

LCIF Standard Grant Final Report Form

A. General Grant Information

A1. LCIF Grant Number: GA10408/24-A

A2. Project Title: Construction “Sight: Expansion into Lions District 24-A, Phase II

A3. Sponsoring District: Lions District 24-A

A4. Grant Award Amount: \$30,000

A5. Date Project Completed: April 7, 2008

B. Narrative Report

B6. Detailed description on how the LCIF grant funds were utilized.

The LCIF grant funds were first utilized as a match gift toward funds raised through the individual clubs of District 24-A, and support from the local Community. The District 24-A pledges and community support combined with the LCIF grant totaled \$45,552. The total project budget was \$80,094 with a request to LCIF of \$48,000. Upon the award of \$30,000 from LCIF modifications were made to the program and the budget was adjusted to \$76,094. The following activities were completed through the District 24-A contributions, the LCIF grant award, Community Support, and the contributions of Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic:

- Equipping of 59 schools in Prince William County and 193 schools in Fairfax County.
- Prevent Blindness Certified Children’s Vision Screening provided to and additional 69,000 children for the 2008/2009 school year.
- Vision screening literature and educational material delivered to an additional 69,000 homes for the 2008/2009 school year.
- 30 School nurses in Fairfax County received national re-certification in Prevent Blindness Certified Children’s Vision Screening program – *solely funded by PBMA*

B7. What was the situation in the community before the project started?

Before the implementation of Project: Construction “Sight” the school nurses in Lions District 24A were conducting the state mandated vision screenings in their schools without any formal classroom training and without the benefit of a standardized screening

program. Most school systems were not conducting a stereopsis screening which is the most important tool to help detect amblyopia, a potentially blinding disorder in young children. As part of Phase I of this program, which was supported through LCIF Grant Number GA9272/24A, school nurses in District 24A received training, national certification, and equipment to conduct the Prevent Blindness Certified Children's Vision Screening in their schools. However, due to the size of the school systems, and the reduction in funding in Phase I, Fairfax and Prince William Counties received only their training and national certification as part of Phase I. These schools were unable to actually perform the certified screening until they received their equipment, which was funded in this grant request or Phase II.

B8. How did the LCIF grant help in completing your project?

This LCIF grant awarded in Phase II helped to move the project forward by building on the work completed in Phase I GA9272/24A. The award in Phase II completes the "implementation" portion of the Prevent Blindness Screening program in District 24A schools (some of the largest school systems in Virginia) and will help Prevent Blindness as it seeks funding from the Commonwealth to maintain the program statewide in the coming year. The cost to annually maintain the program is approximately \$2.05/child screened annually. Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic is seeking \$1.00/child screened through state funding in the 2008/2009 General Assembly.

B9. How has this project affected the people in your community?

This program has enhanced the community by the following:

- Training and nationally certifying school nurses adding to their professional development
- Providing enhanced vision screenings for children
- Providing educational materials to families regarding the importance of regular eye exams
- Providing free eye exams and glasses to children in need

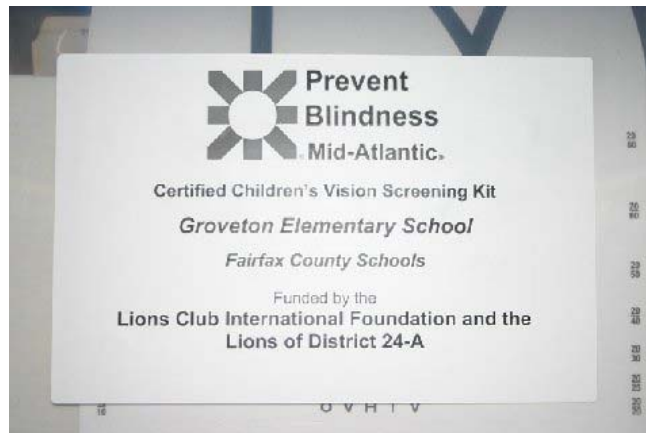
Project: Construction "Sight" has made a significant impact in the community. In an effort to demonstrate the power of an efficient, effective, and consistent vision screening program consider the following statistics:

- 85% of what a child learns in a normal classroom setting is through their vision.
- 1 in 4 school children has a vision impairment significant enough to affect their learning.
- Less than 15% of children receive an eye exam before entering into school
- Amblyopia affects 3% of children and is responsible for loss of vision in more people under the age of 45 than all other ocular disease and trauma combined.
- Many school nurses in Virginia are not trained or equipped to screen for amblyopia.
- 70% of juvenile delinquents have an untreated vision problem.
- 74% of illiterate adults cannot pass a portion of their vision screening.

