

Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF) 5M5 Cabinet Report – August 2026

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation is pleased to report a significant milestone in our organization's history. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of Lions across Minnesota, MLCCF has now surpassed \$1 million in cumulative support to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital Childhood Cancer Survivor Program.

In May, MLCCF presented a gift of \$140,000 to the University of Minnesota Foundation, bringing our total contributions to more than \$1 million. This achievement reflects six years of fundraising, volunteer service, and an unwavering commitment by Lions clubs throughout Multiple District 5M.

This milestone belongs not only to MLCCF, but to every Lions club, district, and individual Lion who has supported our mission. The Childhood Cancer Survivor Program continues to provide critical services to young cancer survivors and their families, helping ensure that children who have overcome cancer receive the long-term care and support they need.

We also had another outstanding year partnering with the Hamel Rodeo. More than 50 Lions volunteers from throughout Minnesota helped make the event a tremendous success. Thanks to Lion Grant, we also had six Youth Exchange participants volunteering at the event. We are especially grateful for the tremendous support of the 5M5 District, as a large number of our volunteers came from right here in our district. MLCCF receives \$2.00 for every ticket sold for the Thursday night opening, making this partnership an important fundraiser for our childhood cancer programs.

As the 2026–2027 Lions year progresses, MLCCF remains committed to supporting our three primary programs:

- University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital Childhood Cancer Survivor Program
- Kamp KACE (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere)
- MLCCF Match Program, which assists Lions clubs in supporting local families affected by childhood cancer

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Lion Mike Crenshaw for organizing a district-wide Lego Drive in honor of Charlie, who is battling diffuse midline glioma, a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer. The generosity and compassion shown by the Lions of 5M5 demonstrate the true meaning of *We Serve* and the difference our Lions family can make in the lives of children and their families.

As we celebrate the \$1 million milestone, we also look ahead to the future. Childhood cancer continues to impact Minnesota families every day, and MLCCF will continue working with Lions across Minnesota to provide hope, assistance, and support where it is needed most.

Thank you to the 5M5 District Cabinet and all of the Lions of 5M5 for your continued support of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Your leadership, generosity, and willingness to promote our mission help make it possible for MLCCF to continue making a difference in the lives of children and families affected by childhood cancer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Stevens & Colleen Patterson
Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation