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A grant from Superior Health Foundation will provide affordable eye care and hearing health care to underinsured residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Lansing, Michigan – June 2023 – The Lions of Michigan Foundation has received a \$10,000 grant from the Superior Health Foundation to increase access to affordable eye care and hearing health care services for financially struggling and underinsured residents of the Upper Peninsula. 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 the Upper Peninsula.

"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 Superior Health 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 Superior Health Foundation is committed to helping improve the quality of life for people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan," said Chad McCann.

The Superior Health Foundation's mission is assist with unmet healthcare needs, with health education, and with programs and research on preventing illness and promoting health. That mission may include supporting (a) the unmet healthcare needs of the indigent and uninsured; (b) healthcare education programs; (c) supporting programs and research which have the primary purpose of preventing and reducing illness and disease; and (d) other programs to promote the health, education and welfare of the community.

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.