



## Growing

our Partnership to Expand Services  
to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities



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# Champions Lions Club

Supporting Special Olympics Athletes



# Building Accepting Communities

## Growing Champions

Champions Lions clubs impact lives and improve communities. With a primary focus on projects that serve persons with intellectual disabilities, Champions Lions clubs support Special Olympics athletes for who they are: champions. Champions for stepping out on the track, field or court and competing. Champions for putting smiles on others faces, changing attitudes and teaching sensitivity. Champions for building a more accepting world for everyone.

As a member of a Champions Lions club, you have the opportunity to:

- Empower persons with intellectual disabilities and their families
- Transform lives, including your own
- Show the world the skills and talents of a group often overlooked in today's society
- Join the 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs from over 200 countries that make Lions Clubs International the world's largest service organization

## Expanding a Rooted Partnership

Lions clubs around the world have been supporting the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program since 2001. This \$11 million Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) partnership initiative screens the vision of Special Olympics athletes – and has provided prescription eyewear to more than 89,000 athletes.

Lions play a key role in the success of this program through hands-on event support that includes:

- Helping register athletes
- Providing color vision and visual acuity tests
- Distributing glasses and sports goggles to athletes

With a spotlight on Special Olympics athletes, Champions Lions clubs go beyond meeting the need for sight. Champions Lions clubs also give persons with intellectual disabilities the chance to compete and live healthy and successful lives. Initiatives include:

- Providing scholarship awards
- Participating in Healthy Athletes® screenings
- Promoting Special Olympics and Special Olympics Games

## Become Part of a Champions Lions Club

You can be a part of this unique program that provides sports training to Special Olympics athletes. Tell a local Lion of your interest and be invited to join. Modest dues are required; including a US\$25 entrance fee (US\$30 for new clubs), plus annual local and international dues. Discounts are available for qualifying family members, students and former Leos.



**Right now,** Lions clubs are making a difference around the world. That's because whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller, communities get better and lives improve.