The Prevent Blindness Certified Children's Vision Screening Program provides the most efficient, effective, and consistent vision screening available in the nation. This program has helped to ensure that all children regardless of race, ethnicity, social class, or geographical location will receive all the benefits of the best screening available. Vision impairment (*although may be more prevalent in some groups*) is non discriminatory and on average, parents are simply not aware of the importance of regular eye exams. As children receive the certified vision screening they also receive educational information for parents reminding them of the importance making eye exams a part of their child's continuum of care. Finally, children in need are provided free eye exams and glasses at the request of the school nurse.

B10. How has the project helped the community to become more aware of your district/multiple district work?

Phase II of this project has provided significant recognition to LCIF and the Lions of District 24A. First and foremost, each of the 252 screening kits recognizes LCIF and the Lions of District 24A as the sponsors of the Prevent Blindness Certified Screening program in their schools.



Screening Kit close-up



Prince William County Kits (a portion of)



Fairfax County Kits (a portion of)

Secondly, press releases (*Appendix A, and Appendix B*) were sent by Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic to the named sources on the release following each of the kit presentations. These press releases were also provided to District 24A Clubs for submissions in smaller publications or their own newsletters. Lion Dennis Brining, District 24A Campaign Sight First II Chairman and Grant Coordinator, provided regular District wide updates and releases on the project which were published in the District 24-A Lions Reporter and on the District Web Site, www.valions.org, (*Appendix C*). Information has also been posted the Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic website, www.TheEyeSite.org. In addition, FHLC personnel presented the results of our work to the City of Fairfax InterService Club Council, a group of representatives from 21 service organizations in and around Fairfax City in December, 07.

Prince William County Public Schools also carried the story (*Appendix D*) as the lead story on the home page of the County’s website during the week of the Prince William County kit delivery. The story was also sent out to all the local news, radio and Television Stations and remains archived on the site as of today (4/14/08) at: www.pwcs.edu.com

B.11 Photographs – <http://www.LCIF project video>

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

C 12 a.

Sources	Amount	Items/Equipment	Amount
Lions Clubs of District 24A	\$8,136	Elementary Screening Kits 181 kits @258/kit (<i>content attachment D</i>)	\$46,698
LCIF	\$30,000	Secondary Screening Kits 71 kits @ \$150/kit (<i>content attachment D</i>)	\$10,650
Prevent Blindness VA	\$16,374	School Nurse Training 30@ \$49/nurse	no charge
Community Support (<i>PTO, PTA Individuals</i>)	\$7,416	Program implementation	\$22,746
		Adjustment for Parent Letters	<\$4,000>
Total Income	\$61,926		
		Total Expense	\$76,094

C 12 b. Comparison between anticipated and actual expenses.

The anticipated and actual expenses were as expected. The income for the project was reduced by \$18,000 as a result of the LCIF adjustment in the amount requested. However, due to; the importance of this program, the desire of the school nurses, and the already delayed full implementation into Prince William and Fairfax County, Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic made the decision to absorb the additional cost. Prevent Blindness allowed for one minor program modification to assist in the reduction of

printing costs and then absorbed the \$14,168 difference. The \$14,168 absorption in expenses almost doubled the initial PBMA anticipated cost to the program. While this unbudgeted expense came as a financial hardship to Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic, we felt strongly that the children who were (and have been) waiting for these services and the benefit of this screening should not be denied access another year. Statistically speaking, 17,250 of the 69,000 children screened through this phase of the grant process have vision impairment significant enough to affect their learning, and out of those, 517 children would be starting kindergarten with amblyopia with no equipment in place to assist in early detection. It became clear that while a full countywide implementation into these two communities would create a budget deficit for PBMA, the long-term implications could not be overlooked.

