5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Green, Approved Projects

This time of year, we cabinet members and zone chairs get a lot of questions about whom the clubs can write checks for the Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Checks. We've put together this partial list of activities sponsored by our district and the name and phone number of the Cabinet Chairperson.
If your club is using Gambling Funds, we have noted the 501(c)3 organizations.
Any check made out to 5M5 cannot be paid with gambling funds as 5M5 has no tax status.

CAN DO CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS — Yes -501c3

The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs:
Hearing Assist Diabetes Assist Seizure Assist Mobility Assist Autism Assist

Can Do Canines
9440 Science Center Dr., New Hope, MN 55428
B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009

Cabinet Chair:
Daren Johnson
4910 Washburn Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55430
C: 612-720-0271
E: liondaren5m5@gmail.com

CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER — Yes -501c3

Also known as Camp Confidence, it is an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities. The program at Camp Confidence is aimed at promoting self- confidence and self-esteem and the necessary skills to become contributing members of society.

Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson
612-819-1743 rthorf@aol.com

Cabinet Chair:
Not Assigned

LCIF, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

Lions Clubs International Foundation provides money and services throughout the world such as fighting river blindness in remote regions of the world, providing seed money for Diabetes programs, relief for natural disasters, and for national emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack.
The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of $1,000

LCIF
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122- 4547

Cabinet Chair
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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND — Yes -501c3

Located in Rochester, Michigan, this Lions sponsored service trains dogs for the visually impaired. The dog recipient attends Leader Dog, receiving his/her dog and training at no personal cost.

Leader Dogs for the Blind
PO Box 5000
Rochester, MI 48308
248-651-9011 **www.leaderdog.org**

Cabinet Chair:
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424 Union Terrace Lane N
Plymouth, MN 55441
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LEOS — No

Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start-up money, officer training, etc.
Currently, the district asks to hold donations to Lions Quest but donate to LEOs or Youth Exchange instead.

Make checks payable to:
District 5M5 with a memo to "Lions Leos"

Cabinet Chair:
Jane Hansen
9101 35th Ave. N.
New Hope, MN 554227
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MD5M KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

Send your checks to:
Tim Conaway
11949 90th Ave N.
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Cabinet Co-Chair:
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Maple Grove, MN 55369
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Cabinet Co-Chair:

MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

Provides services and resources for survivors of childhood cancer and their families. Such as Camp KACE (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere).
Supports research by providing funds to the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center or such other organizations that engage in research and/or treatment or care of childhood cancer as the board of directors may from time to time approve.
Provides service for the support of families of childhood cancer patients. *Clubs can receive matching grants up to $500 for a family in their district.*

Mail checks to:
MN Childhood Cancer Foundation
% Tom O'Brien
5028 Norwood Street, Duluth, MN 55804
Pay Online at:
www.mnlionschildhoodcancerfo undation.org/donate-1

Cabinet Co-Chair:
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18320 Cascade Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
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Cabinet Co-Chair:
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Robbinsdale, MN 55422
C: 612-275-7785
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MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

Raises funds to support research for a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, and treatments for diabetes.
Provides funding for education, health screening and programs, services and activities related to diabetes.

Mail checks to:
Lion Mike Edwards
11070 16th Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376
Make checks payable to:
MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
www.MNLionsDiabetes.org

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Osseo, MN 55369
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Shoreview, MN 55126
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E: jimdubba-u@hotmail.com

MN LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

The MN Lions Hearing Foundation - Lions 5M International Hearing Center, Lions Children's Hearing Center, Lions Voice Clinic; Cochlear implants, hearing tests, infant hearing testing, hearing aids, and research are among the many important works of the Lions Hearing Foundation.

Children's Hearing Center - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the Children's Hearing Center.

Send checks to Cheryl or Kevin

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
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C: 763-300-6749
E: cjechorek28@gmail.com

Cabinet Co-Chair:
Kevin Walsh
2005 E 122nd St; Apt A10
Burnsville, MN 55337
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E: kwalsh75@live.com

MN LIONS VISION FOUNDATION — Yes -501c3

Lions Gift of Sight, *dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for use in sight- saving corneal transplants, vision-enhancing surgery, research, and education. Lions Gift of Sight is one of the most successful eye banks in the country, and more than 29,000 people have received the gift of sight with donated eye tissue provided through the eye bank*

Children's Eye Clinic, *established in 1969, where more than 8,000 children are seen every year. The clinic is the second largest and best–staffed clinic of its kind in the country.*

MAC Center, *Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC), established in 1998, researches and treats macular degeneration, a disease that affects the central vision. Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The MAC brings together the expertise of physicians, the research of various departments around the University, and the knowledge of those in the medical technology industry. It is a powerful collaboration of resources dedicated to fighting macular degeneration.*

Make checks payable to:
MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc.

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Cabinet Co-Chair:

PROJECT NEW HOPE — Yes- 501c3

The mission is to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime services.

They do this by offering retreats for the whole family.

Make checks payable to:
Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN, Inc

Website:
www.projectnewhope.net

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA — Yes -501c3

The 5M-5 Lions have been helping at the Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the University of MN. We incur some miscellaneous expenses that are not in the District's budget.

Checks can be made to:
Special Olympics Minnesota
625 Marquette Ave S., Suite 900
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Website: www.specialolympicsminn esota.org

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6143 Brookview Ave S
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TEAM SHEEHAN — Yes -501c3

Named after 2021 2022 International President and Minnesota Lion Brian Sheehan, the T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation was established to raise funds and support the global causes of Lions Clubs International: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Childhood Cancer. The foundation is governed by trustees appointed by the District Governors in each of the districts in MD5M.

Mail checks to:
PDG Merlin Athmann, Treasurer
P.O. Box337 Bird Island, MN 55310

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Rob Rand
6600 Lyndale Ave S., 600
Richfield, MN 55423
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robrandmn@gmail.com

TRUE FRIENDS — Yes -501c3

True Friends is the umbrella organization which includes:
Camp Courage Camp Friendship Camp Eden Wood Camp Courage North
Each camp provided a great experience for people with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities.

Make checks payable to:
True Friends-
A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.

Cabinet Chair:
Not Assigned

Contact:
PID Ross Thorfinson
612-819-1743
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YOUTH EXCHANGE AND CAMPS — No

This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa.
The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.

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