



DISTRICT 1-A OPEN AREA

WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT WORK

WHAT IS IT The district 1-A open area is the district's committee to try and help those persons that reside in locations within the boundaries of our district that have no Lions club to serve them. A map of District 1-A will show that we have vast areas within our boundaries that are not directly served by our clubs. It is through the District 1-A Open Area that persons in these areas are helped to obtain glasses and hearing aids.

Note the Open Area does not serve an area where a club exists, that is the responsibility of the resident Lions Club.

HOW DOES IT WORK Our Vision First program covers children all over the district in conjunction with the Chicago Public Schools and Lenscrafters but the adults are left behind. This is where the Open Area program comes in, referrals from various sources are sent to the Open Area coordinators and when it is determined that the recipient resides in an area within our District not served by one of our Lions Clubs, the coordinators attempt to help the individual to obtain what is needed whether the need be for glasses or for a hearing aid.

OPEN AREA NEEDS Currently our Open Area program is very low on funds, so low in fact so that the program can not provide for the needs of the recipients that have requested help. We have a few eye glass vouchers and almost no funds for other items. To alleviate this problem the Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers baseball game on September 18th had the district's share of the proceeds from the game designated to go to the District's Open Area account. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control almost no profit was received. This left us back where we started and in need for each of our clubs to step up to bat and hit a home run for the program by sending in their donations thus allowing the fund to grow and allowing the coordinators to get back to helping those in need.

OPEN AREA DONATIONS Any donations that individuals or Clubs would care to make should have the checks made out to **District 1-A** and sent to **Dawn Grogan, District CST**. Please note in the remarks area "**Open Area Fund**". This will insure the donations are put into the intended fund.

Your two coordinators **Lion Cheryl Warshaw** and **Lion Millie Koller** thank you for anything you can do and any donations your clubs can make.