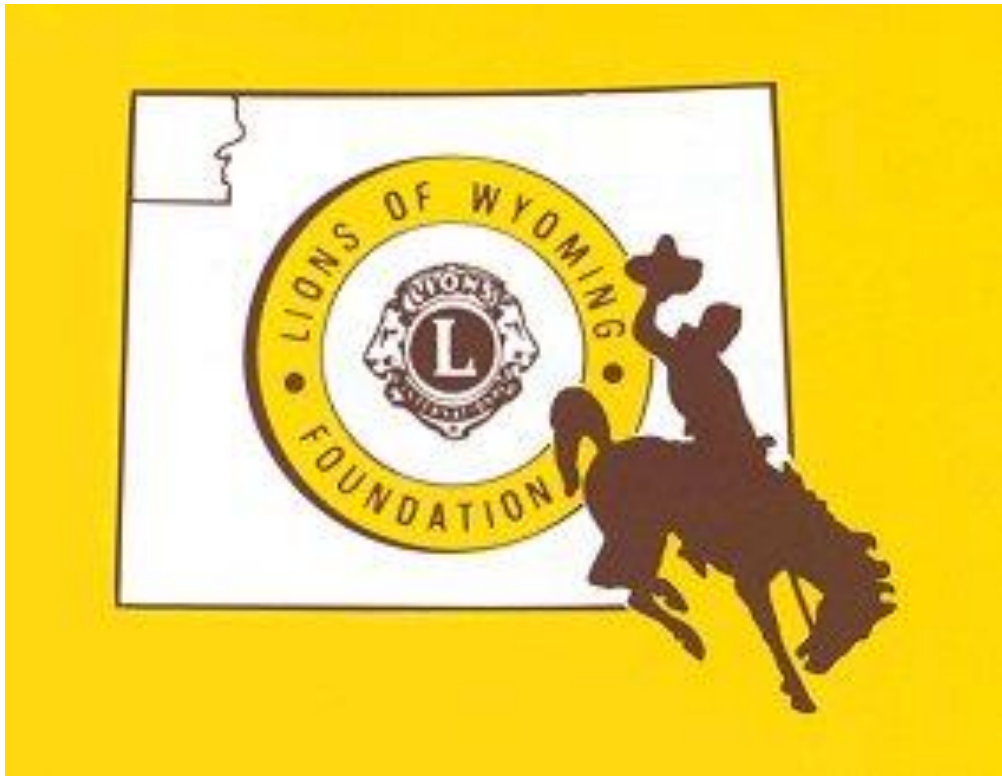


*Lions of Wyoming Foundation*  
**Annual Report**  
**2018**



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## **Lions of Wyoming Foundation**

### **Trustees:**

#### *Officers*

President – Lion Val Grant, Immediate Past DG, Torrington

Vice President – Lion Robert Lyons, Pine Bluffs (DG)

Treasurer – Lion Kurtis Gries, Jackson Hole

Secretary – Lion Jeanne Stapleton, Rawlins (Area 5)

#### *Members*

Lion John Long, Cody (Area 1)

Lion Stuart Bechtel, Gillette (Noon) (Area 2)

Lion Mary Brown, Cheyenne Frontier (Area 3)

Lion Analyn Reader, Riverton (Area 4) (Vacant after June)

Lion Dana Stone, Mountain View (Area 6)

#### *District Governor/VDGs*

Lion Robert Lyons, District Governor, Pine Bluffs

Lion Craig Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Gillette (Noon)

Lion Analyn Reader, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Riverton

#### *Executive Director:*

Lion David Orr, PDG, Cheyenne Sunrise



*The Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions*

# Lions of Wyoming Foundation

## MISSION

The Lions of the Wyoming Foundation exists to assist in the general improvement of the quality of life of those in Wyoming having unmet needs. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Wyoming for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual impairments. The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with the Lions Clubs, foundations and other organizations shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services. (This is under review and scheduled to be voted on at the 2019 State Convention.)

## OBJECTIVES

1. To provide quality programs and services for the treatment of sight related problems for the citizens of Wyoming.
2. To provide assistance for the unmet medical needs associated with sight and hearing.
3. To provide assistance for activities and services for those with disabilities.
4. Provide other grants under special circumstances.

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation is the “Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions.” It is our goal to support Lions projects in Wyoming. We also encourage support of Lions projects in the region, the nation and the world. The major focus of the Foundation is to assist local Clubs with humanitarian projects that require more funding than the club can support on its own. We also provide assistance for clubs in applying for grants from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Surgical Fund and the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation’s Travel Assistance Fund. We often partner with clubs to provide the match for such grants, brokering cooperation between the local club(s), our Foundation, and other grant funding organizations. Since becoming the owner of the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp in 2012, the LoWF has an additional important role: assuring that funding will be in place to underwrite the annual, one-week long Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

## 2018 Highlights



Once again this year, we were supported by the Montgomery Trust for the “Lion’s share” of funding for the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth. Under the management of the State Department of Education, the Montgomery Trust provided nearly \$16,000 of the approximately \$30,000 required to operate the one-week program. Once again, we received a \$10,000 grant from the Howard Fund administered by the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Worthy of note is Lion Mike Cometto, Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp Board Treasurer. In the fall there is a marathon and half marathon event held in Cheyenne. Lion Mike had the great idea to invite Wyoming Lions to sponsor him for one dollar per mile in the half marathon. \$ 5,674 was raised and dedicated toward the repair of sidewalks at the Camp.

