries and geographic areas](#).

**Lions have a dynamic history.** Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also perform volunteer work for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

### **Local Community Projects**

**Lions are active.** Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to [help our local communities](#).

**Lions give sight.** By conducting [vision screenings](#), equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local community projects and through our international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

**Lions serve youth.** Our community projects often [support local children and schools](#) through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and Exchange and Lions Quest. And our Leo Program provides personal development through [youth volunteer opportunities](#). There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

**Lions award grants.** Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than US\$700 million in grants to support Lions humanitarian community projects around the world. Together, our Foundation and Lions are helping communities following [natural disasters](#) by providing for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies – and aiding in long-term reconstruction.