



Dear Lions Friends and Supporters,

As summer gives way to autumn, we pause to reflect on the many ways Lions have touched lives over the past few months. This was not just a season of warm weather and community events, but a chapter of impact and stories worth sharing.

So grab a moment with us and discover the highlights of a summer that's left a lasting mark and the exciting journeys that lie ahead.

KidSight: Back-to-School Prep

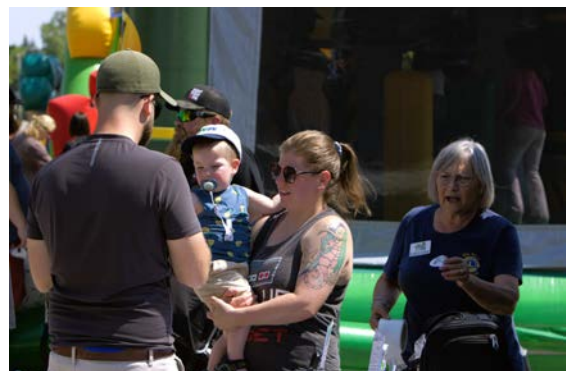


While parents are racing through aisles hunting for the perfect sneakers, the sharpest pencils, and that one binder their child must have in exactly the right colour, our Lions are busy with their own back-to-school prep: charging screening cameras, filling in the inks to the printers, and gearing up to bring life-changing vision screenings into classrooms. And while kids had the chance to chill during the summer, our Lions were busy bringing KidSight

vision screenings to families across the region.

From the Summer in the City Festival in Steinbach, to Banana Days in Melita, to the Triple S Rodeo in Selkirk, and many more community gatherings, our Lions checked thousands of children across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. For most, the results meant reassurance and peace of mind. For others, referrals meant early intervention, catching possible issues before they could hinder learning, play, and confidence.

Each quick scan, lasting only seconds, has the power to change a child's future. But this summer gifted us something beyond numbers. It brought the kind of recognition we've been working toward from the very beginning. Recognition from our most important audience: the children themselves, who proudly pointed and told us, "We know about KidSight!"



Such growing recognition of KidSight has brought something else into focus. The demand for screenings exceeds the resources we currently have. With only nine cameras serving the entire region, it's becoming harder to keep up with the requests pouring in from schools, daycares, and communities.

That's why we're preparing to launch Bringing Care Closer, a mobile

program that will deliver free vision and hearing screenings to as many as 40,000 children each year. It's the natural next step in this journey, ensuring that every child, no matter where they live, has access to care close to home.



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And what's even more exciting is that you can be a part of something truly incredible. Your every gift helps us reach more children with screenings that can change their lives forever. Please, help us bring the care closer.

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Summer Updates from Serenity Suites

Expanding to Meet Growing Needs.

The demand for medical accommodations in Winnipeg continues to grow, and we've worked hard to expand alongside it. Over the summer, we completed renovations and prepared two additional one-bedroom suites, bringing our total to seven fully furnished apartments. This means we can welcome more families and individuals travelling to the city for treatment, offering them a safe, comfortable, and supportive place to stay during what can often be a stressful time.



New Colour-Coded System.



We know that small details can make a big difference when you're far from home. Each Suite has now been given a name and a unique colour code to simplify navigation and communication. You'll notice this change in your booking confirmation messages, on key tags, door stickers, Wi-Fi cards, and others. This system ensures clarity and makes the whole experience smoother for both our guests and staff.

Online Booking.

A screenshot of the online booking system interface. It shows a calendar for August, September, and October 2025. The calendar has a legend for Availability (green circle), Booked (red circle), and Pending (yellow circle). Below the calendar, there are fields for "Selected Dates" (1-7 nights), "Total \$120", "All Guest Names", "All Guest Rooms", "Address (Number & street name)", "City/Town?", "Postal Code?", and "Email?".

Another exciting milestone this summer has been the launch of our online booking system. Guests can now visit our website to see real-time availability, select their preferred suite, and confirm their stay — all in one place. This self-service option gives everyone greater independence and flexibility in planning their stay — a significant improvement, since medical travel can already feel stressful and overwhelming.

Responding Quickly to Guest Needs.

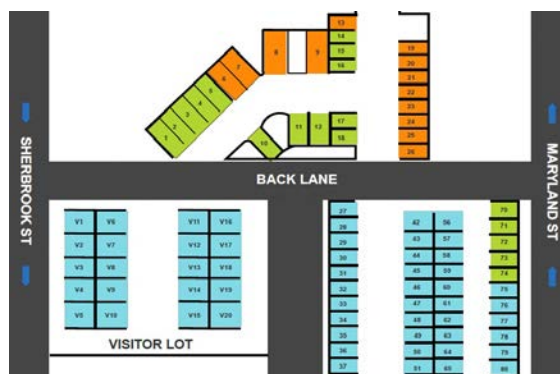
A handwritten guest feedback card from Mary Ritchie dated August 7, 2025. The card is titled "TELL US WHAT YOU THINK" and contains the following text: "Your views about our services are important to us. Your experiences will help us to improve existing services and influence our future plans. ♦ Do you have any comments about our services? This might be something that went well, or a concern about the service that you have received from us. ♦ Do you have a view about how services might be delivered in the future? If so, we would like to hear your views and comments. Please fill in this comment card and either leave it in your suite or drop off in our office." The handwritten response reads: "This was a 'Home Away from Home' service. It could work for HSC for my daily treatments. It was a pleasant apartment for me. Was great to have Catering on site. When I had an air conditioner problem, Service was prompt + helpful." The name "Mary Ritchie" and date "Aug 7, 2025" are written at the bottom.

