

Special Olympics

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Special Olympics have established a special partnership to provide free vision screenings at Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. Since the partnership began, the *Opening Eyes* program has screened more than 300,000 athletes and provided prescription eyewear to nearly 100,000 athletes.

With this said, The 14a Lions Charitable Foundation (LCF) is a partner locally with Lions International and the Special Olympics to help empower and build an accepting community for people with intellectual disabilities. If you would like to get involved in this project your Lions Clubs can focus on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes. Specially, each November the LCF sponsors a free vision screening for Special Olympics athletes at the Villanova University Campus. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please call PDG Ken Moore @ 267-205-1960.

A special request from Matthew Aaron, President and CEO of Special Olympics Pennsylvania recently solicited the following:

"We urgently need your help on behalf of individuals with intellectual disabilities in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. A gift of \$25 or whatever you can send will help us make a big difference in their lives as they discover new abilities. I hope you'll attend a competition too, because it builds our athlete's self-esteem. Please give our athletes the gift of joy, self-confidence and community—both on and off the field. Thank you for making a donation today!"