While PBMA became a much more prominent and significant financial contributor to the effort, LCIF and District 24A Lions remained as the only named sponsors of the effort.

C 12 c. Invoice

PREVENT BLINDNESS MID-ATLANTIC

PLEASE REMIT TO: 11618 Busy Street • Richmond, VA. 23236-4060

INVOICE

PB - 103107

October 31, 2007

BILL TO:

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dennis Brining
5933 Fairview Woods Dr.
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u>Line Total</u>
Certified Children's Vision Screening Equipment: Fairfax Schools			
141	Vision screening kits for Elementary Schools	258.00	\$ 36,378.00
52	Vision screening kits for Secondary Schools	150.00	7,800.00
Total (Fairfax)			\$ 44,178.00
Certified Children's Vision Screening Equipment: Prince William Schools			
40	Vision screening kits for Elementary Schools	258.00	\$ 10,320.00
19	Vision screening kits for Secondary Schools	150.00	2,850.00
Total (Prince William)			\$ 13,170.00
Total Equipment – Fairfax and Prince William			\$ 57,348.00
Adjustment / Other Sources			- 27,348.00
Total Due:			\$ 30,000.00

C 12 d. Copy of Bank Statement



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STATEMENT DATE
02-29-08
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445-02-01-00 47702 1 C 001 26 55 03
DISTRICT 24A LIONS ADMINISTRATON
10278 S GRANT AVE
MANASSAS VA 20110-6135

0005139234156



BUSINESS VALUE CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER 0005139234156

- - - - -ACCOUNT SUMMARY- - - - -

PREVIOUS BALANCE AS OF 01-31-08						54,094.26
1 DEPOSITS/CREDITS				150.00+		
1 CHECKS PAID				30,000.00-		
1 WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS				8.95-		
SERVICE CHARGE				.00-		
NEW BALANCE AS OF 02-29-08						24,235.31

- - - - -CHECKS PAID- - - - -

DATE	CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNT	REFERENCE NUMBER	DATE	CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNT	REFERENCE NUMBER
02-06	10232	30,000.00	2904069059				

- - - - -OTHER WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS - - - - -

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER
02-11	8.95	BB&T ONLINE SERVICE FEE	506
		OLB ACCOUNT 4491611305265367	506
		SERVICE FROM 01/10 TO 02/09	506

- - - - -DEPOSITS/OTHER CREDITS- - - - -

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER
02-22	150.00	DEPOSIT	5305980845

- - - - -DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY - - - - -

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
02-06	24,094.26	02-11	24,085.31	02-22	24,235.31

Appendices

A: Press Release Prince William County

B: Press Release Fairfax County

C: Lions Press Release Dennis Brining

D: Prince William County Website Story

Appendix A:

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Virginia Lions Impact Children's Vision Screening

The Lions Clubs of District 24A working in conjunction with Lions International Foundation (LCIF) and Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA) are bringing enhanced vision screening and equipment to local schools.

Thanks to the financial support of the clubs and a matching grant from LCIF the Lions will bring phase 2 of a more than \$100,000 vision screening program to the final 2 school systems in District. Completion of this project will result in more than 97,000 children receiving a certified children's vision screening annually.

As part of the initial phase, school nurses in: Alexandria, Colonial Beach, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fredericksburg, King George, Manassas, Manassas Park, Rappahannock, Westmoreland, and Stafford received training and national certification from Prevent Blindness in children's vision screening. Along with their training, each of the 99 schools were equipped with a vision screening kit equipped with all the necessary supplies to do a Prevent Blindness Certified Vision Screening. Nurses in Fairfax and Prince William received training and certification, but due to the large size of the school systems, the screening kits were deferred to a second phase of the overall screening program.

