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Lions of Michigan Foundation receives Grant from Walmart Foundation to help provide affordable hearing aids to financially struggling people in Michigan affected by hearing loss.

Lansing, Michigan – November 2016 – the Lions of Michigan Foundation has received a \$30,000 grant from the [Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program](#) to assist with providing affordable hearing aids to financially struggling people in Michigan whose lives have been affected by hearing loss. Specifically, this grant will provide approximately 150 more hearing aids for people who have no health insurance coverage for hearing aids and audiology services.

"The frogs are singing, my parakeet's chatter fills the house, cars whoosh by, clocks tick, lawnmowers purr. It is spring, and I can hear it all. I had forgotten that the world is such a noisy place. Thanks to your help, I can count the gift of restored hearing as one of my biggest blessings." Anne R. – Parma, Michigan

"At the Walmart Foundation, we understand that organizations such as the Lions of Michigan Foundation are essential to building stronger communities. They share our values and are committed to helping people whose lives are affected by hearing and vision loss live better stated a representative for Walmart's State Giving Program. "Through our donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation, we have played a role in helping Michigan families live healthy and happy lives."

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better, awarding grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S. To be considered for support, perspective grantee organizations must submit applications through the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program's online grant application. Applicants must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in order to meet the program's minimum eligibility criteria. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving.

In fiscal year 2015, Walmart reached \$260 million in cash and \$2.6 billion in in-kind donations nationwide, delivering on its giving commitment one year early. For more information on Walmart's fight against hunger and its charitable giving programs, visit <http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/hunger>.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that works in partnership with its member Michigan Lions Clubs and other organizations to help Michigan residents in need. The Lions of Michigan Foundation operates an Affordable Hearing Aid Program, Project KIDsight (children's vision screening program) and emergency assistance programs designed to improve the quality of life in Michigan communities.

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