



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT /STATE

(The Service Organizations listed below are not considered to be the complete listing)

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments

1750 S. Big Bend Blvd
Richmond Heights, MO 63117
(314) 776-1300
www.dgckids.org
info@dgckids.org

In 1951, a group of Delta Gamma alumni from Washington University started a local organization to serve the needs of young children with visual impairments and blindness.

The founders set forth on a mission to provide educational services for children in the earliest years, prior to the start of school, with an emphasis on guidance and training for their parents.

Services include comprehensive early intervention services to address the needs of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired and their families.

Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes is the number one cause of preventable blindness in the United States. Diabetes Awareness is a program designed to bring awareness of diabetes early detection and treatment. Those who suffer from diabetes are susceptible to blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, and stroke.

Additional information regarding Diabetes can be obtained from the following organizations:

- [International Diabetes Federation \(IDF\)](#)
- [American Diabetes Association \(ADA\)](#)
- [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation \(JDRF\) \(US\)](#)
- [Diabetes Education & Camping Association \(DECA\)](#)

District Eye Care

See District Directory for contact information

The purpose of the District Eye Care is to provide financial support for medical emergencies, surgeries or transplants necessary for individuals who suffer from conditions, diseases or injuries adversely affecting their ability to see. An individual who meets the financial requirements will be directed to a pre-approved Doctor and/or facility for further evaluation and necessary surgery. This service is only available to residents who live within the boundaries of this District. The District Eye Care does not provide eye examination or glasses beyond that which is needed from a surgical procedure.

District Sight & Lions Assistance and Services

Phone Number
314-645-3500

District Sight will provide assistance with eye examinations and/or glasses to qualifying individuals who are indigent and who live in areas of our District that are not currently being handled by an existing Lions Club. If there is a need for more extensive medical assistance, the Lions Assistance and Services will direct these individuals to the District Eye Care for further assistance. In addition, other assistance (other than eye care) can be requested through this committee.

District Hearing

See District Directory for contact information

District Hearing provides assistance with hearing devices/aides to qualifying individuals who are indigent and who live within the boundaries of our District



KidSight

10560 N. Ambassador Dr.,
Ste 210
Kansas City, MO 64153
(855) 454-3744
www.kid-sight.org

KidSight provides free vision screenings for children. The program was founded in St. Louis in 1995 with a handful of volunteers screening a few hundred children a year. Today, the program has grown to screen the vision of more than 67,000 kids throughout Missouri each year with the help of trained staff and volunteers operating in 5 offices across the state. Since 1995, KidSight has screened the vision of more than 500,000 children.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S. Rochester Road
Rochester, MI 48307
(888) 777-5332
www.leaderdog.org

Leader Dogs for the Blind (Rochester, Michigan) provides guide dogs for the blind at NO charge. An approved recipient to receive a Leader Dog will travel to Rochester for an orientation and training program. The mission is to empower people with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Members of Lions Club International founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time.

Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind (LBOMB)

615 Howerton Court
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(800) 592-6004

BOMB (Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind, Inc.) was established October 25, 1946, to help blind persons become self-supporting.

Under federal regulations Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Division of Family Services, has since assumed responsibility for administration of the program. The Lions Clubs continue to have input into the program through appointment of the LBOMB Board of Directors. LBOMB acts as the Division of Family Services' "Nominee" in the provision of services to the blind vending facility managers. LBOMB receives its operating capital from several sources, the first being an administrative fee paid by the vending facility manager based on the net profit from his/her facility. The second source of revenue is income derived from the operation of unattended vending machines, including the Interstate highway road-side vending facilities.

Lions Eye Foundation of District 26-M2

The foundation's intent is to provide assistance for individuals with visual impairments. This is extended to clubs who are not financially able to do so themselves and/or for individuals who reside in an area where there is not a Lions Club. The only exception is the foundation does not provide assistance for eye surgeries.