September 2007 LCIF announced the awards for their 2007 Summer Cycle and The Lions of 24-A and Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic were among the award recipients. The \$30,000 award from LCIF is a matching gift placed against funds raised in the community through local Lions of the District and Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic.

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This Lions effort is in response to Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic's Project: Construction "Sight", which began early in 2004. This project is designed to bring the Prevent Blindness certified children's vision screening training and equipment to each of the more than 131 school systems across the Commonwealth. This project is now approximately 75% complete.

The Prevent Blindness Certified Vision Screening is particularly important because it adds a component to most school vision screenings that are being conducted. The PBMA screening includes a test to check binocular vision which helps to detect a condition called amblyopia or "lazy eye". If this condition is not detected and treated early (preferably before the age of 7) it will cause permanent loss of vision in the affected eye. Considering that 85% of what a child learns in a normal classroom setting is learned through vision and 1 in 4 school children have vision impairment it is imperative that quality, consistent, efficient and effective vision screenings be a priority in the schools.

To learn more about Lions and the work that they do in your community check out the District website at www.valions.org

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Submitted by Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic for publication to:
Times Community Newspapers (Fairfax)
Gainesville Times
Observer Newspapers (Prince William)
Washington Examiner

Appendix B:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic and Lions Clubs Team Up to Provide
Nationally Certified Vision Screenings to Area School Children**

Alexandria, VA (Sunday, May 11, 2008) - Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia's largest school system and the 13th largest in the U.S., is now prepared to provide Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic's certified children's vision screening program to its students. On Monday, April 7, 2008 PBMA staff, with assistance from the local Lions Club, delivered 192 vision screening kits to the Fairfax Health Department School Health Nurses responsible for screening the vision of more than 49,000 children in Fairfax schools each year. In addition, the school health nurses received national certification in Prevent Blindness' children's vision screening program, giving their students access to the most effective vision screening methods available. This is the most recent phase in a three-year project, made possible by support from Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions Clubs of District 24A, which has helped make our certified vision screenings available to every school system in that district.

Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic's "best practice" certified vision screening program saves sight by detecting potentially blinding vision disorders in children while they are still treatable. More than 115,000 children in the National Capital Area benefit each year from these sight saving vision screenings offered by the certified and equipped school nurses in Alexandria, Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park, Loudoun County, Washington, DC and now Fairfax. The program also includes access to financial assistance for eye exams and glasses for qualified children, providing more than 350 vouchers valued at over \$65,000 to children in the National Capital Area so far this school year.

Pictures:



Vision screening kits include all necessary age-appropriate screening materials as well as referral materials, information on financial assistance and educational materials for parents. Each school receives a kit to keep available for mass screenings and individual requests.

All 192 schools in Fairfax received a vision screening kit, filling up the back wall and rear tables of the training room.



Lion Dennis Brining (left), Fairfax Host Lions Club, has been key in this project from funding to completion, and his involvement has helped make this exciting achievement possible. Dennis helped deliver the kits and addressed the nurses at Monday's training event. (right) Tim Gresham, President and CEO of Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic, also participated in the delivery of the kits.

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Washington Examiner



Appendix C:

District 24 A-Fairfax Host Lions Club LCIF-PBMA Standard Grant Application for Phase II of a Large Scale Vision Screening and Training Program for 24A Public Schools.

In support of Lions District 24-A, Fairfax Host Lions Club (FHLC) has prepared another LCIF Standard Grant Proposal Application for the purpose of further development and expansion of a large scale vision screening and training program for District 24-A Public Schools started in late 2005. The proposed grant application was approved by the District 24A Cabinet on August 5, 2007 for submittal and submitted to LCIF on August 10, 2007.

Phase I of this effort was accomplished under LCIF Standard Grant GA9272-24A last year. This follow-on Phase II effort will be accomplished by continuing our teaming arrangement with Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA), formerly Prevent Blindness Virginia and leveraging off the ongoing existing Construction "Sight" program.

We will also plan to utilize and capitalize on existing Lions programs (Core 4, VLEI, etc.) and assets (Sight and Hearing Vans) to achieve maximum benefit in the District.

