

Multiple District Chairperson's Award Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action



The mission statement of the Lions Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Program is:

"to provide programs and assistance to aid people who are blind and visually impaired, and to work at eliminating preventable and reversible blindness."

The recognition award should be presented to the multiple district sight chairperson who has shown outstanding leadership in furthering the Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Program by meeting the following criteria:

1. Outlining and implementing a multiple district plan of action, approved by the council chairperson, to aid blind and visually impaired children and adults and promote awareness of blindness prevention. A plan can incorporate new project ideas contributed by districts and clubs.
2. Motivating a substantial percentage of districts to participate in the Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Program activities.
3. Planning and implementing a minimum of one seminar or workshop during the fiscal year to inform and educate district chairpersons with regard to blindness and sight preservation. Invite healthcare professionals as speakers.
4. Informing district chairpersons about sight-related resources available for children and adults within the multiple district.
5. Reporting information about program activities to the multiple district cabinet and to local media through communications with the multiple district public relations chairperson.

Examples of sight preservation, awareness and action activities may include:

- Participating in special events such as World Sight Day (2nd Thursday in October), Lions Eye Bank Week (1st week in December), Lions Recycle for Sight Month (May), Helen Keller Day (June 1), Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program.
- Encouraging districts to organize and conduct vision screenings or eye health awareness events, in collaboration with local healthcare providers.
- Presenting a program at the Lions multiple district or district conventions to promote member awareness of eye health, low vision, blindness and eye disease.
- Providing support to a new or existing Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lions Eye Bank, Lions vision clinic, etc.
- Providing support to a guide dog school or recreation camp for adults and/or children who are blind or visually impaired.
- Providing educational resources for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Providing support to Lions who are planning and conducting humanitarian optical missions.

For more information, log onto the Lions Web site at: www.lionsclubs.org
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