

2025-2026 Parade of Checks Charities		Target % of support	Amount
<b>Disaster Relief &amp; Recovery Fund</b>		10%	
Contributing to the disaster relief and recovery fund ensures quick support for communities hit by natural disasters, helping them rebuild and recover swiftly. Let's be prepared to offer help when it's needed most.			
<b>Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin</b>		10%	
LEBW provides corneas for transplantation to those in need. Donations support the Donor Family Program, R & D and training at UW Ophthalmology Dept.			
<b>Little Warrior Foundation</b>		10%	
Formerly the Childhood Cancer Fund, your contributions can help make a meaningful difference in the lives of young cancer patients and their families, bringing hope and healing where it's needed most.			
<b>Wisconsin Lions Foundation</b>		10%	
A general donation is used where most needed, i.e. Lions Camp, Eyeglass Recycling, Diabetes Awareness, Hearing Projects, Vision Screening, Wall of Honor, Honors Garden, Wish List and NASA Discoveries/GLOBE.			
<b>LCIF / Melvin Jones Fellowship</b>		10%	
LCIF makes possible our worldwide efforts to restore sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and address other humanitarian needs. \$1,000 cumulative donations over 4 years qualifies your Club for a Melvin Jones Award.			
<b>Unrestricted District Funds</b>		7%	
This is the District's 'Rainy Day Fund' and is not earmarked for a specific cause or project - currently being used to fund the Hunger Relief Matching Funds Project.			
<b>Audio &amp; Braille Literacy Enhancement</b>		7%	
This group works with trained volunteers to transcribe print materials into braille, audio, and tactile formats to enhance literacy, dignity, productivity and independence.			
<b>Center for the Deaf - Blind</b>		7%	
Serving those who have some degree of loss in both hearing and vision. Through our wide array of services, we help people achieve as much independence as possible.			
<b>Hear Wisconsin</b>		7%	
Formerly known as Center for Communication, Hearing & Deafness aka Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Based in West Allis, this group serves adults and children throughout our state.			
<b>Leader Dogs for the Blind</b>		7%	
This agency believes that everyone deserves a life of independence and mobility. All services are provided free of charge, including travel in the U.S. and Canada, room and board, equipment and training.			
<b>Hunger Relief</b>		3%	
This collaboration amplifies the impact of our efforts, ensuring that more families in need receive nutritious food and essential resources. By combining our resources, we can address Food Pantry needs more effectively, helping those who need it most.			
<b>Karla N Harris Fellowship</b>		3%	
in remembrance of the late Past International Director Karla N Harris, this fund supports those seeking leadership roles within the District			
<b>Veteran Services</b>		3%	
This initiative is a way to honor their service and sacrifice. It not only shows our gratitude but also strengthens our communities by empowering those who have given so much for our country. Let's make a meaningful impact together!			
<b>Environmental Conservation</b>		3%	
Funding environmental conservation is essential to protect our local ecosystems, create healthier, more sustainable communities, and preserve the natural world's beauty and resources for future generations.			
<b>Vision Forward Association</b>		3%	
Provides quality services to children and adults with vision loss, including support, training, recreational activities and specialized products that will help them adjust to their changing vision.			

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<b>Deb Schwanz Memorial</b>			
The Deborah J. Schwanz Scholarship is dedicated to empowering women in 27-A1 by offsetting the costs associated with leadership development programs. We honor her legacy of District 27-A1's first female District Governor and her commitment to community se			
<b>District Puppy Fund</b>			
Supports the local Puppy Raising Program for future Leader Dogs.			
<b>Hearing Program</b>			
Raising funds for hearing loss provides essential resources like hearing aids and therapy, improving quality of life and enabling better communication. Let's help everyone hear.			
<b>Vision Care</b>			
Funding the District Vision Care fund and vision screening equipment is vital to ensure that people of all ages can access eye care, early detection of vision issues , and necessary treatments, preserving and improving quality of life through better sight			
<b>Youth Programs</b>			
This District fund supports the youth exchange program which fosters cultural understanding and personal growth. Let's invest in our youth to create a more connected future of Service.			
<b>Diabetes Awareness</b>			
Supporting diabetes awareness financially is vital because it educates people on prevention, early detection, and management. This reduces health complications and eases the burden on healthcare systems, fostering a healthier community.			
<b>Ray Hempel Fellowship</b>			
This fellowship is a fitting tribute to recognize and celebrate an individual's unique accomplishments, extraordinary dedication and service to others.			
<b>Birch Stum Memorial Fund, Inc.</b>			
This is a special commendation to recognize those who have demonstrated excellence in service to others. Only the interest and dividends from this fund are disbursed for WLF programs.			
<b>Blind Outdoor Leisure Development</b>			
Funds support outdoor activity programming for the blind and visually impaired living in our District.			
<b>Wisconsin Lions Missions</b>			
Extending vision services both across the United States and abroad is crucial to address global eye health disparities, enabling people everywhere to enjoy the benefits of clear vision and a higher quality of life.			
<b>Restoring Hope Transplant House</b>			
This is a non-profit home away from home for transplant families who are in search of a second chance at life through the miracle of transplantation at Madison area hospitals.			
<b>Kathy's House</b>			
Kathy's home away from home is the only hospital guest house in southeastern Wisconsin that serves guests of all ages receiving care at all area hospitals			
		Total:	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

*Contributions can be submitted with a single check made out to: Lions District 27-A1*

*and mailed to: 33438 Washington Avenue  
Burlington, WI 53105*

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or not you would like an itemized receipt  
or recognition from the individual charities*