



## LEONARD JARRETT AWARDS

Lion Leonard Jarrett is recognized by the Lions of West Virginia as the founder of the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. In 1984 the Foundation established the Leonard Jarrett Award as its highest honor. A donation of \$1,000 by a Lions Club or an individual can bestow this award to a Lion, or other worthy person, that has served the sight or hearing needs of others. Contributions can be made over a five year period.



The Foundation has also established progressive awards. These honor those individuals who have had donations of \$1,000 increments above the initial \$1,000 contribution to be recognized. All of the funds generated from this program are used for sight related purposes.



## SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Lions of West Virginia provide the major portion of the funds for the Foundation through fund raising projects in their respective areas. Some funds are received as memorial gifts honoring deceased friends or loved ones. A



donation of \$100 by an individual will be rewarded with a lapel pin and certificate to the donor. Each donor will be considered a Life Member of

the Permanent Endowment Trust Fund. Only the interest from the trust fund can be used for Sight and Hearing related expenditures. The Trustees and Lions of West Virginia are proud of the fact that less than 3% of the funds received are used for administrative purposes.

## You can help!

Remember the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc. in your will. A gift can be of any size or frequency.

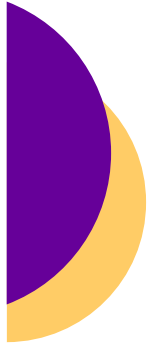
A Bequest is a gift that keeps on giving and establishes your legacy by giving a gift that ensures services will always be available for future generations.

Charitable Gift Annuity is a gift that continues to provide you with income while you are living and provides for services to the visually impaired at the end of your life.

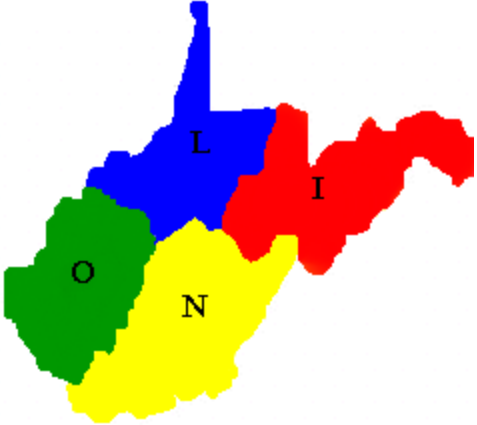
Your legal or financial advisor can help you decide what is best for your situation.

**CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE FOUNDATION BY MAILING YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO:**


PDG Pete Johnson  
Rt. 1, Box 122A  
Fayetteville WV 25840  
Phone (toll free): 866.WVSIGHT  
E-Mail: [Petewvlions@aol.com](mailto:Petewvlions@aol.com)



# WEST VIRGINIA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, INC.



**Lions of West Virginia Helping West Virginia Citizens in Need**





## VISION STATEMENT:

TO BE THE PREMIER PROVIDER OF SIGHT PRESERVATION SERVICES AND LOW VISION SERVICES FOR WEST VIRGINIANS WHERE NO OTHER MEANS OF ASSISTANCE EXISTS. WE ENVISION AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE NO DESERVING AND QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL GOES WITHOUT NEEDED HELP.

## HISTORY:

Since 1925, the Lions of West Virginia have served as Knights of the Blind and Visually Impaired. The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Inc. was established in 1959. The Foundation is governed by eight Trustees and four Lions District Governors, representing all areas of West Virginia. The WVLSFC is a tax exempt 501C(3) organization, which exists to meet the sight and hearing needs of the citizens of West Virginia when other aid is not available.

**WVU Eye Institute / Appalachian Center for Vision Rehabilitation** researches to find the cause and cures for blinding eye disease. Their mission is to provide quality vision care to every resident of this state and region.

**SIGHT AND HEARING CASES** Each year the WVLSFC funds surgery cases which individuals are unable to afford and are beyond the financial means of the local Clubs. This includes:

- ◆ Cataract Surgery
- ◆ Glaucoma Surgery
- ◆ Crossed eyes
- ◆ Other sight related services, as needed

Currently, the Foundation is in partnership with the West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology and WVU Eye Institute to provide surgeries, as well as doctors and hospitals throughout the State of West Virginia.

**VISUAL AIDS** The WVLSFC has provided equipment to aid the visually impaired and blind in their studies, work and daily living. For instance, notebook computers with Braille software and Braille printers have been provided to aid college students. Large screen monitors have been provided to the sight impaired. Equipment purchases require the approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** The Foundation has sight and hearing educational programs available for Lions clubs, civic organizations, church groups, schools, business groups, and others. A program can be scheduled through a Trustee, Sight Executive Committee Member, or District Governor. The WVLSFC encourages every Lions Club in West Virginia to educate its membership in sight and hearing conservation through educational programs provided by the Foundation.

## MOBILE EYE SCREENING UNITS

With financial support provided by Lions Clubs International Foundation and The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the West Virginia Eye Institute, and the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, purchased and equipped two (2) Mobile Eye Screening Units. The units are operated and maintained by the WVLSFC and volunteer Lions. Local Lions Clubs sponsor the Mobile Eye Screening Units. Local optometrists, technicians and Lions provide visual acuity, eye pressure screening, diabetic screening and blood pressure, throughout the state. The screenings are normally scheduled in conjunction with local Lions functions. The Mobile Units' volunteers screen hundreds of adults and children each year. Those needing further evaluation are referred to eye care professionals.

## EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS

The collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids is encouraged by the Foundation. Eyeglasses are used in overseas projects and hearing aids can be reconditioned for local use. Trustees and Sight Executive Committee Members can provide additional information on this project.