Minds Eye Services for the Blind

9541 Church Circle Drive
Belleville, IL 62223
(618) 394-6444
www.mindseyeradio.org

In 1973, Minds Eye Information Service (Formerly Radio Information Service) was established as a broadcast service for the blind and print impaired.

Minds Eye provides free and verbatim readings of over 100 magazines, newspapers, books, and even retail ads to thousands of people in the St. Louis area who are unable to read them. You cannot hear this programming on your regular radio. Minds Eye will loan their listeners free radios tuned exclusively to their signal. Listeners can also listen live or to podcasts of all of their shows on Minds Eye website.

Midwestern Braille Volunteers

104 West Adams
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 966-5828
www.mbvola.org

Individuals who are blind rely on Braille for their reading materials. However, there is a limited supply of materials readily available. Due to the low volume and highly specialized nature of Braille transcription, there are very few commercial sources. Consequently, most Braille material is provided through non-profit groups. Midwestern Braille Volunteers assist the blind, helping them to lead active, productive, meaningful lives by transcribing a wide variety of materials into Braille. In addition, Braille volunteers also do embossing and training. However, their main focus is to transcribe textbooks for blind students attending classes with sighted peers on the elementary and secondary education levels. They also transcribe printed material for individuals, schools, businesses, governments, churches, hospitals and community organizations.

Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing

930 Madison Ave. – Suite 101
Memphis, TN 38103
(800) 546-6042
www.midsouthlions.org

Since 1942, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service has been restoring quality and independence to the lives of men, women and children affected by preventable sight and hearing loss through a compassionate and comprehensive approach to opening avenues to costly medical care and assistance.

The mission of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service is to positively enhance the lives of the indigent sight or hearing impaired by providing light, sound and hope through partnerships between Lions Clubs, medical professionals and facilities throughout the Mid-South. And to this day, Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service provides all of its services at NO CHARGE to the patient. Participating Lions Clubs provide transportation and eyeglasses. All other charges are provided by Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Today, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services extends its services into Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri.

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Facebook: Missouri-Lions-Eye-Mission-Foundation

Established in 2018, the foundation's mission is to provide eye exams and recycled eye glasses to the needy and low-income citizens in developing countries. They currently work with Lions in Sight of California and Nevada (LIS) to conduct two mission trips each year to countries such as Mexico and Panama. Lions can serve as doctors and volunteer technicians on these trips.



Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 776-4320
www.msb.dese.mo.gov

Established on February 27, 1851, Missouri School for the Blind (originally known as The Missouri Institution for the Education of the Blind) has the finest comprehensive educational system for students with visual impairments in Missouri, actively engaging families and the entire community to ensure student learning and success.

The mission of Missouri School for the Blind is to provide individualized instruction, resources and educational services ensuring that students with visual impairments achieve the academic, social, employment, and life skills empowering them to enjoy full productive lives.

Saving Sight

10560 N. Ambassador Dr.,
Ste 210
Kansas City, MO 64153
(800) 753-2265
www.saving-sight.org

Saving Sight has a mission to change lives by saving sight. Founded in 1960, the organization has grown to become one of the nation's leading eye banks and is focused on providing innovative solutions to its clinical partners. Headquartered in Kansas City, Saving Sight facilitates eye donation in Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois, impacting the lives of those both near and far through transplantation.

World Services for the Blind

2811 Fair Park Blvd.
Little Rock, AR 72204
(800) 248-0734
www.wsblind.org

World Services for the Blind (WSB) in Little Rock, Arkansas, began in 1939 as Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. It later became Lions World Services for the Blind and is now known as World Services for the Blind. World Services for the Blind is a comprehensive rehabilitation center for blind adults that provides counseling for emotional and psychological adjustment to blindness, training in independent living and mobility skills, and provides 13 vocational programs. The training capacity is 100 clients and the average training lasts 6 months. Lions Clubs support WSB operations and individuals rarely pay for training.