



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 coordinator 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 quite low on funds, and the program can just barely provide for the needs of the recipients that have requested help. We have a few eye glass vouchers and very little funds for other items. This leaves us 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. We have seen an influx of requests for hearing aids and do to their cost it strains our funds so if any of the clubs can make a donation it would be very helpful.

OPEN AREA DONATIONS Any donations or checks that individuals or Clubs would care to make should be made out to **District 1-A** and sent to **LION MILLIE KOLLER - COORDINATOR**. Please write in the remarks area "**Open Area Fund**". This will insure the donations are put into the intended fund.

Your **OPEN AREA** coordinator **Lion Millie Koller** thanks you for anything you can do and any donations your clubs can make.