

District 33-A
Listing and Description of Lions Causes

Name	Description
Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) www.lcif.org	LCIF is Lions Foundation for service through various grants and programs supporting our Lions Global Causes. 15% of club donations are available to fund projects at the Club or District Level.
MA Lions Eye Research Fund (MLERF) www.mlerfi.com	MLERF's mission is to financially support critical and cutting-edge conceptual vision research being done at Massachusetts' leading medical and academic institutions to preserve and restore sight for individuals affected by vision impairment and preventable blindness.
District 33A Sight & Hearing Fund	The fund is set up to assist District 33A Lions Clubs in obtaining Sight and Hearing assistance for citizens of their communities.
All-State Band Program	All-State band is a statewide program that gathers high school students from across Massachusetts for a music experience and public performance. Donations support the annual budget of this program as well as student scholarships.
District 33A Sightmobile	A mobile platform used for eye and health screenings.
District Day of Service (Meal Packaging Event to combat food insecurity)	Donations to support our annual district wide service project packaging meals for distribution to food pantries, shelters, and food banks to combat hunger across our district.
Leadership Training	A District 33A fund to support the expenses associated with training of club and district officers.
Temporary Ramp Program	District 33A program to provide temporary ramps to district clubs and members of their communities. This is a new program and needs financial support.
Youth Speech Program	A speech competition for students in grades 9 - 12 to speak publicly and freely on a designated topic of general interest from local to state level. Participants progress through Club, Zone, Region, District, and State level competitions. Annual District Budget of \$5,725, in need of approximately \$4,500 to support this program.
Environmental Photo Program	Photo contest for Lions on a given topic.
Humanitarian Award	Each year at the Midwinter Conference the District presents an award to an individual (or individuals) who have distinguished themselves through humanitarian acts. Clubs in the district can put forth a person(s) from their community.

MA Lions Low Vision Network	Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people affected with Low Vision in our communities by offering services through a large network that will work to improve quality of life and independence.
International Peace Poster Program	International poster contest for middle-school students on a given theme. Participants compete at the Club, District, Multiple District, and International level.
ROAR Program	The ROAR Program is designed to help new members become familiar with and take an active role in club and district activities.
Young Ambassador Program	Award given to a high school student who demonstrates community service, leadership, and scholastic achievement.
Emergency Fund (Community Aid)	Emergency fund to support individuals or clubs within the district that experience a disaster, act of god, or other community need.
Eyeglass Recycling	Donations to support the collection, processing, and distribution of eyeglasses to locations where they can be reused.
Flags Program	Donations provide funds for District 33A's share of the expenses associated with the storage, maintenance, and replacement of MD33 Flags.
Leo Program	Support of our Leos Clubs and activities within District 33A.
Lions District Marketing	This is a new fund for 2025-2026 to support District 33A marketing efforts and Club marketing needs.
Youth Camps and Exchange	Program introduces young people to life in other cultures by helping them travel abroad. MD33 hosts a two-week Camp and Exchange program for approximately 15 international youth visiting Massachusetts. These youth spend a week with a local host family and a week in a camp setting together visiting popular and educational destinations in Massachusetts. Donations support this two-week camp experience. There are also opportunities for Massachusetts youth to travel to other countries with this program and the sponsorship of their local Lions Club.

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Audio Journal 799 W Boylston St Worcester, MA 01606 www.audiojournal.org	Audio Journal’s mission in Central Massachusetts is to connect individuals with visual impairment, or an inability to access print material, to their communities through broadcasting of local news, information, and entertainment, with exclusive programs and content.
The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc. 30 Ennis Rd PO Box 356 North Oxford, MA 01537-0356 www.bartoncenter.org	Education Center and summer camp providing fun and support with the goal of educating children and their families on how to manage the daily rigors of diabetes, so they can live fuller and healthier lives.
The Carroll Center for the Blind 770 Centre St Newton, MA 02458-2597 www.carroll.org	The Carroll Center for the Blind services many sectors and populations – we deliver state of the art assistive technology and consulting services to individuals, organizations, and governments globally to empower people who are blind or visually impaired to reach their full potential.
Descriptive Video Service (DVS) WGBH Educational Foundation 1 Guest St Boston MA 02135 www.wgbh.org/foundation/services/media-access-group	WGBH created Descriptive Video Service (DVS) for audiences who are blind or low vision. Known generically as audio description, the Media Access Group’s DVS team describes action, graphics, scene changes, body language, and other key elements of the program without interfering with the key dialogue.
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation 103 Vision Way Bloomfield, CT 06002 www.fidelco.org	Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation partners exceptional people who are blind with expertly bred and trained German Shepherd guide dogs, providing all clients with increased independence to improve their lives and the world around them.
National Braille Press 88 Saint Stephen St Boston, MA 02115-4312 www.nbp.org	NBP empowers the blind and visually impaired with programs, materials, and technology supporting braille literacy and learning through touch.

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NEADS Service Dogs PO Box 1100 Princeton, MA 01541 www.neads.org	Your support helps NEADS breed, raise, and train World Class Service Dogs that provide life-changing independence, companionship, and connection for people who are deaf or have a disability.
Perkins School for the Blind 175 North Beacon St Watertown, MA 02472 www.perkins.org	Perkins School for the Bind is the worldwide leader in education services for children and young adults who are blind and visually impaired with multiple disabilities.
Project New Hope Inc 70 James Street, Suite 155 Worcester MA 01064 www.projectnewhopema.org	Project New Hope is a New England-based, Military-affiliated, resource hub that finds and delivers the wellness resources needed by Veterans, Service Members, their families, and full units that have deployed together.
Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH International) 12660 Q St Omaha, NE 68137 www.vosh.org	Facilitates the provision and the sustainability of vision care worldwide for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care by supporting sustainable eye clinics, optometry schools and optometric educators in areas lacking sufficient eye care.
Worcester Free Care Collaborative www.worcesterfreecare.org	Includes free medical care clinics throughout Worcester (each night of the week) and includes the Wesley Eye and Ear Clinic at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street in Worcester.