

The Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern  
Ontario

# 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



# Agenda

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# Welcome...

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends,

It is an honor to address you as the Chair of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Over the past year, we have continued to fulfill our mission of serving our communities through compassion, dedication, and collaboration.

Thank you, DG Bob, and the Lions of 5M10, for hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual AGM here in Dryden, Ontario.

The Lions Foundation stands as a beacon of support for those in need, whether through providing essential vision and hearing care, empowering youth, or addressing critical health challenges. This work is only possible because of the collective efforts of our Lions members, volunteers, donors, and partners.

Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our reach, strengthening our programs, and creating new opportunities to serve. Together, we can overcome challenges and bring hope and support to even more individuals and families in our region.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission. Let us continue to embody the Lions' spirit of service and make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

Yours in Service,

*Joanne*

Joanne Ogden  
Chairperson,  
Lions Foundation of Manitoba  
and Northwestern Ontario

# Report from The Chairperson

The Foundation continues to be busy with the business of helping those in need. The past year has seen some challenges, but they have all been addressed with the unwavering dedication of the Board of Directors and staff. We are grateful for their support and hard work that comes from sitting in the director chair.

Our biggest challenge this year was the loss of our Executive Director, Gina Lopes. A critical medical event side lined her in early March and as of June 2024 she remained unable to resume her duties. It became apparent that succession may need to be a priority of the board and a plan developed in the case that it was needed.

Although our plans for a Gala and some other projects needed to be put on hold, it continued to be business as usual in the office thanks to Karen and the Executive Team. We are thankful that we have volunteers that step up when things are going exactly as the plan was intended.

The **Serenity Suites** program continues growing, and the suites have been well utilized and the bookings secure for months in advance. Please stop by when you are in the area and ask for a tour or better, yet you can assist the Foundation and see if one is available for your stay in the city. There is a plan for more growth in this program in the future.

Our sight programs (now known as “**Giving Glances**”) remain strong and continues to expand its camera inventory. We are thankful for the volunteers that continue to drop off glasses, sort them and prep them for shipping. This program will experience some exciting changes in the upcoming year and mesh well with the new hearing screener program.

Our hearing program (now “**Simply Sound**”) continues with new engagement for hearing aids as well as the development of the hearing screening program. Our cameras are due to arrive in the next fiscal year and plans for training for all 3 districts will commence when they do.

As always, our **Helping Hands** program was very busy, and we thank our clubs for sponsoring those in need as we continue to match grants as our budget allows.

We have presented several Ben Ward Fellowships, Foundation Sight saver awards as well as our Hope and Decibel awards. We have also added our Legacy Program very similar in nature to the Legacy program of LCIF and appreciate our new Legacy members this past year.



Our board has been very busy updating job descriptions, board policies and processes to ensure that our Foundation meets all the standards required for a not-for-profit corporation. We have very active and committed board members and are very grateful for all that they contribute to our great Foundation. We continue to have yearly board orientation for all directors and as well remain very active in committee work of Finance, Governance, and Quality/ Fundraising/Community Liaison as they meet monthly to address their work plans. We will redo our Strategic Plan this upcoming fiscal and look forward to planning a path forward to the next five years.

We wish to thank Pat and Nancy for their dedicated time on the board and welcome back past director Bonnie Popowich and new director Ryan to fill the void.

In a time plagued with uncertainty in the world around us we are certain of one thing. The Foundation will flourish because of the dedication and commitment of Lions and friends of Lions. It's a new year, a new focus and a time to look with new eyes to ensure the longevity of this organization. It's a time to work together and remember why this organization was created...to assist those in need through the auspices of our Lions and all Clubs they represent. I leave you with these words...

**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”** -Anne Frank

Sincerely in Service

*Lion Joanne*

Joanne Ogden  
Board Chair for the year 2022-23

## Report From the Executive Director

The Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario would like to thank all clubs and districts for their continued support.

At the time of writing this report we share the news that we delivered from the office in August 2024

“It is with deep regret that we must announce that, as of today August 29, 2024, Gina Lopes will be stepping down from her role as Executive Director of the Foundation due to health reasons. Though this departure is sudden, we fully support her decision to prioritize her health and well-being during this challenging time.

We ask that you keep Gina in your thoughts as she navigates her future recovery.

