

**5M5 Cabinet Executive Summary**  
**Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF)**

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## Overview

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF) remains financially strong and continues to expand its impact across Minnesota. Now in its eighth year, the Foundation is nearing a major milestone of **\$1,000,000 in cumulative giving to the Masonic Children's Hospital**, building on \$896,551 reported as of March 1, 2026.

Our focus is clear: **finish the \$1M campaign by our June 30, 2026 fiscal year.**

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## Key Highlights

### \$1M Campaign – Final Phase

- Entering the final push toward \$1,000,000
- Emphasis on club participation and individual giving

### Hamel Rodeo Partnership

- Over **\$76,000 raised to date**
- Continues as a reliable, high-impact fundraiser
- Strong volunteer support remains essential (all volunteer slots for this year's event have been filled)

### Match Program (Direct Family Support)

- MLCCF matches up to **\$500 per family** supported by Lions clubs. Participation in 5M5 has been light. The March 2026 Informer had an article describing it which hopefully will result in greater participation.

### KS95 for Kids Radiothon (Mall of America)

- Ongoing Lions volunteer involvement
- High visibility opportunity for Lions service and impact
- Very successful this year with check presentation (*photo below*)

### Kamp KACE Support

- Continued funding for a camp experience serving children battling cancer

## Lions LEGO Pub Crawl

- Successful and engaging community event
- Delivered significant donations to Masonic Children's Hospital
- Builds awareness and participation in a unique way

## Expanded Outreach,

- Exploring additional partnerships with the other childhood cancer hospitals – specifically Children's Minnesota where we met with Senior Philanthropy Officer, Brady Gervais.

## DGE Tour of Masonic Children's Hospital

- For the first time we were included with the District Governor Elects training in March. Received very positive feedback and hopefully will be included every year going forward. *(photo below)*

## Lions Day at the Capitol (March 2026)

- We were asked to present at Lions Day at the Capitol. Chair Gary delivered a 10 minute speech to those in attendance including state officials. Helped raise awareness and strengthen relationships with state leaders and other Lions in attendance.

