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Dr. Robert H. Mathog 1939 – 2014



In 2000, Dr. Mathog spearheaded the formation of the Lions Hearing Center. He became the Chairman of the Board then and remained in that role until his death in October of 2014. He took an idea originated in Minnesota and made it a reality here in metropolitan Detroit. From providing a handful of hearing aids to those in need in our first few years, the Lions Hearing Center has grown to reach thousands of individuals each year through screenings, diagnosis, treatment, financial aid, support programs and information.

Through his role as Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology at Wayne State, Bob spent countless hours raising funds and support for the organization. As a skilled surgeon and with an international reputation in facial trauma and rehabilitative surgery, Bob was able to attract board members, supporters and funders to expand the Lions Hearing Center services. Very few knew of the amount of time, energy and the personal resources he gave to the Center. His talents and passion are engrained in the organization and he leaves a legacy that will undoubtedly endure.



HISTORY OF LIONS AND DEAFNESS



"Blindness separates people from things; deafness separates people from people."

— Helen Keller

Lions clubs throughout the world have been helping individuals with disabilities for nearly a century. Since the beginning, the Lions' efforts have been guided by the inspiration of Helen Keller, who, in the 1920s, asked the Lions to be "knights" of the blind. Several years later, Helen returned to the Lions and asked them to also help the deaf.

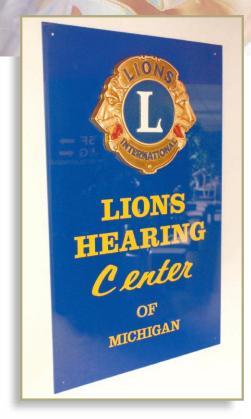
Lions officially adopted work with the deaf as a "major activity" of the organization in 1972. Since then, Lions clubs throughout the world have worked on projects for the deaf and hard of hearing. Lions clubs have established and supported camps, schools, support services and research and educational programs worldwide.



The Lions Hearing Center of Michigan is a partnership between Lions Districts 11A1 and 11A2 and the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery at Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center. The mission of the Lions Hearing Center is to provide state of the art hearing related services to individuals and communities through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, regardless of ability to pay.

The objectives of the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan are to:

- improve hearing health care in Michigan;
- provide education and social services to assist the hearing impaired; and
- further develop research to help rehabilitate, cure and prevent hearing loss and related disorders.





HEARING HEALTH CARE



Center personnel perform hearing screenings at schools for gradeschool and preschool children, as well as at health fairs and other similar events. The Center also provides audiometric facilities for the testing of referred individuals who are qualified and will benefit from additional medical/rehabilitation intervention.

Hearing aids

The Center provides hearing aids to low-income individuals who have impaired hearing, with priority given to those with disabilities involving both ears and a potential for rehabilitation.

Cochlear implants

For those individuals who are severely deaf, the Center provides for cochlear implants, including the purchase of the device, surgical implantation and postoperative rehabilitation.

Deaf Children and Parents Program

The Center offers training and support to parents of deaf children as well as tutoring services to their children during training sessions.





Temporal Bone Laboratory

This training laboratory, partially supported by the Center, provides a facility for residents who are being trained to perform hearing-related surgical procedures. The facility is equipped with dissection instruments and ear models essential for the understanding and practice of these procedures.

Grants

The Center has developed a grant program that provides professional, educational and travel grants to physicians and other hearing specialists as well as residents and students.

Community education materials

The Center serves as a reference source for the community. The director coordinates activities with other community programs to help the hearing impaired and the Center provides general information on the prevention and treatment of hearing disorders.

Scholarships

The Center provides annual scholarships to deaf and/or hearing impaired students seeking higher education and advancement. Contact the Center for application and information.





Lions Hearing Center of Michigan 2013-2014 Activities

Research Grants

The Lions Hearing Center provided funding to support the following research related to hearing loss prevention:

Investigation of a Biomaterial Implant for Improving Voice Quality following Laryngotracheal Reconstruction
-David Cohen, M.D.
-Zhengqing Hu, M.D., Ph.D., Advisor

Combined Blast and Concussion-induced Tinnitus and its Related Traumatic Brain Injury

-Vivek Sagar-Patel, M.D. -Jinsheng Zhang, Ph.D., Advisor

Senior Outreach Program

Free hearing screenings were provided to adults and seniors at the following senior living facilities, centers and health fairs in 2013-2014:

American House Communities
Berkley Senior Center
Bloomfield Township Senior Center
Clawson Senior Center
Cobo Hall Health Fair
Comerica Health Fair
Detroit Housing Commission
Ferndale Senior Center
Gentle Care Manor
Madison Heights Senior Center
Sheridan Place Apartments
Southfield Health Fair
Southfield Senior Center
St. Patrick Senior Center

World Aids Day Wyandotte Health Fair

Children & Youth Program

The LHC provided free hearing screenings to over 3,000 children ages 2 through 18 at the following schools, facilities, programs and health fairs.

Alternatives for Girls
Brandon Head Start
Davisburg Head Start
Farmington Hills Head Start
Ferndale Head Start
Hazel Park Head Start
Holly Head Start
Huron Valley Head Start
Lake Orion Head Start

Oak Park Head Start
Oxford Head Start
Patterson Head Start
Pontiac Head Start
Rochester Head Start
Royal Oak Head Start
Troy Head Start
Vista Nuevas Head Start
Walled Lake Head Start
Waterford Head Start
Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility

Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to the following deaf/hard of hearing students:

Diane Bass Dylan Secord Marina Thelen

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Lions Hearing Center of Michigan has obtained contributions and donations from a number of community, regional and national partners to help carry out its important work. The individual Lions clubs have been extremely important in providing funds to the Center. These funds are derived from various club projects and are presented to the Center at its annual Appreciation Banquet and throughout the year.

Additional funds are raised from private donors, foundations, and the generous contributions of medical equipment companies and pharmaceutical companies.

July 2013-June 2014 Contributions

Platinum (\$5,000) KLS Martin

Gold (\$2,000)

Trenton Lions Club Bedford Lions Club Shelby Township Lions Club

Silver (\$1,000)

Dearborn Heights Lions Club Grosse Pointe Lions Club Lions Club of Canton Lake Orion Lions Club Plymouth Lions Club Livonia High Nooners Lions Club The Youth Connection

Bronze (\$500)

Clinton Valley Lions Charities Detroit Chapter of Charms, Inc. Garden City Lions Club Schwartz, Mark & Sally Lions of MI District 11 A-1 Mathog, Robert & Deena Mt. Clemens Lions Club Sterling Heights Lions Club Wells, Phil & Chris Westland Lions Club

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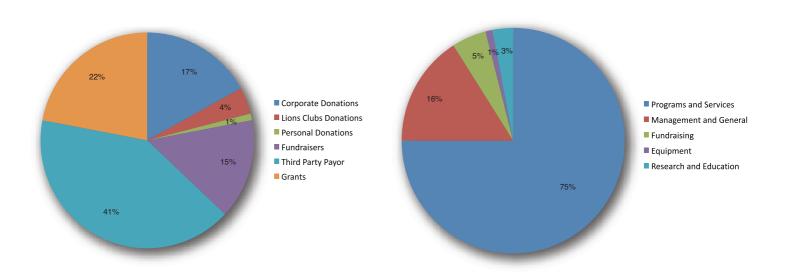
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Lions Hearing Center of Michigan – 2013-2014 Sources and Uses of Funds

2013-2014 REVENUES

2013-2014 EXPENSES



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