We are committed to continuing the work of the Foundation and will share updates about this transition process in the coming weeks. Until that time Karen Beaudoin will continue her dedication to support the Foundation and no disruption in service is expected.

Thank you for your understanding and dedication to our Lions mission of Service.”

And it is with excitement that we share a new Executive Director will lead us to new heights in the upcoming years starting in February 2025.

Welcome Yulia Ymerzla to the role of Executive Director of the Foundation. We are certain your knowledge and experience will be pivotal in executing our future goals.

*Joanne*

Joanne Ogden  
Board Chair

# Report From the Finance Committee

## Finance Committee Report

Annual General Meeting for year ended June 30, 2024

This is the first year that our annual financial statements have received a full audit engagement, as a requirement by CRA (Canada Revenue Agency).

In prior years, our statements were submitted for a review engagement.

We received a clean Auditor's Report, with no qualifications; the report states " ..... the financial statements present fairly.... the financial position of the Lions Foundation....".

With not-for-profit accounting, grants received for a specific purpose, this year the \$25,000 from Canada Post for KidSight, are not shown as Revenue, but reported as Deferred Contributions and Restricted Cash.

The Finance Committee met by Zoom on a monthly basis to review the financial statements, comparing actual results to budget on a year-to-date basis.

The daily banking operations of the Foundation were moved to the TD Bank, to be with the same bank where our investments are managed.

The committee reviewed all of the Finance Committee Policies of the Foundation. With some minor grammatical changes, the updated policies were approved by the Board.

My thanks to the members of the Committee:

Betty Ollerhead (5M10), Bonnie Popowich (5M11), Tanya Cameron (5M13)  
and Board Chair Joanne.

Thanks to Karen Beaudoin for accuracy and efficiency recording our finances, especially as she ran the office so well by herself since March.

Lion Rick Pinchin, Treasurer

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**LIONS FOUNDATION OF  
MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN  
ONTARIO INCORPORATED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2024**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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To the directors of **Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Incorporated,**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Incorporated, which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Incorporated as at June 30, 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Other Matter**

Comparative figures for the preceding year were compiled without audit.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cause significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosure are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*Gislason Targownik Peters*  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS LLP

Winkler, Manitoba  
December 11, 2024

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO  
INCORPORATED**

**Statement of Operations**

**For the year ended June 30, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Fundraising	\$ 75,234	\$ 82,497
Rental income	42,291	28,069
Medical assistance	21,803	28,535
Parade of Green	16,425	12,850
Public donations	12,951	6,483
Grants	1,102	8,602
	<b>169,806</b>	<b>167,036</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Amortization	21,026	20,453
Apartment occupancy costs	79,584	80,364
Directors meeting	7,588	5,288
Fundraising	52,488	54,931
Insurance	2,059	1,249
Interest and bank charges	1,477	1,288
Management fees	11,718	11,823
Medical and funding assistance	14,139	18,688
Office, stationery and postage	5,827	10,914
Professional fees	1,768	2,486
Salaries and wages	112,543	96,795
Travel	846	1,288
	<b>311,063</b>	<b>305,567</b>
<b>LOSS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS</b>	<b>(141,257)</b>	<b>(138,531)</b>
Unrealized holding gains on investments	58,778	67,994
Interest income	40,667	35,933
Gain (Loss) on disposal of investments	12,162	(36,979)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	2,896
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (29,650)</b>	<b>\$ (68,687)</b>

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets  
For the year ended June 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Invested in Capital Assets	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS - Beginning</b>	\$ 904,086	\$ 43,017	\$ 947,103	\$ 1,015,790
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(8,624)	(21,026)	(29,650)	(68,687)
Investment in capital assets	(14,358)	14,358	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS - Ending</b>	\$ 881,104	\$ 36,349	\$ 917,453	\$ 947,103

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO  
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**Statement of Financial Position**

**As at June 30, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 172	\$ 2,884
Accounts receivable	-	2,552
Government remittances refundable	1,456	2,172
Prepaid expenses	3,153	-
	4,781	7,608
<b>RESTRICTED CASH ( Note 6)</b>	<b>77,671</b>	<b>47,540</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS (Note 3)</b>	<b>944,994</b>	<b>945,430</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)</b>	<b>36,349</b>	<b>43,017</b>
	<b>\$ 1,063,795</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,595</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank indebtedness (Note 5)	\$ 53,701	\$ 34,301
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,998	4,999
Government remittances payable	6,972	9,652
	68,671	48,952
<b>DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 7)</b>	<b>77,671</b>	<b>47,540</b>
	<b>146,342</b>	<b>96,492</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General fund	881,104	904,086
Invested in capital assets	36,349	43,017
	917,453	947,103
	<b>\$ 1,063,795</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,595</b>

**APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

 Trustee

Trustee

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO  
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**Statement of Cash Flow  
For the year ended June 30, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (29,650)	\$ (68,687)
Non-cash items affecting operations:		
Amortization	21,026	20,453
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	(2,896)
(Gain) Loss on sale of investments	(12,162)	36,979
Unrealized holding gains on investments	(58,778)	(67,994)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances	30,565	(4,890)
	<b>(48,999)</b>	<b>(87,035)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of capital assets	(14,358)	(3,550)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	5,000
Investments	71,376	71,209
	<b>57,018</b>	<b>72,659</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>(14,376)</b>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - Beginning</b>	<b>16,123</b>	<b>30,499</b>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 24,142</b>	<b>\$ 16,123</b>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Cash	\$ 172	\$ 2,884
Restricted cash	77,671	47,540
Bank indebtedness	(53,701)	(34,301)
	<b>\$ 24,142</b>	<b>\$ 16,123</b>

# LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO INCORPORATED

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended June 30, 2024

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Inc. is a corporation without share capital, incorporated in 1981 under the laws of Canada. The corporation is a registered charity under section 149 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is therefore exempt from income tax. The organization's mission is to support, promote, and foster programs for the benefit of both children and adults that are in need of assistance who live in communities throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of presentation**

The financial statements of the organization have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and liabilities are at amortized cost unless otherwise noted. Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost consist of cash, restricted cash, receivables and accounts payable.

It is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant credit, currency, interest rate, liquidity or market risks arising from these financial instruments, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Investments**

The organization uses the fair value method to record investments traded on an active market. Unrealized gains and losses are reported in income.

# LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO INCORPORATED

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended June 30, 2024

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### Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are being amortized on the declining balance basis at the following rates based on estimated useful life, except in the year of acquisition, when one-half of the rate is used:

Computer hardware	20%
Furniture and fixtures	20%

Amortization of leasehold improvements is recorded over the term of the lease.

The organization reviews capital assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

### Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

Rental, fundraising and investment income are recorded when earned.

### Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements, as well as reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the estimated useful life of capital assets. These estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty, and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

### Contributed services and materials

A substantial number of volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time each year. Due to the difficulty of determining the fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Contributed materials which are used in the normal course of the organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.



# LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO INCORPORATED

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended June 30, 2024

### 3. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
Canadian cash and money market	\$ 11,868	\$ 7,234
Canadian equity mutual funds	574,137	630,759
Foreign cash and money market	11,234	2,463
Foreign equity mutual funds	347,755	304,974
	<b>\$ 944,994</b>	<b>\$ 945,430</b>

### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2024	Net 2023
Leasehold improvements	\$ 143,618	\$ 141,103	\$ 2,515	\$ 16,876
Furniture and fixtures	105,211	73,933	31,278	22,946
Computer hardware	9,166	6,610	2,556	3,195
	<b>\$ 257,995</b>	<b>\$ 221,646</b>	<b>\$ 36,349</b>	<b>\$ 43,017</b>

### 5. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

	2024	2023
Canadian banks - bank accounts	\$ 23,970	\$ 13,239
Less: restricted cash	77,671	47,540
	<b>\$ (53,701)</b>	<b>\$ (34,301)</b>

### 6. RESTRICTED CASH

The restricted cash balance consists of externally restricted contributions for future expenditures. See Note 7.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended June 30, 2024**

**7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

	2024	2023
Health Support:		
Opening	\$ 3,299	\$ 4,800
Add: Restricted contributions received	6,712	6,023
Less: Contributions recognized	(3,245)	(7,524)
	6,766	3,299
Hearing Program:		
Opening	44,241	44,241
Add: Restricted contributions received	2,681	3,000
Less: Contributions recognized	(1,925)	(3,000)
	44,997	44,241
Canada Post Grant		
Opening	-	-
Add: Restricted contributions received	25,000	-
Less: Contributions recognized	(1,102)	-
	23,898	-
Eye support program:		
Opening	-	800
Add: Restricted contributions received	2,420	930
Less: Contributions recognized	(410)	(1,730)
	2,010	-
	\$ 77,671	\$ 47,540

Deferred contributions represents the unrecognized portion of externally restricted contributions for various expenditures.

