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A grant from the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation will provide affordable eye care and hearing health care to underinsured and low-income Michigan residents.

Lansing, Michigan – June 2025 – The Lions of Michigan Foundation has received a \$20,000 grant from the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation to increase access to affordable eye care and hearing health care services for financially struggling and underinsured Michigan residents. The Lions of Michigan Foundation aims to identify and correct vision and hearing problems before they impede a child’s learning and development or negatively affect a person’s work and quality of life, and this grant will enable the foundation to expand its programs in Michigan.

“Lions are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with vision and hearing loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged us to be “Knights of the Blind,” and she declared that “the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man. The Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation understands that organizations such as the Lions of Michigan Foundation and our more than 400 Michigan Lions Clubs are essential to building stronger communities. Like us, the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation is committed to helping families in need and improving our quality of life,” said Chad McCann.

The Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation was established in 1959 by Margaret Dow Towsley with a gift of common stock of The Dow Chemical Company. Incorporated in Michigan as a private charitable foundation, the purpose is to support charitable organizations qualified under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3).

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 a statewide Affordable Hearing Aid Program, an Eye Care Assistance Program, Project KIDSight (children’s vision screening program) and emergency assistance programs designed to improve the quality of life in Michigan communities.