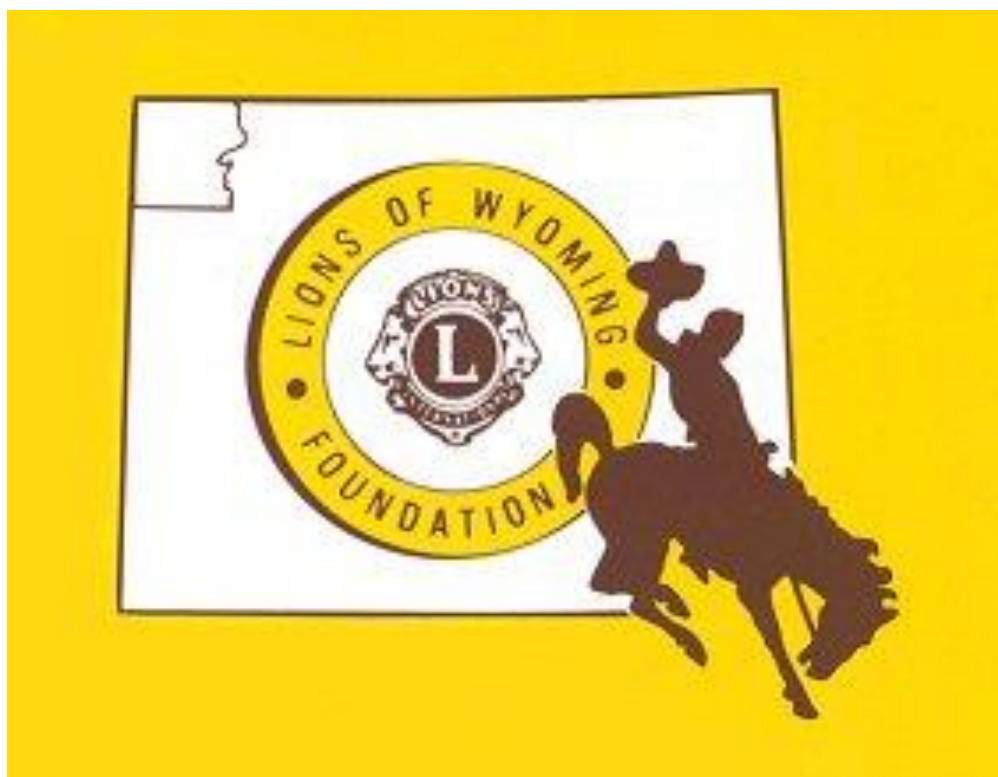


# *Lions of Wyoming Foundation*

## **Annual Report**

**2015**



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## **Lions of Wyoming Foundation**

### **Trustees:**

#### *Officers*

President – Lion Jim Rapp, IPDG, Sheridan Sundowners

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Lion Leland McDonald, District Governor, Laramie Plains

Lion Gary Roadifer, 1st VDG, Pine Bluffs

Lion Val Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Torrington

#### *Executive Director:*

Lion David Orr, PDG, Cheyenne Sunrise



*The Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions*

# Lions of Wyoming Foundation

## MISSION

The Lions of the Wyoming Foundation exists to assist in the general improvement of the quality of life of those in Wyoming having unmet needs. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Wyoming for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual impairments. The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with the Lions Clubs, foundations and other organizations shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To provide quality programs and services for the treatment of sight related problems for the citizens of Wyoming.
2. To provide assistance for the unmet medical needs associated with sight.
3. To provide assistance for activities and services for those with disabilities.
4. Provide other grants under special circumstances.

