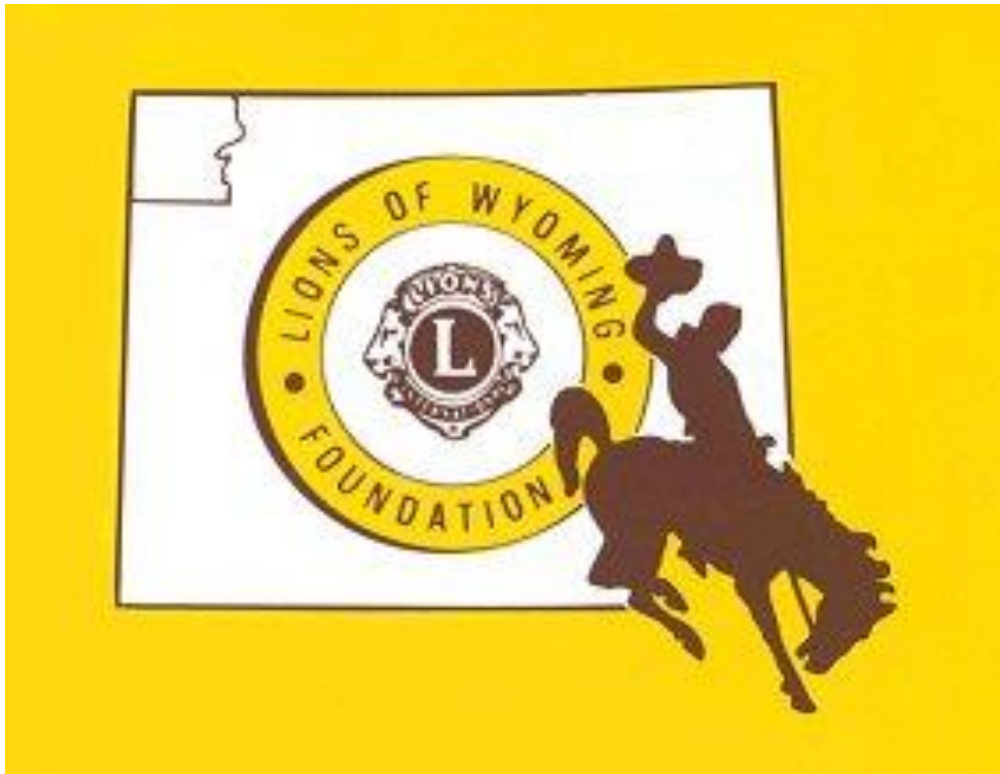


Lions of Wyoming Foundation

Annual Report

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Lions of Wyoming Foundation

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Secretary – Lion Jeanne Stapleton, Rawlins (Area 5)

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

Lion Dana Stone, Mountain View (Area 6)

District Governor/VDGs

Lion Craig Thompson, District Governor, Gillette (Noon)

Lion Analyn Reader, 1st Vice District Governor, Riverton

Lion Robin Walters, 2nd Vice District Governor, Cheyenne
Sunrise

Executive Director:

Lion David Orr, PDG, Cheyenne Sunrise



The Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions

Lions of Wyoming Foundation

MISSION

It is the specific mission of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Wyoming for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual impairments and others with special needs. The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with Lions Clubs, foundations and/or other organizations shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services.

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 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 Camp operations and the annual, one-week long Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

2019 Highlights

For the first time in many years the Summer School at the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp was cancelled due to personnel issues, including staffing the Summer School Director position. The plan is to resume the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth in the summer of 2020.

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 Lion-power support of our Wyoming Lions as well.

A total of \$2,677.10 were issued in patient assistance grants in 2019. Five grants: three for cataract surgeries, one for detached retina and one set of hearing aids.

In 2018 there was a large fire in Sublette County, the Roosevelt Fire. Donations came pouring in with several major donors offering large matches. Pinedale Lions took charge of distribution of funds to assist those affected by the fire. Nearly \$400,000 was collected in 2018 through donations to the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. The donations to help the Roosevelt Fire victims continued to be received and dispensed by the Pinedale Lions. In 2019 these totaled nearly \$60,000 additional donations.

Gold Lion Award Renamed to Honor PID Bill Winland



The name of the Gold Lion Award was changed this year. It was renamed to honor Lion Director Bill Winland, who passed away in 2018. He served as International Director in 1980-82. Lion Bill was the first Executive Director of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation, which was founded in 1983. Bill's widow, Sharon Winland, was presented with the first Winland Award at the 2019 Wyoming District Convention in Gillette.

