



A publication for Lions  
across Canada

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## A Letter from your Lions Liaison

After a summer that brought the heat, I'm excited to jump back alongside Lions from coast to coast. Meeting so many of you this past year has shown me the passion and generosity that fuel our mission. I also want to acknowledge Danielle Rosenblum's incredible work over the years, in building strong connections with Lions across Canada — her dedication has left a lasting mark, and I'm honoured to carry that forward.

From fundraising to scholarships, memorial trees to district challenges — every effort helps provide life-changing Dog Guides to Canadians with disabilities.

Let's make this the year we dream bigger, do more, and change even more lives together.

**Richard Banyard**  
Campaign Coordinator



# Urgent Appeal – The Difference Campaign

Lions have always risen to meet the moment, and today, we're being called to do it again. Construction on our new national training school is currently paused due to a \$20 million shortfall. But with the energy and generosity of Lions across Canada, we can get building again and ensure the future of Dog Guides is secure.

Already, more than 600 Lions Clubs have stepped forward to support this urgent appeal, showing the incredible strength of our community. Every contribution, big or small, is part of the momentum that will see this world-class facility completed.

You can follow our progress and see the campaign counter in action here: [events.dogguides.com/event/difference/home](https://events.dogguides.com/event/difference/home)

## ***The Difference***

Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



# Host a Dine in the Dark Event This Fall

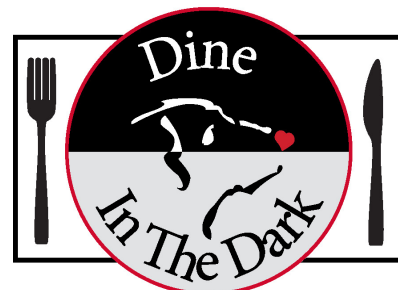
Dine in the Dark is a powerful way to raise awareness about vision loss while supporting the new Dog Guide training school. It's also a unique opportunity for your club to connect with the community and support Canadians living with disabilities.

Several clubs are already planning events — and we'd love to see more take part this fall. Hosting is simple, and we provide helpful resources to guide your planning. Bring this impactful event to your club and continue the Lions legacy of service in a new way.

For more information or to start planning, contact:

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Toll Free: 1 (800) 768-3030 Ext. 202



## Opening Doors Through Scholarships

For many Canadians with disabilities, the journey to independence starts at Dog Guides University — but tuition here isn't measured in dollars for the student, and everyone gets a free-ride. Thanks to generous donors like Lions Clubs across the country, the \$35,000 it takes to breed, raise, train, place, and provide ongoing support to a Dog Guide team is covered entirely, ensuring no one pays a cent to receive their life-changing partner.

Scholarships allow you to symbolically support a Dog Guide in training at different stages: from early skills as a pup, all the way to final in-person training with their new handler. Each stage plays a vital role in building a confident, capable Dog Guide — and in opening doors to safety, independence, and new opportunities for their future partner.

Whether you choose a Novice Scholarship at \$5,000 or a Full Scholarship at \$35,000, your club's gift creates a ripple effect of impact that lasts a lifetime. **Consider making this the year your club helps fund a scholarship and changes a life forever.**

Learn more or get started: [scholarships@dogguides.com](mailto:scholarships@dogguides.com) | [dogguides.com/scholarship-program](https://dogguides.com/scholarship-program)



# Program Spotlight: Canine Vision

This year marks 100 years since Helen Keller challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness.” Her call to action in 1925 continues to inspire Lions worldwide — and lives on through our Canine Vision Dog Guides.

These highly trained dogs assist Canadians 14 and older who are blind or visually impaired by:

- Navigating obstacles like stairs, curbs, and crowds
- Locating doors, seats, and crosswalk buttons
- Supporting safe use of public transportation
- Providing a sense of security and loyal companionship

Every Canine Vision Dog Guide costs \$35,000 to breed, train, and place — but is provided at no cost to the client. Lions can help make these matches possible by sponsoring part or all of a Dog Guide’s training through a Scholarship or program-specific gift.



# Client Spotlight

## Kathy & Oakley — Canine Vision team, Hamilton

"I walk with confidence with my Canine Vision Dog Guide Oakley by my side. At a sidewalk curb, he steps up with his front paws and waits until I say 'Got it' before we proceed. If he notices something is not safe, he stops and I instruct him to 'find the way.' If he can determine a safe path, we continue. If not, we turn around, retrace our steps and choose a different route. I trust Oakley even if he doesn't follow my directions. One time, we were crossing in front of a car waiting at a stop sign, but Oakley stopped and refused to move. Suddenly, a car sped around the stopped vehicle."



## Michelle & Bonbon — Canine Vision team, Fenelon Falls

"Well, before I started working with Bonbon, I was too nervous to get the mail, which is just 100 meters up the road from my house. But thanks to having Bonbon by my side, we travelled—just her and I—to Winnipeg and back this past week. It felt amazing, and I can never thank everyone at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides enough for giving me my life back."