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation is the “Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions.” It is our goal to support Lions projects in Wyoming. We also encourage support of Lions projects in the region, the nation and the world. The major focus of the Foundation is to assist local Clubs with humanitarian projects that require more funding than the club can support on its own. We also provide assistance for clubs in applying for grants from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Surgical Assistance Fund and the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation’s Travel Assistance Fund. We often partner with clubs to provide the match for such grants, brokering cooperation between the local club(s), our Foundation, and other grant funding organizations. In addition, since becoming the owner of the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp in 2012, we have an additional important role: assuring that funding will be in place to underwrite the annual, one-week long Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

## 2015 Highlights



➤ The Lions Club of Casper operated the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp since the 1926. A history of the camp is available on the Lions of Wyoming website at <http://lionsofwyoming.org/ahslc.html>. The Foundation was proud to assume responsibility for this important Wyoming Lions project in 2012. An important role of the Foundation is to continue the excellent legacy of service to the visually impaired by securing funding for the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

Once again, in 2015, we were supported by the Montgomery Trust for the “Lion’s share” of funding for the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth. Under the management of the State Department of Education, the Montgomery Trust provided nearly \$20,000 of the approximately \$30,000 required to operate the one-week program (funds were not received until after January 2016, so they are not reflected in this report).

The Foundation is developing new fund raising efforts that we hope will bring in funds from the general public, and not from the hard earned funds raised by our Lions Clubs. Of course, we need the continued financial and manpower support of our Wyoming Lions as well.

In 2015 we began staging entertainment shows through Westlake Events. Programs were staged in Casper and Laramie that brought in \$5,500 for the Camp.

A grant for \$15,000 was secured from the McMurry Foundation to help pay for required repairs and upgrades on the water system that is shared with Camp WYOBA (property next to ours).

## *Income (Deposited in Checking account)*

### **Designated Donations**

Endowment – Memorials	\$ 0.00
Bricks & Stones	3,975.00
Allen H. Stewart Camp	12,668.59
AHSLC Summer School	5,000.00
AHSLC Water Project	15,100.00
AHSLC Adopt-a-Room	0.00
Early Childhood Vision Screening	22,050.00
Leader Dog	2,850.00
RMLEI Foundation	4,950.00
Rocky Mtn. Lions Eye Bank	4,135.00
LCI Foundation	2,900.00
Other Designated	2,820.95

**Total Designated** \$ **76,449.54**

### **Undesignated Donations/Income**

10% Recapture	\$ 225.00
Grants – external	430.50
District 15 – Constant Contact	240.00
Other undesignated income	5,966.14

### **Fund Raisers**

Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	1,250.00
Friends of the Foundation	6,515.00
Westlake Events Programs (Designated AHSLC)	5,500.00

Interest/Investment earnings 1,867.19\*

**Total Undesignated Donations/Income** \$ **21,993.83**

**Grand Total Income** \$ **98,443.37**

### **Transfers:**

*From Jackson Account to Checking	\$ 1,867.18
From Savings Fund to Checking	\$4,994.18
From Savings Fund to Endowment*	\$ 5,000.00

\*Payment for Campaign Sight First II loan, \$5,000 – total repaid \$ 15,000

# Information

## *Expenses*

### **Designated Payments**

Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp	12,568.59
AHSLC – Bricks & Stones	\$ 4,327.50
AHSLC Summer School	5,000.00
AHSLC Water Project	15,100.00
AHSLC Westlake Events	5,500.00
AHSLC Adopt-a-Room	0.00
Early Childhood Vision Screening	22,050.00
Leader Dog	2,850.00
RMLEI Foundation	4,950.00
RMLEB	4,135.00
LCI Foundation	2,900.00
Other Designated	2,970.00
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>\$82,351.09</b>

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### **Fund Raising Expenses**

### **Net Raised**

10% Recapture	0.00	225.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	512.65	737.35
Friends of the Foundation	433.17	6,081.83
Westlake Events	0.00	5,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 945.82</b>	<b>\$ 12,544.18</b>

### **Grants and Camp Projects**

Grants	\$ 15,014.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,960.67</b>

### **Operating Expenses**

Personnel	\$ 12,918.00
Accounting/Legal	375.00
Public Relations	316.38
Supplies	450.99
Postage	202.17
Administrative Expenses	368.60

**Total Operating Expenses** **\$ 15,485.66**

**Total Undesignated Expenses** **\$ 31,446.33**

**Grand Total Expenses** **\$ 113,797.42**

**Net Gain in assets** **\$**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>12/31/2015</b>	<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>
Checking Account	\$ 17,045.30	\$5,282.74	\$ -11,762.56
E. Jones (savings)	32,188.68	21,632.56	-10,556.15
E. Jones (Endowment)	73,967.09	78,399.08	4,431.99
Jackson Trust Account	91,862.53	87,553.92	-4,308.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 215,063.60</b>	<b>\$ 194,465.19</b>	<b>\$-22,195.30</b>

### *Grants Awarded in 2015 (\$ 14,668.90)*

- January - **\$2,850** to Mountain View Lions (Double Cataract)
- February - **\$1,840.26** to Cheyenne Frontier (Cataract)
- March - **\$1,976.00** to Cheyenne Sunrise
- April - **\$ 300.00** to Casper Mountain  
**\$1,018.00** to Byron
- August - **\$2,352.23** to Pine Bluffs  
**\$387.50** Rawlins (Hearing Aids)
- September – **\$1,722.71** Combined Cheyenne Clubs (Cataracts)  
**\$2,222.20** Combined Cheyenne Clubs (Cataracts)

### *Bricks and Stones Purchased in 2015 (\$3,375):*

- Mountain View Lions (2) - Martin Aimone and Robert L. “Stud” Moore
- Cheyenne Sunrise Lions – in memory of Ardith Borah
- Laramie Lions in memory of Leon Paules
- Saratoga Lions (\$1,000 16X16 Stone) in memory of Kirsten M. Campbell
- Laramie Plains Lions James Boucher – 50 years of Service
- Ted Wenckus, Story Lions
- Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions (7 \$250 4X10 stones) – one for each year from 2009-2015

### *Lions Projects Supported by Lions of Wyoming Foundation:*

- Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp and Summer School for Visually Impaired
- Wyoming Vision Initiative
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Lions Clubs International Foundation



## Friends of the Foundation

For a limited time, the Foundation was able to continue to offer a Melvin Jones Fellowship to any club that had 100% membership in the Friends program (see page 7 for details of how this is possible). Support for the “Friends” program was back around our average in 2015 after a big year in 2014.

year	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4 <sup>th</sup> Year		5 <sup>th</sup> Year		6th Year		Totals	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
<b>2011</b>	228	\$4,575	25	\$440	1	\$20							254	\$5,035
<b>2012</b>	112	\$2,240	131	\$3,120	5	\$100							248	\$5,460
<b>2013</b>	57	\$1,140	38	\$940	40	\$800							135	\$2,880
<b>2014</b>	133	\$2,660	97	\$1,940	49	\$980	109	\$2,180					388	\$7,760
<b>2015</b>	73	\$1,460	36	\$720	26	\$520	34	\$680	95	\$1,900	20	\$400	284	\$ 5,680
<b>Totals</b>	603	\$12,075	327	\$7,160	121	\$2,420	143	\$2,860	95	\$1,900	20	\$400	1309	\$26,815.00

### 100% Friends Clubs

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Casper	Big Piney	Cheyenne	Cheyenne	Cheyenne
<b>Cheyenne</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>	<b>Cheyenne Sunrise</b>	Cheyenne Frontier	Cheyenne Frontier
Cheyenne Frontier	<b>Cheyenne Sunrise</b>	Lander	<b>Cheyenne Sunrise</b>	<b>Cheyenne Sunrise</b>
<b>Cheyenne Sunrise</b>	Gillette AM	Laramie Plains	Cody	Dubois
Lander	Guernsey	Lingle-Ft. Laramie	Douglas	Laramie Plains
Laramie	Lander	<b>Sheridan Sundowners</b>	Greybull	Lingle-Ft.Laramie
<b>Sheridan Sundowners</b>	Laramie		Lander	Pinedale
	Laramie Plains		Laramie Plains	<b>Sheridan Sundowners</b>
	Moorcroft		Lingle-Ft.Laramie	Story
	<b>Sheridan Sundowners</b>		Powell	Torrington
	Torrington		<b>Sheridan Sundowners</b>	
			Torrington	

**Clubs that have been 100% every year.**

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is one of the most prestigious award in Lionism. It is a recognition of a \$1,000 contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Because of our \$100,000 donation to LCIF to the Campaign Sight First II program in 2010-12, we have had credits for Melvin Jones Fellowships since 2012.