Financial

Income

Designated Donations

Bricks & Stones	\$975.00
Allen H. Stewart Camp	78,813.71
AHSLC Summer School - Fundraiser	4,884.00
Early Childhood Vision Screening	350.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00
RMLEI Foundation	2,000.00
Rocky Mtn. Lions Eye Bank	1,100.00
LCI Foundation	700.00
Other Designated	66,083.66

Total Designated **\$ 156,856.37**

Undesignated Donations/Income

10% Recapture	\$ 220.00
Winland/Silver/Bronze Lion	1,700.00
Interest and Dividends	2.26
Flip Cause/Amazon Smile	44.24
Friends of the Foundation	3,530.00
Other undesignated revenue	8,003.00
Investments	
Interest	2.26
Dividends	5,507.64
Capital Gains	2,905.92
Wells Fargo Custodial Fee	1,833.96*
Total Undesignated Donations/Income	\$ 23,747.92
<i>Grand Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 180,603.39</i>

*Payment from Jackson brokerage for managing funds

Information

Expenses

DESIGNATED EXPENSES		Carry Over
AHSLC – Bricks & Stones	457.50	517.50
Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp	\$ 77,250.25	1,563.46
AHSLC Summer School	4,894.94	10.84
Early Childhood Vision Screening	350.00	0.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00	0.00
RMLEI Foundation	2,000.00	0.00
RMLEB	1,000.00	100.00
LCI Foundation	700.00	0.00
Other Designated	68,887.14	-2,803.48
Total Designated Expenses	\$ 157,489.83	-\$ 633.46

UNDESIGNATED EXPENSES

Fund Raising Expenses/Payments		Net Raised
10% Recapture	0.00	220.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	220.80	1,479.20
Amazon Smile/Flipcause	0.00	44.24
Friends of the Foundation	637.50	2,892.50
Other Undesignated	0.00	8,003.00
Approved Grants	2,677.10	
Wells Fargo Custodial Fee	0.00	1,833.96
Total Fund Raising Expenses/Payments	\$ 3,535.40	\$ 14,472.90

Operating Expenses

Accounting/Legal	0.00
Bank & Account Charges	150.00
Leadership Training	0.00
Donation Expense-Facebook, Pay AMA	62.76
Supplies	87.35
Postage	111.46
Administrative Expenses	152.00
Marketing & Promotion	1,429.78
Meeting Expenses	114.66
Personnel	\$ 12,918.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 15,026.01
Total Undesignated Expenses	\$ 18,561.41
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 176,051.24
Net Income vs Expenses	\$ 4,552.15

Assets	1/1/2019	12/31/2019	Net Gain/Loss
First Ed FCU #984	9,274.46	6,950.91	-2,463.34
First Ed FCU #00	5.00	5.00	0.00
First Ed FCU #99	1,536.11	1513.37	-22.74
Edward Jones #2-1-6	4,562.86	2,458.67	-2,104.19
E. Jones (Endowment)	99,531.09	117,795.15	18,264.06
Wells Fargo (Jackson)	81,417.35	96,422.99	15,005.54
Total	\$ 196,326.87	\$225,145.99	\$ 28,819.12

*Grants Awarded in 2019 – 5, totaling \$2,677.10
(RMLEB \$8,581.40)*

Cataract Surgeries: 3 - \$1,803.55 (RMLEB \$6,667.21)

Hearing Aids: 1 - \$498.00

Detached Retina: 1 – \$375.55 (RMLEB \$1,914.19)

Bricks and Stones Purchased in 2019:

Red Bricks

Newcastle Lions Club

Greg Rohrer, Chef Extraordinaire

Lion Melvin Krotz, Torrington Lions Club

In Memory of Kody Kissling, Mountain View Lions Club

In Memory of Roy W. Phillips, Ten Sleep-Hyattville Lions Club

Betty D. Hazen, Robert & Cheryl Phillips

4X12 Stone

In Memory of Bobby Marcum

Friends of the Foundation

100% Friends Clubs

Third Year: Pinedale (2nd consecutive)

Seventh Consecutive Year: Lingle-Ft.Laramie

Eighth Year: Lander (2nd consecutive)

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

Winland Award, Silver, Bronze 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 (Winland Award). A plaque is provided for the honoree. This program accounted for \$750 in donations in 2018.

Gold Lion Recipient/Donors

Honorary to Lion Bill Winland (no donation)

Silver Lion Recipient/Donors

Lion Ed Wright/Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

Lion Ed Jacobs/Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

Bronze Lion Recipient/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.

2019 Donors

Club/Individual	Club/Individual
Barlan, Inc.	Robert Lyons, Pine Bluffs
Stuart Bechtel, Gillette Noon	Leland McDonald, Laramie Plains
Byron Lions	Marcum Family, Cheyenne Frontier
Casper Mountain Lions	Mountain View Lions
Cody Lions	Network for Good
Cheyenne Frontier Lions	Newcastle Lions
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions	Robert & Cheryl Phillips
Wilson Crawford	Pine Bluffs Lions
Douglas Lions	Pinedale Lions
Encampment-Riverside Lions	Dennis Pino, Frontier Lions
Jennifer Gibson, Pinedale Lions	James Rapp, Sheridan Sundowners
Jon Gibson, Pinedale Lions	Rick Ragland, Pine Bluffs Lion
Kurtis Gries, Jackson Hole	Gary Roadifer, Pine Bluffs Lions
Lois Hansen, Cheyenne Frontier	
Jenell Hendricksen	Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
Steve Hopkins, Cheyenne Frontier	Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Inst.Fndtn.
Hulett Lions	Lyle Schillinger
Jerry Krois, Cheyenne Frontier	Brian Sheehan
Lander Lions	Ten Sleep-Hyattville Lions
Howard Last, Cheyenne Noon	Torrington Lions
John Long, Cody Lions	Craig Thompson, Gillette Noon
Laramie Plains Lions	Frederick Trimmer
Charles Lyons, Pine Bluffs	Ron Vines, Cheyenne Frontier
Diane Lyons, Pine Bluffs	Ted Wenckus, Story Lions