

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. I have been in contact with all Canadian District LFC Chairperson's. To assist the District Chairperson's, I have forwarded the donation results for last year on a per club basis as well as all that participated in the Purina Dog Guide Walk. 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 August, 2016. 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. A 'Thank You' email has gone out to every club that participated in the Purina Dog Guide Walk last year. I will be attending five 2017 Spring Conferences with a display table, banner and pamphlets to help in advertising as well as providing information.

The following are the donations received over the last three years from all Districts. These totals do not include the Purina Walk for Dog Guide donations. When adding the walk total's for the last two years our total donations reached \$168,978 in 2014-15 and \$196,484 in 2015-16. A big thank you to Chairperson 19A Ping Mah and the Vancouver Clubs who raised in excess of \$43,000 for the walk, the 4th highest in Canada.

British Columbia	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
19-A	21,395.00	37,345.00	23,646.00
19-D	24,224.45	26,867.93	29,026.40
19-E	11,789.80	4,090.00	3,775.00
19-H	37,326.10	37,366.66	9,508.33
19-I	18,630.00	24,254.00	17,565.00
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The Lions Foundation of Canada is the only Dog Guide School in North America that provides six types of skilled dogs to people in need. These are the **Canine Vision** for the blind, **Hearing Ear** for the deaf, **Special Skills** for those with physical or medical disabilities, **Seizure Response** for people with epilepsy, **Autism Assistance** to provide safety and companionship for children with autism spectrum disorder and **Diabetic Alert Dog Guides** to assist people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness.

To be successful, we need education of Lions and financial support through donations. Please take this message back to your Clubs, District and Zones.

Thank you
Respectively submitted
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