



Topeka Lions – We Serve

## Service club provides eyeglasses for those in need

### Please support the **2021 Journey for Sight** **10K/5K Run and 5K Walk**

There are many people in the Topeka area who simply cannot afford the eyeglasses they desperately need. The Topeka Lions Club serves the community by purchasing eyeglasses for those who qualify. Since 1929 the Topeka Lions has proudly served the Topeka community with sight-related services which are made possible by fundraising efforts.

On average the club receives about 12 requests per month for assistance with eyeglasses. Requests come from families with young children and/or adults, including individuals from the Topeka Rescue Mission. There is an increased demand for visual assistance, and very few organizations provide this type of assistance. A current prescription is required before the Lions Club can provide assistance with new eyeglasses or replacement lenses for an existing pair of eyeglass frames. The Eyeglass Procurement Program by the Topeka Lions Club provides for a basic eyeglass frame fitted with prescription lenses as prescribed by an eye doctor.

The Topeka Lions holds one main fundraising event to raise money for Eyeglass Procurement. This year the Topeka Lions will host the **37<sup>th</sup> Annual – Topeka Lions Foundation Journey for Sight, a VIRTUAL 10K & 5K Run & 5K Walk**. A longtime member of the Topeka Lions Club, Frank E. Godding, Jr, spearheaded this fundraising event 38 years ago. It has been held every year since, except 2011 and 2020. Due to the Journey for Sight being **VIRTUAL** this year, the location is up to the participants between the dates of June 13-June 26, 2021. Runners and Walkers may pick up a registration form at Garry Gribbles Running Sports at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Wanamaker, next to Target in Topeka, KS, or register online at [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com). Search for Topeka Lions Foundation Journey for Sight. Contributions to the Topeka Lions Foundation are accepted whether you participate as a runner, walker, or just want to help financially with the visual needs of Topekans.

Enclosed is a sponsorship form with various levels of commitment for this event. Please consider what you can do to support this event and help those who need eyeglasses.

For questions and additional information on how you can help, provide in-kind, or monetary donations please contact us at [topekalionstwilightclub@gmail.com](mailto:topekalionstwilightclub@gmail.com) or call Jeri Best at 785-249-4346.

Sincerely,

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