The Foundation is developing new fund raising efforts that we hope will bring in funds from the general public, so as not to lean as much on the hard-earned funds raised by our Lions Clubs. Of course, the Camp needs the continued financial and manpower support of our Wyoming Lions as well.

No grants were awarded in 2017. However, we more than made up for that in 2018! Over \$15,000 in grants were awarded in 2018. Fourteen grants: four for cataract surgeries, two for keratoconus contact lenses, one for a keratoconus corneal cross-linking procedure and five sets of hearing aids. In addition, two very large and unusual grants were awarded. \$5,000 for the Roosevelt Fire in Sublette County and \$4,500 for a diabetes dog. Keep reading....

The Kemmerer Lions raised over \$15,000 to purchase a diabetes dog for a teenaged boy in the community. This included funds raised by the family, fundraising activities by the Lions Club, and a \$4,500 grant from the LoWF.

A real highlight of the year was the Pinedale Lions distribution of funds donated to assist those affected by the Roosevelt Fire in Sublette County. Nearly \$400,000 was collected through donations to the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. The Pinedale Lions formed a committee of Lions and local residents, developed a set of assistance criteria and an application form. They began distributing funds based on their procedure. They continued to take applications and distribute funds into 2019. This was a monumental task that was handled in an exemplary fashion by the Pinedale Lions Club!

# Financial

## *Income*

### **Designated Donations**

Bricks & Stones	\$2,765.00
Allen H. Stewart Camp	12,776.39
AHSLC Summer School	32,099.27
Early Childhood Vision Screening	600.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00
RMLEI Foundation	2,400.00
Rocky Mtn. Lions Eye Bank	3,100.00
LCI Foundation	1,250.00
Other Designated	402,097.75

**Total Designated** **\$ 459,847.99**

### **Undesignated Donations/Income**

10% Recapture	\$ 330.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	250.00
Interest and Dividends	0.13
District 15 – Flip Cause/Amazon Smile	34.09
Friends of the Foundation	4,020.00
Other undesignated revenue	5,305.00

### **Investments**

Interest	2.43
Dividends	5,597.07
Capital Gains	4,771.80
Wells Fargo Custodial Fee	1,795.13*

**Total Undesignated Donations/Income** **\$ 22,105.52**

***Grand Total Income*** **\$ 481,953.51**

\*Payment from Jackson brokerage for managing funds

# Information

## *Expenses*

### **DESIGNATED EXPENSES**

### **Carry Over**

AHSLC – Bricks & Stones	2,662.50	102.50
Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp	\$ 12,775.70	0.69
AHSLC Summer School	31,899.27	200.00
Early Childhood Vision Screening	600.00	0.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00	0.00
RMLEI Foundation	2,400.00	0.00
RMLEB	3,100.00	0.00
LCI Foundation	1,250.00	0.00
Other Designated	395,097.75	2,809.58
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 451,735.22</b>	<b>\$ 3,112.77</b>

### **UNDESIGNATED EXPENSES**

#### **Fund Raising Expenses**

#### **Net Raised**

10% Recapture	0.00	330.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	129.60	120.40
Facebook – AHSLC	0.00	220.00
Amazon Smile/Flipcause	0.00	34.09
Friends of the Foundation	73.80	3,946.20
Other Undesignated	0.00	-999.86
Approved Grants	15,735.55	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,607.83</b>	<b>-\$ 246.94</b>

#### **Operating Expenses**

Accounting/Legal	375.00
Bank & Account Charges	115.03
Leadership Training	185.00
Donation Expense-Facebook, Pay AMA	156.03
Supplies	569.31
Postage	178.27
Administrative Expenses	442.80
Marketing & Promotion	1162.27
Meeting Expenses	602.93
Personnel	\$ 12,918.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,704.64</b>
<b>Total Undesignated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 32,643.59</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 484,378.81</b>
<b>Net Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -2,425.30</b>

<b>Assets</b>	<b>1/1/2018</b>	<b>12/31/2018</b>	<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>
FIB – Westlake	\$ 183.26	0.00	-183.26
First Ed FCU #984	11,737.80	9,274.46	-2,463.34
First Ed FCU #00	5.00	5.00	0.00
First Ed FCU #99	1,533.77	1,536.11	2.34
Edward Jones #2-1-6	20,165.77	4,562.86	-15,602.91
E. Jones (Endowment)	99,220.46	99,531.09	310.63
Wells Fargo (Jackson)	91,062.98	81,417.35	-9,645.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 223,909.04</b>	<b>\$196,326.87</b>	<b>\$ -27,582.17</b>

Note:

Funds granted from the Wells Fargo (Jackson) account are not included in in this annual report.

