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LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



Celebrating Knights of the Blind

One hundred years ago, in June 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become **“Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness.”** Fifteen years later, Lions in Michigan founded what is now known as Leader Dogs for the Blind. **Together, we improve the quality of life for people who are blind or low vision by empowering them with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.** This month, we celebrate another year of partnership with Lions across North America. **Thank you for serving as a Knight of the Blind!**

Community Connections with the Prescott Sunrise Lions Club

The Prescott Sunrise Lions have been serving the community of Prescott, Arizona since 1961. **They credit the generosity of their community with enabling them to be a Top Dog Club supporting Leader Dog.** Community members use the Arizona Tax Credit Program, which allows Arizonans to donate their state tax payment to a designated charity. At their recent Lions Conference, the President and CEO of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Sheri Heiney, even brought the service dog she is currently raising. Thank you, Prescott Sunrise Lions, for your unwavering support of our mission.



Want to learn more about how you can activate your community to support those who are low vision?

Email the Lions Team at LionsSupport@leaderdog.org and your Lions Team Member will connect with you. We are Knights of the Blind, and together we can empower your community to create opportunities for independence.

Meaningful Mission with the Horace Lions Club

The Horace Lions Club of North Dakota was chartered in 1971 with 101 members. Today, 61 energetic members meet each month at Horace Community Center. **Their support of Leader Dogs for the Blind began many years ago with many club members feeling that Leader Dog's mission is of the utmost importance to them.** Thank you, Horace Lions Club, for being a Top Dog Club for many years and making a lasting impact helping to empower those who are blind or low vision nationally and internationally.



We Serve Together with the Lions Clubs of District 22W

The Lions Clubs of District 22W in Maryland recently wrapped up a powerful and inspiring week-long series of banquets across four regions in support of Leader Dog for the Blind. Each banquet brought together Lions members, community leaders, and supporters to raise awareness and celebrate the life-changing impact of Leader Dogs on people who are visually impaired.

Leader Dog Chair, Lion Sena Roop and Leader Dog Client, Lion Joey Johnson with Leader Dog Tucker shared their stories and spoke about the impact of Leader Dog. The week served as a celebration of what's been accomplished and a call to action to continue making independence possible for those living with vision loss. Thank you for coming together to serve, Lions Clubs of District 22W.



"With Leader Dog Panger, I feel like I'm getting my driver's license back. Being with a dog I feel so confident with and working as a team - I love that. I'm excited to explore my town more and have somebody always by my side."

- Shannon, Leader Dog Client from Wisconsin with Leader Dog Panger