Of course, life in the Serenity Suites doesn't stand still. Appliances wear out, fixtures need adjusting, and even sliding doors sometimes come off their rails! We remain committed to addressing any issues promptly and with care, because we know how important it is for our guests to feel supported and comfortable throughout their stay.

Parking Update – Effective September 2025.

Please note that starting in September 2025, parking at Lions Manor will

become a paid service. To keep things convenient, you'll be able to pay directly using the QR codes posted around the parking lot. We encourage all guests and visitors to keep this change in mind when planning their arrival.



Thank You for Supporting Serenity Suites.

Behind every update and improvement is the generosity and encouragement of our Lions community. Whether you've stayed with us, volunteered your time, or supported the Lions Foundation in another way, please know that you are part of the reason Serenity Suites continues to grow. Together, we are making medical travel a little easier, one stay at a time.

Need a stay?

If you or someone you know requires medical accommodations in Winnipeg, Serenity Suites are here to help. Book online at lionsfoundation.org/serenity-suites, email us at info@lionsfoundation.org, or call 204-784-1650.

From all of us at the Lions Foundation — thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming new and returning guests in the months ahead.

Gearing Up for 40 Years of Journey for Sight.



Though you can't see it yet, our incredible riders are already busy preparing for this milestone winter trek. There's plenty to get ready, from tuning up snowmobiles to checking gear, because getting ready for a journey like this starts well before the first snowflake hits the ground.

For four decades, this snowmobile journey has brought together riders, Lions Clubs, and supporters across Manitoba to raise funds for the Lions Foundation's vital programs, including Giving Glances, Simply Sound, Serenity Suites, and Helping Hands.



This 40th ride is shaping up to be something truly special, and we can't wait to share it with you.

👉 So, stay tuned for ways to join the celebration, support a team, or become a sponsor. Let's make this Journey one to remember!

Helping Hands: Where Compassion Fills the Gaps.

Colleen's world had grown small since her mobility began to fade. Without the right support, even something as simple as stepping outside for fresh air became out of reach. When she contacted us, it may have seemed like a modest request, but for Colleen it was essential: a walker she could not afford.

Through our Helping Hands program, and with the quick support of the Lions Club of Riverside and DG Jan Nazarko, that need was met.



The day Colleen received her walker, her world began to open again. She could step outside with confidence, share walks with her family, and regain a sense of independence that had been missing for so long.

Every day, the Lions Foundation receives requests from people across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario facing medical-related challenges not covered by the provincial healthcare system. These can range from mobility equipment and rehabilitation needs to specialized therapies or financial support for costly treatments. For many, Helping Hands is the only path to the care and dignity they deserve.



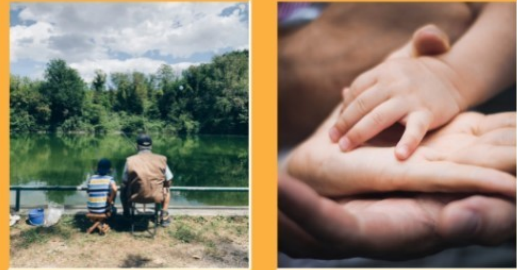
What makes this initiative so powerful is that it isn't carried out alone. It exists because of the strong partnership between the 78 Lions Clubs in our region and the Lions Foundation, working together to respond quickly when neighbours are in need.

Helping Hands has become one of our most far-reaching programs, which exists only thanks to the donations we receive from supporters like yourself. With your continued support, we can ensure that families who turn to us are met not with barriers but with compassion, assistance, and hope for tomorrow.

Every Gift Builds a Healthier Future.

Every walker delivered, every child screened, every suite booked — these moments happen because of you. Your generosity is the thread that connects every program and every story you've just read.

When you give, you do more than provide equipment, screenings, or a safe bed to sleep in. You give dignity, independence, and hope. You remind families they are not alone. You remind children that their future matters. And you remind communities that together, we are stronger.



With your support, we can continue to expand screenings, provide medical stays, fund treatments, and respond when neighbours reach out for help.

Please consider making a gift today. Your kindness fuels everything we do, and every dollar makes a difference.



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Your Stories, Our Inspiration.

Dear Fellow Lions,

Every Lions Club has moments worth celebrating. A project that made an impact, a fundraiser that brought people together, or a small act of kindness that meant the world to someone. These stories deserve to be heard and

show what Lions' service is all about.

We'd love to feature your efforts in a future newsletter or on our social media. Whether it's a photo, a short note, or a memory from a project, your contributions help us share Lions' service in the most meaningful way.

Connect with us via our [Facebook page](#) or at info@lionsfoundation.org. Together, we can make sure every act of service gets the recognition it deserves.

With heartfelt thanks,

Your Lions Foundation Team



Needs met, lives improved.



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