***Grants Awarded in 2018 – 14, totaling \$15,735 (RMLEB \$10,627)***

Cataract Surgeries: 4 - \$3,025 (RMLEB \$8,227)

Hearing Aids: 5 - \$2,335

Corneal Cross Linking (Keratoconus): 1 - \$550 (RMLEB \$2,400)

Contact Lens (Keratoconus): 2 - \$325

Diabetes Dog: 1 - \$4,500

Roosevelt Fire: 1 - \$5,000

***Bricks and Stones Purchased in 2018:***

Red Bricks

Lion David Beard, Sheridan Sundowners Lions

4X12 Stone

Dick W. Steck

Dan & Jeannette Hunter

Gen. Bob Scott/Terry Lou Scott

In Memory of Lion Delbert Hansen, Cheyenne Frontier Lions

8X8 Stone

Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions Club

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8X16 Stones

None





## *Friends of the Foundation*

### *100% Friends Clubs*

Second Year: Pinedale

Sixth Year: Lingle-Ft.Laramie (consecutive), Torrington

Seventh Year: Lander

**Eighth Consecutive Year: Cheyenne (Noon), Cheyenne Sunrise,  
Laramie Plains, Sheridan Sundowners**

### *Gold Lions Program*

Another important source of income for the Foundation is the Gold Lion Program. Clubs may honor local Lions (or non-Lion supporters) by making an undesignated donation of \$250 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver) or \$1,000 (Gold). A plaque is provided for the honoree. This program accounted for \$750 in donations in 2018.

#### *Gold Lion Donors*

None

#### *Silver Lion Donors*

Lee McDonald, Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation

#### *Bronze Lion Donors*

Lion Randy Belton, Pinedale Lions

## **Lions Projects Supported by Lions of Wyoming Foundation:**

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation encourages Wyoming Lions and Lions Clubs to support these Lions Projects/Programs through direct donations or gifts channeled through the Foundation.

- Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp and Summer School for Visually Impaired
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Lions Clubs International Foundation

## How can you and your Lions Club support LoWF?

Lions work diligently all year long to raise funds to serve residents of their home community. The Trustees of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation invite Wyoming Lions to contribute to the Foundation in a manner that is meaningful to your club. Your donations are our life's blood. Without the support of the Lions Clubs of Wyoming, LoWF would cease to exist very soon. The grants provided through your support have helped local Lions Clubs provide sight restoring surgeries and other services for individuals in Lions Club communities all over Wyoming.

- **Individual Lions may become a Friend of the Foundation for \$20.** If all members of a club become a "Friend," the club will receive a 100% banner patch. At least one Wyoming Club has increased their dues by \$20 and dedicated those funds to the Foundation for a 100% Friends. Others include LoWF in proceeds of a particular fund-raising project each year in an amount sufficient to donate \$20 for each club member.
- **Honor your outgoing president (or any other member)** with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Lion Award. Only two donations were received for this award in 2018. This too, can be a major source of funds for the Foundation.
- **Pledge a dollar amount** – as an individual or as a club.
- **Dedicate the proceeds from one fund raising project** to the Foundation.
- **Dedicate a portion of your Tail Twister** collections to the Foundation.
- **However you do it**, we sincerely hope you will join the many other Wyoming Lions and Lions Clubs in supporting your Foundation.

*So why should clubs contribute to the Foundation? The answer is the matching funds grant program. Partnering with the Foundation doubles the power of the funds raised and retained at the local level. The Foundation further leverages the value of funds raised by partnering with other charitable groups such as the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank and the Montgomery Trust.*

*2018 Donors*

Club/Individual	Club/Individual
Rebecca Allen	Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions
Stu Bechtel	Medicine Bow Lions
Mary Brown	Mountain View Lions
Byron Lions	Bernie Newland
Casper Lions	Helen Oates
Casper Mountain Lions	David & Kathy Orr
Cheyenne (Noon) Lions	Shanda Palochak
Cheyenne Frontier Lions	Pine Bluffs Lions
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions	Rawlins Lions
Cody Lions	Gary Roadifer
WLLI Colorado Lions	Jim & Glenda Reynolds
Doug Ebert	Kate Russell
Encampment-Riverside Lions	Riverton Lions Foundation
Dominions Energy	Rossman Elementary School
Gillette (Noon) Lions	Sheridan Sundowner Lions
Pam Glasser	Deane Skinner
Glenrock Lions	Story Lions
Hulett Lions	Ten Sleep/Hyattville Lions
K. Gill Foundation	Craig Thompson
Lois Hansen	Don Thorson
Jere Hudak	Torrington Lions
Lander Lions	Leo Urbanek
Laramie Plains Lions	Bill & Robin Walters
Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions	Ted Wenckus
Bob Lauman	Bill Winland
Tony Layson	WLLI Participants

*2018 Grants Awarded*

Howard Fund (CO DVR)	Montgomery Trust (WY Dept. of Ed.)
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