

Lions Foundation of Canada

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As the MD19, District H and BC & Yukon Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada, I can communicate with numerous Lions throughout BC. Contact is ongoing with all Canadian District LFC Chairperson's and am pleased to advise Lion Linda Schaffrick from Oliver has agreed to Chair LFC for District D. Regretfully, we do still do not have a chairperson 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, 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. I am planning to attend four 2017 Spring Conferences with a display table, banner and pamphlets to help in advertising as well as providing information.

I was honored to attend and participate in District A's LFC fundraiser on January 18th. Between club, personal and raffle donations, they have raised \$60,000 for Dog Guides. A special thank you goes out to the Chairperson PDG Shella Kueng, her committee and DG Simon Yau.

This year to date BC has received a total of 6 Dog Guides given to clients. This equates to a cost of approx. \$150,000 to the Foundation.

Overall the Foundation fundraising is up this year because of higher investment income. We still 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 \$250
- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be over several years)
 - Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving whether a lump sum or periodic payments
 - Organize a Walk for Dog Guides
- Donate your reward points – Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
 - Open donation to the Foundation