## QFC COMMITTEE

The Quality, Fundraising and Community committee would like to thank all the clubs with their continued support of our foundation through the Parade of Green.

The foundation is always looking for fundraising aside from our wonderful Lions clubs. As we prepare for the follow up to the Gala held in March 2023, we are excited for additional opportunities to enhance this event.

Work is being done on a possible partnership with WestJet. This would broaden the visibility of the foundation.

We are planning to host an anniversary celebration honoring the Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario. This will showcase the workings of the foundation including our Serenity Suites.

Due to weather conditions, the Journey for Sight snow machine ride was cancelled for 2024. Fortunately, the raffle for a snow machine was held in February and the Wheat City Lions Club were the recipients of the prize. Commemorative plaques were given to 13 long time riders and organizers of this event.

The foundation benefited from True North Sports & Entertainment with their gift of complimentary Jets hockey tickets. We were able to donate some to our guests at the manor as well as use some for raffles. The foundation, as well as the Dryden Trillium Lions, held online raffles with Jets tickets with all proceeds going back to the foundation.

We are very grateful to the Vermilion Bay Lions who hosted a murder mystery at their Lions Hall with the help of the Dryden Trillium Lions. All proceeds went to the foundation.

The committee did lots of brainstorming to come up with names for our 4 pillars. Along with **Helping Hands** and **Serenity Suites**, our sight and hearing programs will be named **Giving Glances** and **Simply Sound** respectively.

The QFC has taken on a more physical role with the absence of our executive director due to illness. Our committee has been posting for the foundation on Facebook and are working on a newsletter to send out to our Lions clubs. The events that were previously scheduled were postponed until the return of the executive director.

We are very appreciative to the Administrative Assistant, Karen Beaudoin, who is keeping us on board.

Flip Give is a way for the foundation to earn cash back on your online purchases. Simply download the Flip Give app and join our team to start the process. A percentage of your purchase will be given back to the foundation.

Donations can be made through your workplace with All Charities. This can be set up as a payroll deduction.

As well Canada Helps can direct your donation right to our foundation. Visit [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) to donate.

The Foundation also offers a legacy program. You can delegate your gift to the foundation in your will. A pin has been manufactured to recognize donors of this program.

The QFC worked hard to develop a work plan for the 24/25 calendar year. Our directors include myself as chair, Patty Lyle – 5M10, Veena Nandan – 5M11 and Nancy Drul – 5M13 and our board chair Joanne Ogden 5M10

Thank you  
Tammy Wheatley  
QFC Committee Chair

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Committee members 2023-2024:

Lions Sherri Juba (5M13), Joanne Ogden (5M10), Gordon Zeglinski (5M11), Dwayne Moncur (5M13), Gina Lopes ED.

The Governance Committee met monthly for the entire year, and was very busy updating job descriptions, board policies and processes to ensure that our Foundation meets all the standards required for a non-profit corporation. There were several board policies developed by the committee and approved by the Board.

The Board Policy Sections are: 1.0 Board Roles & Responsibilities, 2.0 Board Committees, 3.0 Personnel, 4.0 Finance & Reporting, 5.0 Fundraising.

The Committee continued to review and adjust policies and procedures, where deemed necessary, we believe that we have developed solid policies and guidelines that align with Foundation Goals and Governance priorities.

The loss of our Executive Director in the last quarter of our year highlighted the importance of having these policies in place.

Policies that require approval are brought to the Board meetings which are held quarterly, we meet twice in person and virtually. There is an annual work plan that is followed monthly with the policies.

