



LIONS FOUNDATION
of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario

ROARING INTO SUMMER

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Summer's here, bringing sunshine, fresh beginnings, and new opportunities to make a difference together. Whether you're a long-time Lion or a new supporter, we're so glad you're part of our journey. From vision screenings to hearing programs, safe stays in the city, and heartfelt community outreach, everything we do is made possible by people like you.

So let's take a moment to celebrate what we've accomplished together and look ahead to the sunshine-filled season of service before us.

We're Growing!
Serenity Suites Expansion
Underway

Accessing medical care in Winnipeg shouldn't come with the added stress of



finding a place to stay. That's why our Serenity Suites program offers affordable, fully furnished accommodations to individuals and families who need to travel for treatment.

We're excited to share that we're expanding to **seven suites**, and we're now in the process of equipping the **two newest units** from the ground up. Centrally located at Portage Avenue and Sherbrook Street inside Lions Manor, Serenity Suites are just minutes from Health Sciences Centre, Children's Hospital, CancerCare Manitoba, Misericordia Health Centre, and more.

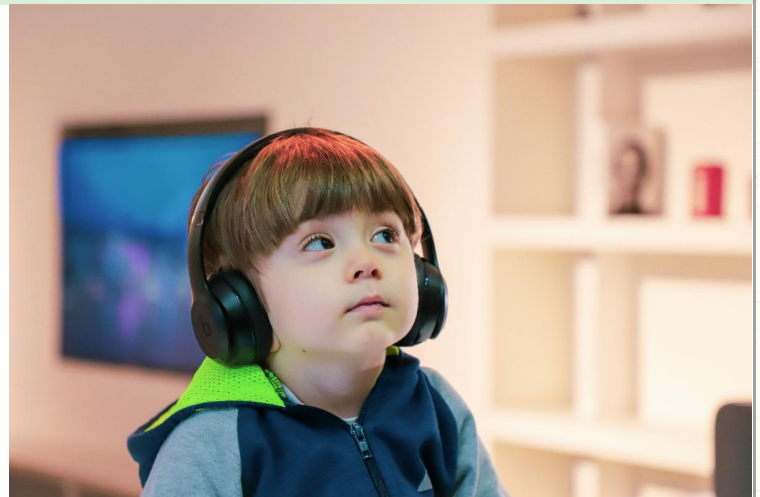
We believe comfort should be accessible. That's why our rates start **as low as \$70 per night**. Because rest and recovery shouldn't come with a high price tag. Whether it's a few nights or weeks, Serenity Suites is here to support families through some of life's most difficult moments. With dignity, compassion, and care.

[Learn More](#)

Helping Kids Hear the World

A New Chapter for Simply Sound Pillar

At the Lions Foundation, we believe every child deserves the best possible start in life, including the ability to hear, connect, and thrive. That's why we've launched a new initiative under our *Simply Sound* pillar: **Helping Kids Hear the World**.



This early hearing screening project focuses on children from birth to age five — those critical years when speech, learning, and social development are taking shape. Many children are missed by newborn screening or develop hearing loss later, going undetected for months or even years. We want to change that.

To reach more children, we're applying for grants and seeking donations to purchase **three portable OAE hearing screening devices**—gentle, effective tools that allow trained volunteers to screen children in just

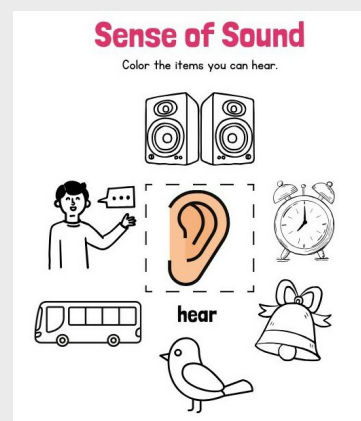


minutes. These devices are safe, stress-free, and don't require kids to speak or sit still, making them ideal for daycare and preschool settings.

Did You Know?

Roughly 3 in every 1,000 Canadian infants are born with permanent hearing loss, and some cases aren't identified until the child is over age two. Delays in diagnosis can significantly impact speech, learning, and emotional development.

(Source: Canadian Pediatric Society, 2021)



With three devices, we can screen **at least 6,000 children** in the first year, giving families peace of mind and helping kids get the support they need, early.

And this is just the beginning. As we launch this initiative, our goal is to expand its reach over time, ensuring that no child is left unheard.

With the right support, that vision becomes possible. **Your donation will help us reach more families, equip our team, and bring hearing care to children who need it most.**

Support the Project

KidSight on the Move

A Month of Vision, A Future of Clarity

May was a busy and rewarding month for our KidSight vision screening program, and its impact continues to grow.

