MD19 Lions Foundation Report

(formerly MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation)

MD19 Council of Governors' Meeting October 13, 2023

Greetings Council Chairperson Steve and Members of MD19 Council of Governors.

Leadership and Service are at the core of our organization, which makes the MD19 Lions Foundation particularly relevant to our future success. Created from a very generous bequest in 2003 and the prudent advice of our financial team, along with a little luck, the MD19 Lions Foundation has grown in its ability to assist our Lions Clubs and sponsored youth organizations, by providing a hands-up in their efforts to strengthen the development of good leaders. We can assist in worthy service projects as well.

Currently we are striving to develop and grow our leadership and service assistance in the non-Lions sector of our communities. We have helped Boys and Girls Club programs throughout the multiple district and are seeking other organizations such as FFA that have worthwhile programs to develop youth leadership. Our District Representatives are looking for ideas, so if you know of a worthy recipient, please let your District Representative know and a grant application will be made available. I will be happy to provide Council Members with the names of your District Representatives if you need them.

We are currently very focused on strengthening our Foundation Board by filling all the District Representative positions. We have three positions left to fill, one in district 19-O and two in district 19-I. Each district has two representatives serving in rotating two-year terms. The District Cabinets approve their representatives at a district cabinet meeting. The job description for a District Representative is available from our Secretary or President. When our website is completed, the job description will appear there as well.

J.D. Nellor has been creating our website for us. It will be done in the near future, and we will let all of you know when it goes live. I believe it will be linked to our MD19 website. Stand by.

Thank you for your support. This is a wonderful Foundation that has been created to support your efforts to provide good leaders within the Lions Family and in our communities. Please help us to find good recipients for the grants that are available to help you in your efforts to Serve.