The Governance Committee was instrumental in plans for our upcoming strategic planning session to be held in September 2024. We are excited for the future of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Moncur  
Governance Committee Chair

## PROGRAM STATISTICS CURRENT

### Giving Glances (all things sight)

Club  
Contribution  
\$13,519

Support Provided  
\$27,038

Foundation Contribution  
\$13,519

**9,884 kids Screened-1,681 referred**  
**60,501 pairs of glasses collected**

### Simply Sound (all things hearing)

Club  
Contribution  
\$2,681.25

Support Provided  
\$5,362.50

Foundation Contribution  
\$2,681.25

**541 Hearing aids collected**

### Helping Hands

Club  
Contribution  
\$6,712

Support Provided  
\$11,458

Foundation Contribution  
\$4,746

### Serenity Suites

**596**

Nights

**\$42,058.99**

Total

### CLERC

**60,501**

Glasses  
collected

**6,006,330**

Glasses  
provided  
worldwide



## THE FUTURE.....

OUR PROGRAMS ARE EXPANDING IN THE UPCOMING YEAR AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN.

OUR PLAN WILL ALLOW US TO ASSIST MORE PEOPLE IN AREAS IN MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO AS WELL AS EXPAND OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS.

OUR KIDSIGHT PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED WITH 2 NEW CAMERAS AND SEVERAL MORE PLANNED. JOINING OUR KIDSIGHT PROGRAM WILL BE OUR KIDSHEARING PROGRAM WITH THE ADDITION OF 3 RAPID SCREENERs THAT WILL BE ARRIVING TO THE FOUNDATION THIS MONTH.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMPLIFON WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING A PROGRAM THAT WILL IDENTIFY KIDS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT AS WELL AS CHANGES IN THEIR EYESIGHT.

OUR SERENITY SUITES PROGRAM HAS BEEN GROWING (OVER 100 MORE NIGHTS STAYED OVER LAST YEAR) AND WE WILL LOOKING TO ADDING MORE SUITES AS WE ARE ABLE.

OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN COMES WITH A MARKETING PLAN TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF OUR PROGRAMS AS WELL AS A FUNDRAISING PLAN SUPPORTED BY AN ACCOMPLISHED FUNDRAISING STRATEGIST.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR LIONS' CLUBS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE FOUNDATION OVER OUR PAST YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO EXPAND THE SERVICE TO THEM AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SUPPORT.

STAY TUNED...UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPPORT OF LES OF RANKIN SEABORNE COMPANY INC., WE KNOW THE FUTURE WILL SHINE BRIGHTLY.

The Board of Directors

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(Watch for our announcement for our new Executive Director starting February 3, 2025)

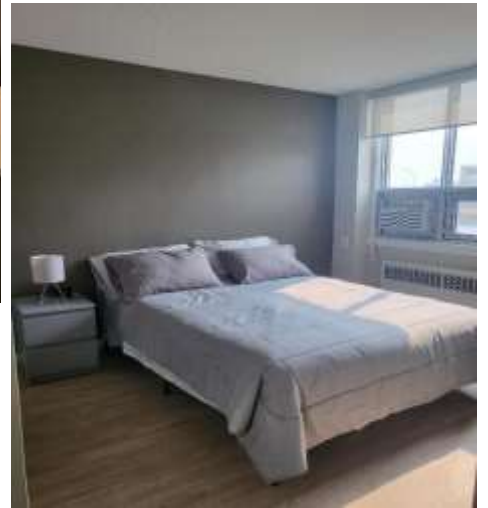
Karen Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant



# PHOTO ALBUM

Serenity Suites...your home away from home







## What is the word on the street?

I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, along with those Lions Clubs who donated the funds which allowed me to apply for and receive upgraded hearing devices that have given me the ability to once again hear better than I have in the past. The newly upgraded hearing devices are the Advanced Bionics Marvel Cochlear Implant and the Phonak Marvel Link Hearing Aid.

After receiving these new devices and taking a few weeks to adjust to them, I can state that my hearing is far better than it was with my previous CI and HA, allowing me to enjoy a new listening experience that is created using AI (Artificial Intelligence) which is built into the software that runs the processors for the linked devices. What I hear in my right ear through my CI, I also hear in my left ear HA and this allows me to hear many things that I was not able to hear in the past 40 years as a person with profound hearing loss. This in turn has given me renewed confidence to go out in public knowing that I will be able to take part in conversations in noisy environments that I could never do before. In noisy restaurants or mall food courts, my new devices automatically adjust for surrounding noise which allows me a more intimate experience while joining in on conversations with one or more people. While listening to music, either in the privacy of my home, or going out to listen to live music at a local coffee house, for the first time that I can remember since my hearing loss began, I can once again understand the words that are being sung as well as the notes that are being played on various instruments.