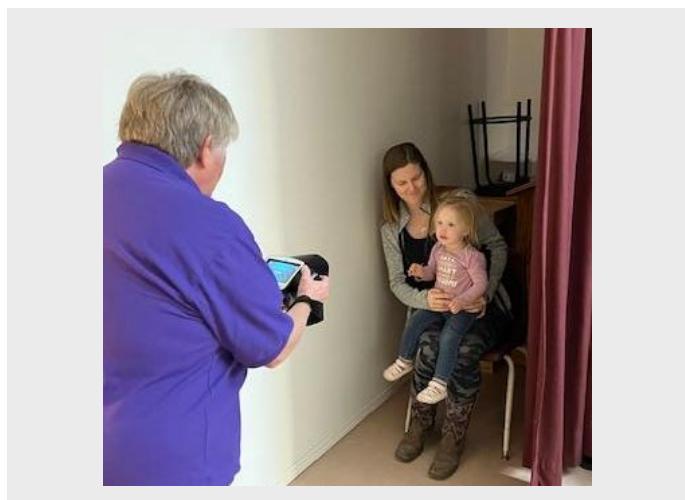
From the lively Minnedosa Spring Craft Sale and Tiny Tots Expo in Winnipeg to the warm crowds at the Wellness Fair in Beausejour and school visits in Gimli and Winnipeg Beach, our Lions Clubs teams were out in the community, helping more children access this vital screening early.

And while many of these events have been shared in photos, they represent just a glimpse of everything that happened behind the scenes.

Throughout the month, countless screenings took place quietly in daycares, schools, and community centres, where our volunteers delivered this life-changing service with care, warmth, and precision.

Each quick scan could mean the difference between a missed diagnosis and a brighter, more confident future.

To every Lion and volunteer who made this possible: thank you. Your time, heart, and hands are what make KidSight the incredible program it is. Because of you, more children are stepping into school ready to see, learn, and thrive.



If your community could benefit from a screening event, let us know. We'd love to bring KidSight to you.

Contact Us



Lions in Action: Club Spotlight

This month, we're proud to shine a spotlight on the incredible generosity of the **Lions Club of Lac du Bonnet** and its devoted **President, Lion Greg Short**. Their recent \$10,000 donation to the Lions Foundation is not just a gift but a powerful investment in community care.

While their support strengthens all four of our service pillars, a special focus was placed on the KidSight vision screening program, helping more children see clearly, learn confidently, and thrive in the world around them.

This contribution will help us continue providing life-changing programs, such as Giving Glances, Simply Sound, Serenity Suites, and Helping Hands, reaching those who need it most, when they need it most.

To Lion Greg and the entire Lac du Bonnet club: thank you. Your compassion, leadership, and unwavering belief in service inspire us deeply. Because of Lions like you, brighter days are within reach for so many.

Know a club or Lion who's making a big impact? Share their story with us! We'd love to feature them in an upcoming edition.

Esther's Story:

Volunteering As a Way of Life

This month, we're proud to shine a light on Esther Dick, a longtime volunteer whose dedication and kindness have touched countless lives. For 15 years, Esther has volunteered with the Lions Foundation, sorting eyeglasses to be delivered to people in need in developing countries. She's proudly working toward a remarkable goal—reaching her one-millionth pair.

Before she joined our team, Esther spent 24 years as a teacher, guiding and inspiring young minds. Now, she brings that same heart to her volunteer work, making a quiet but powerful impact every time she steps through our doors.



Esther, thank you for your time, your heart, and your commitment. You remind us that even the smallest acts of service can create lasting change.

And to all our volunteers—thank you for being the steady hands and kind hearts behind everything we do.

Stay Connected with Us!

Want to see more of the impact you're making possible? Follow us on social media for regular updates, behind-the-scenes moments, volunteer highlights, and upcoming events!

Follow us on
Facebook

Connect with us on LinkedIn

Help Us Keep the Care Going

Every child screened, every life touched: *it all begins with your support.*

Your every donation counts and helps us deliver vital programs, such as **Serenity Suites, Simply Sound, Giving Glances, and Helping Hands**, to those who need them most.

- ☐ Give today—and help us bring comfort, clarity, and hope to more families across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

DONATE NOW

Together, we're not just responding to needs. We're building a future where everyone has a chance to heal, thrive, and be heard.

Thank You for Being Part of the Pride

The Lions Foundation thrives because of people like you: compassionate, generous, and deeply rooted in service. Together, we're helping people see and hear fully, travel safely, and live with dignity.

Thank you for all you do. Let's keep going—summer is just getting started, and so is the impact we can make.

**With heartfelt gratitude,
The Lions Foundation Team**

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