As proposed, the program will result in screening over 69,000 children annually in 252 schools in District 24A. Total Budget for this effort is estimated to be \$80,094. Additional funds for project will be provided by PBMA (\$16,374) Community Contributions (\$7,416), and Lions of the District (\$8,136). Full funding is expected based on an initial review by the LCIF Staff who consider this a very strong proposal. Lion Dennis Brining, District 24A CSF II and Sight Conservation Chairman will serve again as the program manager for Phase II.

Recent History:

Project Construction "Sight" was created in February 2004 as an effort to bring the Prevent Blindness America Certified Vision screening program to each of the school districts across Virginia by the end of the year 2007/2008 school year. With funding received through this date, the program will be approximately 75% complete. PBMA and its community partners and long time supporters are working hard to help realize the goal set in place 3 years ago. The Certified Vision Screening program was developed by a national panel of experts assembled through Prevent Blindness America.

The panel developed what is now deemed as the "best practice" method for screening children and the comprehensive training program for certification is being delivered to school and pediatric nurses as well as community volunteers across the United States.

Currently in Virginia there are more than 1,100 nurses and 172 Lions who are certified children's vision screeners. Their efforts screened over 223,000 children last year including multiple school systems of District 24A. The project was awarded recognition as a "Best Practice" program at Prevent Blindness America's National Annual Meeting in 2004.

Current Grant Request Focus:

The current Grant Request will focus on completing Project Construction Sight in Lions District 24A by adding the remaining localities of Fairfax and Prince William County. The LCIF Award provided in late 2005 allowed for more than 28,000 children to receive annual, ongoing vision screenings, and provided the training for the school nurses in Fairfax and Prince William. These two school systems are the largest in the District and will result in the screening of 69,000 children annually in 252 schools. Fairfax County, and Prince William School nurses were the primary instigators in bringing the program to the region initially, however, funding has been lacking for the equipment for these very large school systems. It is the strong desire of PBMA, the Lions of District 24A and the Nurses of Fairfax and Prince William Counties to see this project completed in the District.

Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization founded in 1957 as the local affiliate of Prevent Blindness America. Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic is the only volunteer based, nationally affiliated, regional organization whose sole purpose is to prevent blindness and preserve sight. Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic offers programs and services to both children and adults with the emphasis on early detection and early prevention. A strong focus is on supporting the needs of Virginia's children through the Certified Children's Vision Screening Program, which served more than 223,000 children across the Commonwealth last year up from the 124,000 served in 2005.

For additional information on this, please contact Lion Dennis Brining, 703-503-8019 or dlbent@aol.com.

Appendix D:
Prince William County Public Schools

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Lions Clubs Donate Vision Screening Kits

January 10, 2008



There was no mistaking the gratitude of Prince William County School nurses: the applause was loud and long after Wayne Davis, International Director for The International Association of Lions Clubs, shared the news that 53 vision screening kits were going to be given to the nurses after their meeting and they could take them back to their schools. Most of the nurses have completed training in children's vision screening and received certification; all had been looking forward to actually getting the kits for their schools. A total of more than 60 kits are now in the schools.

The screening kits, explains Teresa Folk, supervisor of school health for Prince William County Public Schools, add a component to the vision screening that is conducted in elementary schools across the county. "We can do so much more for our children who need vision screening with the additional testing equipment," she said.

The Lions Club director said the statistics are daunting: one in four schoolchildren has vision impairment, and the impact on learning is significant when 85 percent of what a child learns is learned through vision.

The Lions Clubs of District 24A, in partnership with Lions International Foundation and Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA) have provided financial support for this project that will ensure that more than 97,000 children in this district receive a certified children's vision screening each year. The state-wide project is 75% complete, providing services to more than 280,000 children in all, according to Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic.

According to Melissa Perry, director of community programs and public health for Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic, the PBMA screening includes a test to check binocular vision which helps to detect a condition called amblyopia or "lazy eye." It is important to detect and treat this condition early, before it causes permanent loss of vision in the affected eye, Perry said.



Visit www.valions.org for more information about Lions and the work they do.

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