

# *Lions of Wyoming Foundation*

## **Annual Report**

**2020**



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## **Lions of Wyoming Foundation**

### **Trustees:**

#### *Officers*

President – IPDG Craig Thompson, Gillette (Noon)

Vice President – Lion John Long, Cody (Area 1)

Treasurer – Lion Kurtis Gries, Jackson Hole

Secretary – Lion Jeanne Stapleton, Rawlins (Area 5)

#### *Members*

Lion Jennifer Reculosa, Kaycee (Area 2)

Lion Mary Brown, Cheyenne Frontier (Area 3)

Lion Nathan Edwards, Casper Mountain (Area 4)

Lion Dana Stone, Mountain View (Area 6)

#### *District Governor/VDGs*

Lion Analyn Reader, District Governor, Riverton

Lion Robin Walters, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG, Pine Bluffs

Lion PDG Gary Roadifer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG, Pine Bluffs

#### *Executive Director:*

Lion David Orr, PDG (Interim), Cheyenne Sunrise



*The Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions*

# Lions of Wyoming Foundation

## MISSION

It is the specific mission of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Wyoming for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual impairments and others with special needs. The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with Lions Clubs, foundations and/or 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 and hearing.
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 provide assistance for clubs in applying for grants from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Surgical Fund and the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation’s Travel Assistance Fund. We partner with clubs to provide the match for such grants, brokering cooperation between the local club(s), our Foundation, and other grant funding organizations. Since becoming the owner of the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp in 2012, the LoWF has an additional important role: assuring that funding will be in place to underwrite Camp operations and the annual, one-week long Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

## 2020 Highlights

For the second consecutive year the Summer School at the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp was cancelled. This time it was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Camp Board took advantage of being closed for campers to complete a number of infrastructure improvements and repairs.

A total of \$2,972.23 was awarded in patient assistance grants in 2020. Seven cataract surgeries (2 double cataracts) were performed utilizing grant funding from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank (\$10,266.02). Local Clubs matched the \$2,972.23 provided by LoWF.

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation has had three negative income years in succession. It is extremely important that we discover strategies for increasing the financial support of the LoWF. The Foundation continues to seek fundraising strategies that will derive more funds from the general public, and be less dependent on our Lions Clubs. Of course, the Camp also needs the continued financial and Lion-power support of our Wyoming Lions as well.



### *Executive Director Dave Orr Retires*

2020 saw the retirement of long-time Executive Director, PDG David Orr. Lion Dave became E.D. in the Fall of 2004 when his predecessor, PID John Daum moved to South Dakota. Lion PDG Mindi Crabb (Pinedale Lions Club) began her duties as the new Executive Director in the summer, and assumed full duties following a three-month transition. Sadly, Lion Mindi was forced to resign at the end of the year due to medical concerns. Lion Dave resumed his duties on an interim basis following Mindi's resignation. The search for another replacement began at that time.

## *Income*

### **Designated Donations/Income**

Bricks & Stones	\$1,400.00
Allen H. Stewart Camp	26,025.00
AHSLC Summer School - Fundraiser	749.60
Leader Dog	1,200.00
RMLEI Foundation	1,350.00
Rocky Mtn. Lions Eye Bank	1,500.00
LCI Foundation	1,250.00
Other Designated	10,050.00

**Total Designated** **\$ 43,524.60**

### **Undesignated Donations/Income**

10% Recapture	\$ 280.00
Winland/Silver/Bronze Lion	500.00
Interest and Dividends	2.26
Flip Cause/Amazon Smile	46.58
Friends of the Foundation	2,610.00
Other undesignated revenue	8,085.00
Investments	
Interest	9.32
Dividends	5,355.43
Capital Gains	1,641.54
Wells Fargo Custodial Fee	1,797.72*
<b>Total Undesignated Donations/Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,325.59</b>
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 63,850.19</b>

\*Payment from Jackson brokerage for managing funds

# Information

## *Expenses*

### **DESIGNATED EXPENSES**

		<b>Carry Over</b>
AHSLC – Bricks & Stones	\$ 1,553.50	\$ <b>153.50</b>
Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp	25,688.46	336.54
AHSLC Summer School	700.00	49.60
Early Childhood Vision Screening	350.00	<b>350.00</b>
Leader Dog	1,200.00	0.00
RMLEI Foundation	1,350.00	0.00
RMLEB	1,500.00	0.00
LCI Foundation	1,250.00	0.00
Other Designated	9,950.00	100.00
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 43,541.96</b>	<b>-\$ 17.36</b>

