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To join a Lions club, contact a club in your area and express your interest or ask to attend a meeting to learn more.

Find a club near you! Visit www.lionsclubs.org and click on Find a Club at the top or email membership@lionsclubs.org and we will forward your contact information to a club in your area.

There is a one time entrance fee for chartering a new club or joining an existing club in addition to modest yearly dues. Your local club can provide you with more information. Discounts are available for qualifying family members, students and former Leos.

Champions Lions clubs impact lives and improve communities by focusing on service projects that serve Special Olympics athletes.

This community-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to serve as a Lion with a group of men and women dedicated to supporting Special Olympics.



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Joining forces
to support persons
with intellectual
disabilities.



Champions Lions clubs

Supporting Special Olympics athletes

Building supporting communities

Growing champions

“Champions” Lions clubs empower and build supportive communities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. With a primary focus on projects that serve individuals 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 1.4 million members in over 49,000 clubs from over 200 countries that make Lions Clubs International



Expanding a rooted partnership

Lions clubs around the world have been supporting the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program since 2001. This Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) partnership initiative provides vision screenings to Special Olympics athletes — and has provided prescription eyewear to thousands of athletes for over 20 years.

Champions Lions clubs not only have the opportunity to support Opening Eyes, they can further support Special Olympics athletes through the Healthy Athletes® initiative, Unified Sports® programming, early childhood development initiatives, family health seminars, monetary donations, volunteer support at games and so much more! Champions Lions clubs also play a key role during Special Olympics athletic events through hands-on support and can further enhance the lives of Special Olympics athletes and their families through potential projects listed below:

- Sponsoring and assisting at local games and regional tournaments
- Providing volunteers for coaching, volunteering and Unified Sports® activities
- Providing color vision and visual acuity tests
- Distributing glasses and goggles to athletes
- Providing uniforms and equipment
- Being a resource for athletes and their families
- Participating with athletes on Unified Sports® teams
- Be fans in the stands at Special Olympic events



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.

