

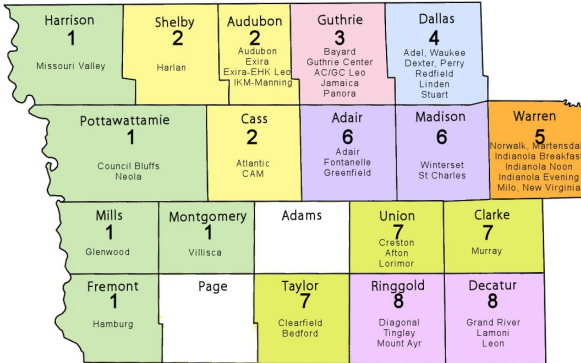
Iowa District 9SW

LIONS GLOBAL IMPACT

Iowa Lions SERVE

1.4 million Lions serving	49,000 Lions clubs	200 countries and regions served	US\$1.2 billion in grants
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Iowa District 9SW Zones (2024 - 2025)



We Serve

Serving the World

One Community At a Time

Across the globe, Lions are rolling up their sleeves and taking action. With over **1.4 million members**, we are the largest service organization in the world. We are still as dedicated to helping those in need today as we were **over 100 years** ago when we first began.

Lions Clubs offer you the opportunities to work with **FAMILY, FRIENDS,** and other local **ORGANIZATIONS** in your community.

Iowa District 9SW
1180 members
45 individual Lions Clubs
20 Southwest Iowa Counties.

Read more about Lions Clubs International at

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

<p>Learn more</p> <p>Childhood cancer</p> <p>We provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.</p>	<p>Learn more</p> <p>Diabetes</p> <p>We work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.</p>
<p>Learn more</p> <p>Humanitarian</p> <p>We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.</p>	<p>Learn more</p> <p>Hunger</p> <p>We strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.</p>
<p>Learn more</p> <p>Disaster relief</p> <p>We take steps to meet immediate needs and provide long-term support for communities devastated by natural disasters.</p>	<p>Learn more</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>We find ways to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.</p>
<p>Learn more</p> <p>Vision</p> <p>We help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.</p>	<p>Learn more</p> <p>Youth</p> <p>We support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next generation of service leaders.</p>

Lions Iowa Impact

Childhood cancer

Lions support the **Tori's Angels Foundation**. The Angels raise funds to support families of children accepted for assistance who have life-threatening medical conditions until his/her 19th birthday. The foundation pays for medical expenses not covered by insurance, including: travel expenses to treatment (airfare or mileage, hotels, meals), co-pays, deductibles, and prescription medicine that is approved by insurance for use in Iowa for the diagnosed, life-threatening condition.

Diabetes

Lions support Hertko Hollow. **Camp Hertko Hollow** is dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth who have diabetes. The goals at camp are Recreation, Education, Regulation and FUN! Campers enjoy the traditional camp activities while learning about living with diabetes. Meeting other youth and counselors who have diabetes is also a great benefit of the experience.

Disaster relief

Lions supported the distribution of food and other materials after the disastrous flood swept through homes and property from Missouri Valley to Hamburg in 2019.

Lion Cleanup volunteers were on hand in Creston, Winterset, and Norwalk after the devastating EF4 tornado struck there in 2022. A Lion grant was received and distributed to assist the victim of these disasters.

Environment

Lions have been cleaning up trails and parks and planting trees all around parks and walking trails around SW Iowa.

Humanitarian

Lions have many avenues to pursue for community humanitarian causes that may not fit in one of the other 8 categories. Many of our clubs have held fundraisers and benefits for families or individuals suffering with critical family issues like catastrophic house fires, needing help with medical issues, building a ramp for the elderly, etc.

Hunger

Iowa Lions support the increasing hunger problems in several ways. Not only do some clubs support their own town's food pantries, but additionally the 9SW District has recently dedicated food pantry support in the Care and Share funds to cover emergency situations.

Vision

Lions support **Leader Dogs for the Blind**, who provide guide dogs for the vision impaired.

Lions support the **KidSight Program**, which provides all children from 6 months to 6 years a vision screening test that is reviewed by a professional at the Iowa University Medical Center in Iowa City. Over 500,000 Iowa school children have been screened. Over 35,000 of these kids were referred to doctors for a follow-up eye checkup

Lions support the **Iowa Lions Eye Bank** in Iowa

City by transporting corneas from deceased donors. Volunteer Lions have driven over 1 million miles across our state to deliver these precious corneas from donor hospital to recipient hospital.

Lions also support **cochlear implants** for those needing financial assistance.

Lions support the **Hearing Aid Bank** located in Allison, Iowa. Lions Clubs collect used hearing aids to be refurbished for clients. Lions also provide financial assistance when needed. Over 150 reconditioned hearing aids are given out each year.

Lions collect **used eye glasses** to be recycled back into the population. Donate your old eye glasses to any Lion in the state and they will find a home.

Youth

Lions support **LEO Clubs**. Leo Clubs are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. Leo clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities.

Lions support **Youth Exchange Camp** by providing housing (before and after camp) which are designed for young people all around the world (between the ages of 15 and 22) to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

Read more about the Iowa Lions Foundation at
<https://www.iowalions.org/foundation/we-serve/>