

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Cabinet Report

In July, I was able to visit the lab where the diabetes research takes place. Did you know, (well I am sure you all know) there is a building named the Lions Building at the U?

In March of this year, 2 grants were given to the U of M for diabetes research.

- \$35,000 – ensuring that patients with Type 1 Diabetes can select the islet cell transplant clinical trial that is expected to benefit from the most.
- \$35,000 – Understanding the origins of autoimmune disease.

Did you know the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MLDF) has raised over 2.6 million dollars for research since 2010?

We will be sending out emails to all club Presidents as a reminder this week that November service focus areas are Diabetes & hunger. We will encourage having Paul & I to speak on continue diabetes research, service ideas for clubs & our own journeys with diabetes.

Just a note about hunger, as our other focus this month. We know food shelves are already struggling to keep up with demand. In addition, snap benefits are affected by the government shutdown. Encourage clubs that perhaps a little extra bump up in donations would help them fill the shelves.

Something I just learned this week is there are new programs that are being developed to include more healthy selections at food shelves. They are known as “Super shelves.” They are working to provide increased fresh & healthier options. Win/win for a healthier life style to combat diabetes, heart disease and other medical conditions.

Thank You,

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