### **UNDESIGNATED EXPENSES**

#### **Fund Raising Expenses/Payments**

		<b>Net Raised</b>
10% Recapture	0.00	280.00
Winland/Silver/Bronze Lion	0.00	500.00
Amazon Smile/Flipcause	0.00	46.58
Friends of the Foundation	327.47	2,282.53
Other Undesignated	8,000.00	85.00
Approved Grants	2,972.23	
Wells Fargo Custodial Fee	0.00	1,797.72
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses/Payments</b>	<b>\$ 8,327.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,991.83</b>

#### **Operating Expenses**

Accounting/Legal	\$ 993.00
Bank & Account Charges	153.40
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	75.00
Donation Expense-Facebook, Pay AMA	62.76
Supplies	533.16
Postage	170.20
Administrative Expenses	210.31
Convention Expenses	73.60
Marketing & Promotion	912.65
Meeting Expenses	114.66
Personnel (Ex.Dir.)	\$ 8,612.00
Contract Expense (Ex.Dir.)	5,250.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,983.32</b>
<b>Total Undesignated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,283.02</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 71,824.98</b>
<b>Net Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,974.79</b>

<b>Assets</b>	<b>1/1/2019</b>	<b>12/31/2020</b>	<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>
First Ed FCU #984	\$ 6,950.91	\$ 1399.36	\$ -5,551.55
First Ed FCU #00	5.00	5.00	0.00
First Ed FCU #99	1513.37	0.00	-1,513.37
RMB Ckg #2439	0.00	1,260.45	1,260.45
Edward Jones #2-1-6	2,458.67	608.27	-1,850.40
E. Jones (Endowment)	117,795.15	126,283.72	8,488.57
Wells Fargo (Jackson)	96,422.99	93,693.62	-2,729.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,145.99</b>	<b>\$223,250.42</b>	<b>\$ -1,895.57</b>

*Grants Awarded in 2020 – 7 Cataract Surgeries, totaling \$2,972.23  
(RMLLB \$10,266.02)*

*Bricks and Stones Purchased in 2020:*

Red Bricks

- Betty D. Hazen; Wilson Construction
- Lion Don Cherni and Leader Dog Sami; LoWF
- Lion Donnie Lindstrom; Sheridan Sundowners
- Hulett Lions Club; Hulett Lions
- Lion John Burger; Gillette Lions

4X12 Stone

- Lion David Orr/Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp Board
- Lion Jerry Krois/Cheyenne Frontier Lions

*Friends of the Foundation*

**100% Friends Clubs**

Fourth Year: Pinedale (3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive)

Seventh Year: Torrington

**Tenth Consecutive Year: Cheyenne (Noon), Cheyenne Sunrise,  
Laramie Plains, Sheridan Sundowners**



### *Winland Award, Silver, Bronze 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 (Winland Award). A plaque is provided for the honoree. This program accounted for \$500 in donations in 2020.

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

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation encourages Wyoming Lions and Lions Clubs to support these Lions Projects/Programs through direct donations or gifts channeled through the Foundation.

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

## *How can you and your Lions 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 very soon. The grants provided through your support have helped local Lions Clubs provide sight restoring surgeries and other services for individuals in Lions Club communities all over Wyoming.

- **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. At least one Wyoming Club has increased their dues by \$20 and dedicated those funds to the Foundation for a 100% Friends. Others include LoWF in proceeds of a particular fund-raising project each year in an amount sufficient to donate \$20 for each club member.
- **Honor your outgoing president (or any other person)** with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Lion Award. 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 and Lions Clubs in supporting your Foundation.

*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. The Foundation further leverages the value of funds raised by partnering with other charitable groups such as the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank and the Montgomery Trust.*

## 2020 Donors

Club/Individual	Club/Individual
Stu Bechtel, Gillette Lions	Mountain View Lions
Casper Mountain Lions	Laura Jane Musser Fund
Cody Lions Club	Roger Nelson, Frontier Lions
Cheyenne (Noon) Lions	Network for Good
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions	Pacific Corp.
District 15	Al Parmely, Cheyenne Sunrise
James Dolan, Cheyenne Sunrise	Pine Bluffs Lions
Douglas Lions Club	Pinedale Lions
Duke Energy	Dennis Pino, Frontier Lions
Frontier Lions Club	Rick Ragland, Pine Bluffs Lions
Gillette Lions Club	Gary Roadifer, Pine Bluffs Lions
Thomas & Elizabeth Grainger	Saratoga Lions
Kaycee Lions	Sheridan Sundowners
Jerry Krois, Frontier Lions	Ten Sleep/Hyattville Lions
Bonnie Harrison, Cheyenne (Noon)	Craig Thompson, Gillette Lions
Lander Lions Club	Torrington Lions
Laramie Plains Lions	Wells Fargo Clearing Services
Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions	Ted Wenckus, Story Lions
Bob & Diane Lyons, Pine Bluffs	White Mountain Lions
McMurry Foundation	Wilson Construction
Meridian Trust Fed. Credit Union	