



Lions Diabetes Awareness Program

LCI established the Diabetes Awareness Program in 1984 to assist Lions in conducting and supporting local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention and control and research.

STRIDES...Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness

Lions clubs and districts throughout the world can play an important role in building awareness of diabetes in their communities by organizing ***STRIDES: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness***. Through the STRIDES Walk, Lions, their family and their friends can promote prevention and control of diabetes and its serious complications, thereby creating an informed and healthy community. The STRIDES Information Kit (KIT IAD-193) contains information needed to organize a successful STRIDES Walk. It is available in English and will be translated in all languages during fiscal year 2008-2009. More info about the Diabetes Awareness Program is available on the association's Web site at www.lionsclubs.org. Click on "Other Programs," then click on "Diabetes."

Global Epidemic

In December 2006 the United Nations General Assembly passed a landmark resolution recognizing the diabetes epidemic as a global threat. It affects 246 million people and is expected to affect 380 million by 2025. Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of global death by disease. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of vision loss in adults of working age (20 – 65 years) in industrialized countries.

Diabetes Chairperson

All district governors are encouraged to appoint a Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. Use the M28-A form, or send an email to: programs@lionsclubs.org

Important Dates

Lions participate in "Diabetes Awareness Month" in November and "World Diabetes Day" on November 14. Contact ***Health & Children's Services Department*** for more information.

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