

8 Global Causes for Lions

Vision

- One of the oldest priorities of Lions — in fact, Helen Keller challenged Lions in 1925 to be “knights of the blind.”
- Lions work to prevent avoidable blindness, restore sight where possible, provide vision screenings, eyeglasses, and support for visually impaired people.
- They also run eye-banking programs, which help in storing eye tissue for sight-restoring surgery.

Hunger

- Lions aim to improve food security and ensure access to nutritious food in communities.
- Projects may include food drives, partnerships with food banks, community gardens, or other ways to reduce food deprivation.

Environment

- Environmental sustainability is a key focus. Lions engage in activities like tree planting, recycling campaigns, clean-up initiatives, and environmental education.
- They recognize that a healthy environment is foundational for healthy communities.

Diabetes

- Lions work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for people with diabetes.
- They organize diabetes screenings, support groups, and diabetes awareness “Strides” events (walks, runs, etc.).
- They also support diabetes camps for youth to help them learn about disease management.

Childhood Cancer

- Lions support children and families affected by cancer.
- They fundraise, partner with hospitals, provide support services, and create programs to improve the lives of pediatric cancer patients and survivors.

Disaster Relief

- Lions respond to natural disasters by offering immediate aid and long-term recovery support.

Humanitarian

- More broadly, they help address urgent humanitarian needs around the world.

Youth

- Lions support youth through programs, leadership opportunities, and by working with Leos (the youth branch of Lions) to nurture the next generation.