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# GUIDE DOGS WELCOME

UNDERSTANDING IS EVEN BETTER



## **Lions work for vision and prevention of blindness**

*In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the Dark Crusade." We accepted this challenge. Today, our vision programs remain one of the most important in the world.*

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## THE LAW IS GOOD, **UNDERSTANDING IS EVEN BETTER**

Our goal is to enable the blind, their families, their loved ones and friends, to easily identify places where they are welcome with their guide dog.

It is true that laws provide access with guide dogs to public transport, public places, places where work, training or education are compulsory. But Lions believe that showing our inclusiveness and openness to the disabled is much more important than simply implementing a legal requirement.

In principle, guide dogs have access to all places open to the public (shops, shopping centers, restaurants, cinemas, hotels, theaters, sports halls) and trains, taxis, buses, etc.

For the blind or visually impaired, the guide dog is synonymous with autonomy, freedom. The accompaniment of the owner is essential in everyday life. The owner and the dog form a real team.

The blind guide dog is trained and monitored by certified professionals and volunteers for many months and then receives an official certificate.

Welcoming a guide dog and his owner in all establishments presents no danger and no inconvenience.

Displaying this sticker "Guide dogs - Welcome here" identifies the companies, administrations, shops or any places that adhere to this citizen action and generous approach. It says you welcome with open arms and understanding the blind and their guide.



## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL AND SIGHT,**

1.445.000 members in the world are serving their community since 1917 !

### **Prevent Blindness, Saving Sight for Millions of People Around the World**

Since Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Indeed, sight is one of Lions defining causes. Through professional training, healthcare system development and wide spread drug treatment distribution, Lions have gained worldwide recognition for their work to improve sight and prevent blindness. Lions around the world are also actively involved in:

- Recycling eyeglasses at 18 centers worldwide.
- Supporting Lions Eye Banks that provide eye tissue for sight-saving surgeries.
- Screening the vision of hundreds of thousands of people every year.
- Preventing blindness by providing treatment to those at risk of losing their vision.
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### **Recreational Camps**

Lions proudly support recreational camps that are customized to meet the special needs of children and adults who are blind or who have severe vision loss. With input from experts – physicians, departments, and ministries of health and local foundations – Lions have organized recreational camps to give these individuals the unique experience of camping.

### **Vision Screenings**

A vision screening is performed to identify possible vision problems. Lions partner with eye care professionals to carry out joint screening events.

### **Lions Recycle For Sight**

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life.

That's why the Lions started the Recycle For Sight program. Everyone can help.

Throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

### **Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help**

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. Here's how you can help.

### **Lions Clubs International Foundation - Sight Programs**

In addition to all of the programs mentioned above, Lions Clubs International Foundation supports several large-scale partnership initiatives, research opportunities and grant programs that aid the Lions in their sight saving efforts.



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