

WORLD SERVICE PROJECT

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Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Lion Sandy Hoffmann and I am your 2014-15 World Service Day Chairperson. My home club is Chicago Logan Square and I have been a Lion for 32 years, past president of my club and current board member. I have served on the District 1A Bowling, District 1A Raffle, and W.I.L.D. team for the past few years.

District 1A Lion Governor Terry D'Souza and I have chosen "Leader Dogs for the Blind" as our World Service Project. We both have a fondness for the furry critters that help so many blind and deaf person's to work, be part of their community, and live full active independent lives. Many of these people are Lions just like us. Leader Dogs fulfills the Lions Mission to help the blind and visually impaired, as well as the deaf.

Leader Dog's Campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan has kennels that accommodate 310 large dogs in clean, temperature controlled environments. They have a state of the art veterinary clinic and surgical center, breeding facility, and open air runs for the dogs to run and play together while undergoing their rigorous training to become a Leader Dog. It is also the training facility for the dog and the person who will receive the dog to do their onsite training together. They get no federal, state, or United Way funding. As you can imagine, all this comes at a cost, but not for the person who will get the dog and whose life will be enriched. Charity Navigator gives this organization a 4 Star rating.

This year Leader Dog is beginning a Capital Campaign to rebuild and refurbish their kennels. It is this project that we would like to participate in by funding. Your donation will be go into this restricted fund. They are a 501 (c) (3). Governor Terry, Vice Governors' Lions Ernie Lapid and Ralph Zarada have lined up to make personal donations. Won't you and/ or your club PLEASE dig into your Charity account NOW and let's be a part of this worthwhile project. Checks should be made to District 1A with Leader Dog in memo and given to me personally (I will be at Cabinet meeting Aug 7th) or mail directly to me.

I want to "Thank you" personally for your generosity and help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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