Along with improving my personal life passions, I am now confident to once again look for employment, which in turn will help me to deal with the financial hardships that many people struggle with during these economically difficult times. I hope to find something working from home, where I can take incoming phone calls as a support representative for whichever company hires me. I have begun to send out resumes, outlining my personal and work experiences and the many skills that I can bring to the table once working for a potential employer.

Thanks again from the bottom of my heart for what the Lions have given me. As a fellow Lion, I will now be able to more fully achieve my "Service" goals and work with other Lions while doing so.

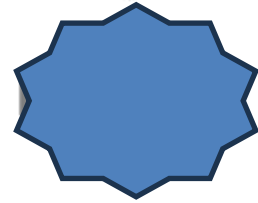
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The Hiras Foundation,

Thank you for all the support with  
purchasing my new powerchair.  
It has helped me so much as  
now I can move around my  
house with ease

Thank you,

Tyler



I will be forever grateful to Lions Club of Winnipeg for the financial contribution in the purchasing of the magnifying device. It is an asset to assist me with my loss of eyesight disability.

It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely  
Thankful  
Anne



You made our  
stay comfortable  
& welcoming!

To the Staff &  
Karen Beaudoin  
at Lions Manor

WARMEST WISHES  
FOR THE  
HOLIDAY SEASON

from Chris & Susan  
"Serenity Suites" Sept/Oct/Nov

Karen Samantha & Alan...Some good news for a change...

Our Son Kristian [redacted] received his "New/Refurbished" Hearing Aids yesterday (June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Never-ever wanting to forget our manners...

Bernice, myself (Rudy [redacted] and our son Kristian [redacted] felt compelled to reach out to you good folks to **Thank You So Very MUCH** for your helping hands on our Hearing Aid Quest for our beleaguered son Kristian [redacted]!

Words can not describe our Sincerest Gratitude for this Life Changing Gift!

*Thank you and Thank you again* for your much needed assistance. We could not have accomplished this with our you.

Kindest Regards...Rudy, Bernice and Kristian

Thank you to the staff of Lion's for the amazing stay we had in January and mid-February 2024.

We were welcomed initially by email from Karen and she was able to help from a distance with our initial requests and questions.

Karen was quick to return our phone calls and was super about allowing entrance on weekend to accommodate our arrival date.

The building is well maintained and the cleaning staff amazing (not an easy task to keep it clean when warm & muddy weather).

The Building security were amazing to work with; especially since we had a vehicle to park and a guest visiting.

The suite was super! It had everything we could have wanted – thank you for thinking of all the things for kitchen!

We were pleased to have tv channels that we were able to watch and keep some normal in our routine.

Wi-fi was quick and never failed which also helped as I worked remotely when possible.

We didn't use laundry; but there was available on our floor to use and the little store has laundry soaps, etc.

Elevators were always available; never had to wait for long.

The cafeteria had great food options for breakfast, lunch, and supper along with a store – did purchase here and was cheaper than grocery for many items!

We were welcomed by the "residents" of the Lion's building; and I think they were happy to see when our daughter visited (young and full of energy).

We wanted to get to the library; and I suspect it's a great spot for puzzles and socializing. We ran outta time.

I might add having the Sherbrook Pool across the street was excellent as well – gym, lane swim and aquafitness classes – kudos to the City for that facility!

Also, lovely bakery – Hildegaard's just across street with lovely wood-fire food – amazing coffee and take-away breads, soups, etc.

As well, Rexall pharmacy that has lots of options for personal care items, food, and extras!

Easy access and super close to HSC where treatments occurred. This was a bonus as we never felt rushed to get to appointments; knowing it was only minutes away.

Bus stop across street for all major buses (downtown, polo park, etc)



## Canada Post Community Grant



Ben Ward Fellows  
2023-2024

Lion Jerry Barnesky 5M13  
PDG Helmut Neufeld 5M13  
(posthumous)  
Lion Elmer Formo 5M13  
Lion Jean Garbolinsky 5M13

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Ben Ward Fellow

Joanne Ogden 5M10

Progressive Diamond  
Ben Ward Fellow

Joanne Ogden 5M10

Kid Sight Award Recipients  
2023-2024

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