# The Difference Campaign District Challenge Reminder

There's still time to take part in The Difference Campaign District Challenge! Any Lions Club within your district donating \$250 or more to The Difference Campaign counts toward your district's goal, 75% of clubs for Gold, 50% for Silver, and 25% for Bronze. Let's get your district on the plaque in our new training school and make a lasting difference. [dogguides.com/thedifference](http://dogguides.com/thedifference)

# Thank You for Your Generosity

(Donations June- August 2025)

## Ongoing Support

|                                                                |                                        |                                          |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Green Capes Trust A3<br>Past District Governors<br>Association | Coquitlam River Lions<br>Club          | Lake Country Winfield<br>Lions Club      | Rivers & Area Lions<br>Club          |
| Arnold's Cove Lions<br>Club                                    | Dereham District Lions<br>Club         | Lake Windermere &<br>District Lions Club | Ripley & District Lions<br>Club Inc. |
| Ashcroft & District<br>Lions Club                              | District 5-SKS                         | Long Point Lioness<br>Club               | Saskatoon Millennium<br>Lions Club   |
| Auburn & District Lions<br>Club                                | District A-16                          | Maple Lions Club                         | Simcoe Lady Lions<br>Club            |
| Bewdley & District<br>Lions Club                               | District N-2                           | Minnedosa Lions Club                     | St. Agapit Lions Club<br>Inc.        |
| Binscarth & District<br>Lions Club                             | Dublin & District Lions<br>Club        | Multiple District N                      | St. Davids & District<br>Lions Club  |
| Birtle Lions Club                                              | East Peterborough<br>Lions Club        | Nashwaaksis Lions<br>Club Inc            | St. Eleanors Lions Club              |
| Broadview District<br>Lions Club                               | Fenwick Lions Club                     | Neustadt & District<br>Lions Club Inc.   | Teulon & Area Lions<br>Club          |
| Brooklin Ashburn<br>Myrtle Lions Club<br>(BAM)                 | Glen Morris & District<br>Lions Club   | North Bay Lions Club                     | Thistletown Lions Club               |
| Burgeo Lions Club                                              | Gore Bay West<br>Manitoulin Lions Club | North Vancouver Deep<br>Cove Lions Club  | Thorndale Lions Club                 |
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| Chinguacousy Lions<br>Club                                     | Hantsport & District<br>Lions Club     | O'Leary Lions Club                       | Verona Lions Club Inc.               |
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|                                                                | Hunter River Lions<br>Club             | Port Union Lions Club                    | Wawanesa Lions Club                  |
|                                                                | Innisfil Lions Club                    | Prescott & District<br>Lions Club        | West Grey Durham<br>Lions Club       |
|                                                                | Innerkip & District<br>Lions Club      | Quesnel Lions Club                       | Weston Lions Club Inc.               |
|                                                                | Keene Lions Club                       | Random Lions Club                        | Woolwich Community<br>Lions Club     |



## Capital Campaign

Belleville Lions Club  
Bethune & District  
Lions Club

Bishops Falls Lions  
Club

Canada True Vision  
Cyber Club

Carlyle District Lions  
Club

Coboconk & District  
Lions Club

Cymbria Lions Club Inc.

Deer Lake Lions Club

Disbanded - Fonthill  
Lionettes

District A-12

District N-3

Elkford Lions Club

Elmira Lions Club

Elrose Lioness Lions  
Club

Glenavon Lions Club

Grande Prairie Lions  
Club

Gravelbourg Lions  
Club Inc.

Hagersville District  
Lions Club

Jarvis Lions Club Inc.

Lomond Lions Club

Londesboro Lions Club

Loreburn District Lions  
Club

Marmora Crowe Valley  
Lions Club

Meadow Lake Lions  
Club

Millbrook & District  
Lions Club

Niagara Falls Lions  
Club Inc.

Oro District Lions Club

Paradise Centennial  
Lions Club

Penetanguishene Lions  
Club

Peterborough Lions  
Club

Plessisville Lions Club  
Inc

Port Perry Lions Club

Riverview Lions Club  
Inc.

Russell & District Lions  
Club

St. Catherines & District  
Kennel & Obedience  
Club Inc.

St. John's Lions Club

Stouffville Lions Club

Sunderland Lions Club

Three Rivers Lions Club

Udora & Leaskdale  
Lions Club

West Grey Durham  
Lions Club

Whitestone McKellar  
Lions Club

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## Scholarships

Ajax Lions Club

Bow Island Lions Club

Fisherville District  
Lions Club

Flin Flon Lions Club

Goulds Lions Club

Mount Forest Lions  
Club

North Newmarket  
Lions Foundation

Regina Beach Lions  
Club

Richmond Lions Club

Richvale Lions Club

Rockton Lions Club

Sasquatch Lions Club

Stephenville Lions  
Club

Welland Lions Club

## Fellowships and Memberships

Alliston Lions Club  
Amherst Lions Club  
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Charlton Englehart Lions Club  
Coldbrook & District Lions Club  
East Peterborough Lions Club  
Elmira Lions Club  
Hantsport & District

Lions Club  
Lake Echo Lions Club  
Lachute Lions Club  
Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club  
Medicine Hat Lions Club  
Minden & District Lions Club  
Moncton Lions Club  
Morinville Lions Club  
Mount Forest Lions Club

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Orleans Lions Club Inc.  
Oro District Lions Club  
Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Club  
Port Aux Basques Lions Club  
Port Perry Lions Club  
Prince Albert Lions Club  
Ripley & District Lions Club Inc.  
Sooke Harbourside Lions Club

St. Eleanors Lions Club  
Stony Plain Lions Club  
Surrey Central Lions Club  
Wasaga Beach Lions Club  
Wyoming Lioness/Lions Club





# Contact Us

We always love hearing about what your clubs, zones, and districts are up to, and we'd be thrilled to share any highlights in our e-newsletter. We're talking stories, messages, club milestones, in memoriams, and anything else you'd like to feature. You can easily submit it online through our [intake form](#). Follow us on social media at [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and sign-up for our monthly newsletter to keep up-to-date on all things Dog Guides.

For further questions and additional support, please contact your Lions Liaison:

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