*The Foundation has offered to provide BOTH a Gold Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellowship for an undesignated donation of \$1,000 to the LoWF. Clubs with 100% membership in the “Friends” program will also receive an MJF Award also. This can only last as long as we have credits available. As of the end of 2015, there were seventeen credits remaining.*

### **Gold Lions Program**

Another important source of income for the Foundation is the Gold Lion Program. Clubs may honor local Lions (or non-Lion supporters) by making an undesignated donation of \$250 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver) or \$1,000 (Gold). A plaque is provided for the honoree.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Century	
2011	1	5		1	\$ 3,600.00
2012	5	2	5	*	\$ 7,250.00
2013	5		1	*	\$5,250.00
2014	1	2	3	*	\$2,750.00
2015	1	0	1	*	\$1,250.00

\*Century Lion no longer available

#### *Gold Lion Purchasers in 2015*

Torrington Lions to honor Lion Shari Zwiebel

#### *Silver Lion Purchasers in 2014*

none

#### *Bronze Lion Purchasers in 2014*

Pinedale Lions Clubs to honor past president Lion Ric Stott

## **And finally: How can you and your Club support LoWF?**

Lions work diligently all year long to raise funds to serve residents of their home community. The Trustees of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation invite Wyoming Lions to contribute to the Foundation in a manner that is meaningful to your club. Your donations are our life's blood. Without the support of the Lions Clubs of Wyoming, LoWF would cease to exist in a short period of time.

- **Individual Lions may become a Friend of the Foundation for \$20.**  
If all members of a club become a "Friend," the club will receive a 100% banner patch and a Melvin Jones Fellowship award (see p. 7). At least one Wyoming Club has increased their dues by \$20 and dedicated those funds to the Foundation for a 100% Friends.
- **Honor your outgoing president (or any other member) with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Lion Award.** Only six were earned in 2015. This too, can be a major source of funds for the Foundation.
- **Pledge a dollar amount** – as an individual or as a club.
- **Dedicate the proceeds from one fund raising project** to the Foundation.
- **Dedicate a portion of your Tail Twister collections** to the Foundation.
- **However you do it,** we sincerely hope you will join the many other Wyoming Lions Clubs in supporting your Foundation in some manner.

*So why should clubs contribute to the Foundation? The answer is the matching funds grant program. Partnering with the Foundation doubles the power of the funds raised and retained at the local level.*

*2015 Grants and Donations*

Club/Individual	Total Donations *	Club/Individual	Total Donations*
Brown Family Trust	5,000	Laramie	525
Casper	2,500	Laramie Plains	575
Casper Mountain	500	Lingle-Ft.Laramie	1,750
Cheyenne	1,498	McMurry Foundation	500
Cheyenne Frontier	1,194	Miracles in Sight	21,000
Cheyenne Sunrise	8,006	Mountain View	835
Cody	700	Pine Bluffs	570
Dubois	300	Helen Oates	200
Encampment-Riverside	50	Pinedale	4,770
Ferguson Enterprises	50	Powell	420
Gillette	240	Quester Gas	300
Greybull	20	Rawlins	510
Green River Palisades Pride	250	Riverton	540
Hulett	400	Saratoga	1,100
Kalispell (MT) Lions	20	Sheridan Sundowners	1,195
Kemmerer	2,200	Story	765
Lander	5,000	Torrington	2,420
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,663</b>

\*Amounts listed are all inclusive totals donated by foundations, trusts, clubs and/or individuals in each club January-December of 2015. These amounts include donations for Friends of the Foundation, Gold Lions, and Bricks and Stones.