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Lions and Foundation Collaborate to Aid Blind Mexican Woman

Helping a family in need involves love and caring. Helping someone you do not know and may never meet 1,500 miles away in a foreign country, requires a whole new level of caring and compassion. Sandra Gonzalez, 24, of Guadalajara, Mexico is an impoverished mother of two who became blind six years ago.



The Lions Club of Oregon learned about her plight during an eyeglass mission trip in Guadalajara in November, 2010 and they reached out to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for assistance. [Learn how Sandra was helped.](#)



Charitable Checkoff: As Easy as 1-2-3

The Charitable Checkoff program is an easy way to make a personal difference in your Foundation's ability to meet the critical needs of children and adults across the state with-out ever opening your checkbook.

This unique opportunity offers all Oregonians an easy way to contribute to the Foundation's life changing programs in every community. Three easy steps is all it takes:

1. Complete your 2010 Oregon State Income Tax Return.
2. If you receive a refund, consider investing all or a portion in Foundation programs like the Mobile Health Screening Program, Patient Care or the Hearing Aid Bank. Each dollar is leveraged into \$5 of direct, life changing service through a Foundation program.
3. Select or enter the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation under the Charitable Checkoff section on your return.

The Charitable Checkoff program is an important way in which your Foundation is meeting critical community needs, especially now as more than 640,000 Oregonians—118,000 of them children—live with little or no health insurance and turn to the Foundation and to Lions to meet sight, hearing and health needs.

Oregon Mandated School Vision and Hearing Screenings in 1980s

The State of Oregon required schools to screen the vision and hearing of all students in the 1980s. The Foundation has heard many different variations over the years on what the law requires, so we decided to look it up. The Foundation recently found the source of this mandate in an Oregon Administrative Rule issued by the Department of Education. The State has never defined what screenings should include. This is the only reference we have found to school screenings in Oregon law. Here is what it says:



"Support Program, 581-022-0705, Health Services

(1) The school district shall maintain a prevention oriented health services program for all students which provides:

(f) Vision and hearing screening"

Note: (a) to (e) are deleted here, not relevant to vision and hearing.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 326 & ORS 342; Stats. Implemented: ORS 326.051

Oregon Administrative Rules are defined as "any agency directive, standard, regulation or statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of any agency."

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month

According to the [Glaucoma Research Foundation](#), glaucoma is a group of diseases that can steal sight without warning or symptoms. Over three million Americans have it. Only half know. Check your community listings for free or low-cost testing, visit [Legacy Devers Eye Institute](#), or attend one of the following free Mobile Health Screening community events:

January 27: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Seaside Civic & Convention Center, hosted by the Astoria Lions

February 5: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Vietnamese Tet Festival, Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall D, hosted by the Portland Hollywood Lions Club

February 12: TBD

Bi-Mart, Venita, hosted by the Lane County Applegate Lions Club

Sometimes Less is Really More

Imagine being able to dramatically change someone's life for just \$8.33 a month (or \$100) per year. When you give safely online through your Foundation's secure website you can divide your gift into equal payments. So a gift of \$100.00 becomes a monthly payment of \$8.33. Just this small amount each month makes a tremendous difference for people who need the gift of sight or hearing in your community.

Change a person's life and consider using the monthly giving option to help vulnerable Oregonians in need. [Click here to give today online](#) and select "Yes" next to "I would like my donation to recur." A small amount each month makes a BIG difference

Foundation Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now open for the Foundation's new Hall of Fame awards with a deadline of **February 14, 2011**. Inductees will be honored at the Foundation's annual statewide Hall of Fame Gala in July. Individuals or Lions Clubs may submit up to a maximum five nominations. Criteria

include: 1) Nominees will have 10 years of service to OLSHF; 2.) Up to two living inductees per year and up to two posthumous inductees will be honored per year; 3.) New in 2011: Category to induct up to one external partner (Hospital, Corporation, etc.), a staff MVP, and funder of the year; 4.) The Board of Trustees shall vote inductees into Hall of Fame. Please submit questions or nominations for either living or posthumous inductees to info@orlions.org with a statement supporting the nomination of up to 200 words by February 14.

Words of Appreciation

"Thank you for the eye exam. I had no idea my daughter's vision was bad... she's already got her new glasses. Hopefully, her reading will improve now."

- Teresa Erickson, MHSP
School Screening

"I appreciate the time you took to make my life easier... I appreciate all you have done for me."

- Angel Bautista, KEX Kids
Fund Recipient

Calendar

January 17 - Office closed in honor of MLK Jr. Day

January 19 - 3 p.m.

Resource Development Committee Meeting, OLSHF Office

January 28

Executive Committee Meeting & Council of Governors Meeting at the Keizer Inn (Dist R Convention)

January 28th & 29th

District R Convention, Keizer Inn, Keizer

February 7 - 6 p.m.

Keizer Eyeglass Sorting Party at Keizer Lions Hall

[For the schedule of community and school screenings, please visit our website.](#)



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