

Lions Foundation of Canada

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As the MD19, District H and BC & Yukon Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada, I am able to communicate with numerous Lions throughout BC. Contact is ongoing with all Canadian District LFC Chairperson's and am pleased to advise Lion Bob Abrahams has agreed to Chair LFC for District E. To assist the District Chair's, donation results have been forwarded each quarter. In addition, emails have been forwarded with the latest information received from the Foundation to keep all within the loop. I am continuing to produce a quarterly LFC bulletin the last submitted in November, 2015. The intent is to email to all Lions in BC to provide them on what the Foundation is, how we work and how the Lions can, as a club or individual, donate to ensure the ongoing viability. I am planning to attend five 2016 Spring Conferences with a display table, banner and pamphlets to help in advertising as well as providing information.

This year to date BC has received a total of 9 Dog Guides given to clients. This equates to a cost of approx. \$225,000 to the Foundation.

The following are the donations received over the last six months to December 31, 2015 from all Districts. It should be noted 19H is down as a result of one club sponsoring a specific dog in 2014-15.

British Columbia	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	
19-A	1,500.00	11,050.00	11,800.00	
19-D	7,328.90	9,217.93	7,376.40	
19-E	5,750.00	1,250.00	1,400.00	
19-H	5,372.10	18,366.66	4,583.33	
19-I	5,200.00	2,850.00	2,475.00	
	25,151.00	42,734.59	27,634.73	-41.15%

Overall the Foundation fundraising is down this year as a result of a much lower investment income due to the continuing decline in the investment portfolio and fewer bequests received.

We need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some of which members can be recognized:

- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and progressive \$500
 - LFC Fellowship \$250
 - Life Membership and progressive \$100
 - Adopt a Puppy \$100
 - Memorial Forest \$200
- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be over a number of years)
 - Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving whether a lump sum or periodic payments
 - Organize a Purina Walk for Dog Guides
- Donate your reward points – Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
 - Open donation to the Foundation