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**<City or State> Lions Make their Mark on Diabetes With Pledge**

**To Screen 1 Million People for World Diabetes Day**

**Free Diabetes Screening <INSERT LOCAL SCREENING INFO>**

<INSERT CITY>—As diabetes continues to rise in the U.S. and around the globe, local <CLUB NAME> Lions volunteers are urging <CITY> residents to determine their risk for Type 2 diabetes by taking an online assessment.

In honor of World Diabetes Day, the <INSERT CLUB NAME> Lions will also provide free diabetes screenings on <DAY>, from <TIME> at the <LOCATION and ADDRESS>.

The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) developed the [online risk assessment](https://www.idf.org/type-2-diabetes-risk-assessment/?utm_source=lionsclubs.org&utm_medium=landing-page&utm_campaign=wdd) tool, which helps predict an individual’s risk of developing Type 2 diabetes within the next 10 years.

Lions Clubs International, the world’s largest service club organization, has teamed up with the IDF to screen one million people for Type 2 diabetes and increase awareness about this disease that affects one in 11 people.

“Diabetes is a global epidemic, but it’s also a personal disease that impacts the family, friends and neighbors of those living with diabetes,” said <LOCAL SPOKESPERSON>. “We want to be part of the solution, and we believe we can be when Lions in 200 countries unite around this important cause.”

Support for World Diabetes Day is part of Lions International’s commitment to fighting diabetes through education, increased access to care, and advocacy for research that leads to new treatments and technologies that can change lives. Since Lions International announced their global focus on diabetes in 2017, nearly 15,000 Lions clubs have hosted more than 35,000 projects, serving over 10 million people in their communities.

IDF estimates that as many as 212 million people, or half the adults currently living with diabetes, are undiagnosed. Most cases are Type 2 diabetes, which is largely preventable. IDF predicts the number of people with diabetes will reach 629 million by 2045.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we are able to extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are focused on supporting sight, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global cause, diabetes, to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. Lions have set an ambitious goal of helping 200 million people per year so we can bring even more service to more people than ever before. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit [lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php).