



**Dear Lions, Friends and Supporters,**

There is a wonderful energy in the air this May. At the Foundation, that momentum comes from the progress we're making together and the people we are privileged to serve. With a milestone anniversary ahead and several project updates to share, we're glad to have you on this journey with us.

**APRIL'S WINNER & YOUR NEXT CHANCE**

This graphic features the Lions Foundation logo on the left. The main text reads "APRIL 50/50 RAFFLE" in large, bold, orange letters, followed by "Congratulations TO THE WINNER" in blue. A yellow banner contains the name "ROBERT GOSSELIN" and another yellow banner below it contains "PRIZE: \$485.00". At the bottom left, it lists "Winning ticket # 0100651" and "License # LGCA 3983-RF-50616". On the right side, there is a large, colorful illustration of a raffle wheel with various colored segments and gold coins scattered around it. A blue arrow points to the winning segment.

**We are happy to wrap up our April 50/50 Online Raffle and share some great news. Congratulations to our winner, who is taking home \$485!**

While we love seeing someone from our community get a nice boost from a win, the true impact happens behind the scenes. The other half of the pot goes directly toward our charitable programs, turning every ticket purchased into essential vision care, hearing support, and medical assistance for those who need it most.

**Ready for the next step?**

If you missed out last month, the May Raffle is officially underway! It's a simple way to support our mission while giving yourself a chance to be our next big winner. Every ticket ensures that when people in need reach out for help, we have the resources to say "yes."

**Get Tickets**



**JOIN OUR CHARITABLE  
ONLINE 50/50  
RAFFLE**

50% TO THE WINNER = 50% TO CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

**NEXT DRAW:**  
**MAY 28, 2026**  
**12 PM**

**TICKETS:**

- ★ 1 FOR \$5
- ★ 3 FOR \$10
- ★ 10 FOR \$25
- ★ 50 FOR \$50

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**45 YEARS OF CARE: A MILESTONE GALA**



This year marks a truly special chapter for the Foundation as we celebrate our 45th anniversary. To honour over four decades of service, we are hosting the Masquerade Mystique Gala, an evening dedicated to the community that makes our work possible. We are delighted to welcome Maralee Caruso, CTV News Winnipeg anchor, as our Special Guest Emcee for the evening.



A familiar and trusted voice in our community, Maralee brings professionalism, warmth, and heart to this milestone celebration as we mark 45 years of service together.

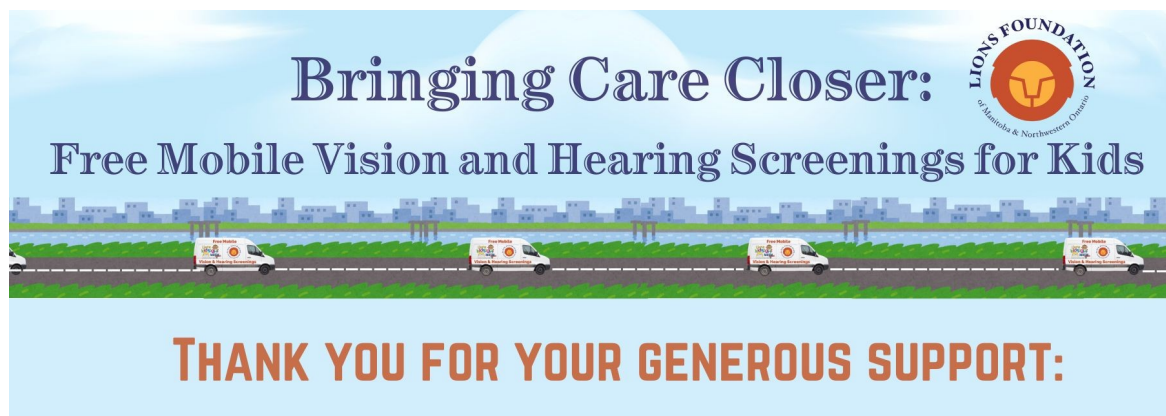
This evening is more than a celebration. It is a vital opportunity to raise the funds that allow us to provide essential care to those who need it most. And we would love to have you join us for this special night.

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**DRIVING CHANGE FOR CHILDREN'S FUTURE**

Imagine the difference it makes for a child to finally see the chalkboard clearly or hear their teacher's voice without struggle. That is the heart of our Bringing Care Closer project. We are moving steadily toward our goal of providing free vision and hearing screenings for thousands of children across our region, ensuring no child is left behind simply because of where they live.

We are especially grateful to Birchwood Automotive Group, whose recent support has been instrumental in turning this vision into reality. They join a dedicated group of partners and donors who believe that every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and thrive.



# Birchwood

When we catch the challenges early, we do more than just provide a screening. We change the entire trajectory of a child's life. This work is only possible because our community stands together.

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## THE POWER OF A HELPING HAND: DECLAN'S STORY

For Brandie, a single mother working hard to make ends meet, an unexpected medical diagnosis felt like an impossible weight. Her son, Declan, was diagnosed with a misalignment of his teeth and jaw. It wasn't just about his smile. The condition made speaking physically uncomfortable. His words no longer felt like his own, and he began to lose his confidence in everyday conversations.

Brandie knew Declan needed braces, but on her income, the cost was far beyond what her family could realistically afford. She knew that in

orthodontic care, timing is everything. But a financial barrier stood in the way.

That's when our Helping Hands program changed the course of Declan's story.



The Virden Lions Club reviewed Brandie's application and moved quickly to help. Through Helping Hands, the Lions Foundation matched the Club's contribution, thus covering the entire remaining cost of the treatment.

Step by step, Declan is regaining something no invoice can measure. The ability to laugh without hesitation and the confidence to be heard.

### **How Helping Hands work**

The magic of this program lies in the partnership between our local Lions Clubs and the Foundation. When a family like Declan's reaches out, their local club steps up to provide the initial support. To make that contribution go even further, the Lions Foundation matches those funds dollar-for-dollar, up to \$2,500.

It's a simple but powerful system designed to bridge the gap when provincial healthcare falls short. Whether that's for life-changing orthodontic work, specialized medical equipment, or other essential health needs. We believe that no one should have to choose between their financial stability and their health.

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Questions? Call us at 204-784-1650, and we'd be happy to assist.

## MAKING AN IMPACT

Everything we achieve is made possible by people like you.

Every donation you make creates a direct path to care for our neighbours. Whether it's a walker that allows a senior to stay independent in their own home, or specialized medical tools that a family could not otherwise reach, your support fills the gaps in care that many across our region face.

It's about more than just supplies. It's about restoring the dignity and connection that come with good health.

[\*\*DONATE NOW\*\*](#)

Every contribution matters — and gifts of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Thank you for standing with us!

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



*Needs met, lives improved.*

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