

CEDAR FALLS LIONS KIDSIGHT PROGRAM

- 1. Started in 2001.**
- 2. Partnering with the University of Iowa department of Ophthalmology.**
- 3. Goal is to screen every child in Iowa between the ages of 6 months and 4 years.**
- 4. Estimated that 78,000 children in Iowa suffer from poor vision in one or both eyes.**
- 5. Iowa lions have screened over 300,000 children since the program started.**
- 6. There have been over 12,000 referrals.**
- 7. The Cedar Falls Noon and the Cedar Valley Evening and the Hudson Clubs have partnered to do the majority of the screenings in the Cedar Valley.**
- 8. Annually screening over 1,000 children locally with over 60 positive referral results.**
- 9. Amblyopic (lazy eye) is the most common vision problem in preschool children, and can be corrected if detected and treated early. If left untreated it can result in permanent vision loss that may affect a person throughout life.**
- 10. Iowa Kidsight is just one of the programs that Lions provide for the community. We have collected over 5 million pairs of glasses that have been distributed throughout developing countries all over the world.**
- 11. We also have collected and distributed hearing aids to people that cannot afford them. And we have provided several Leader Dogs for the blind.**
- 12. By partnering up with the AEA's throughout the state, we are also providing hearing testing for the same children that we screen for vision.**
- 13. This year we have been co-coordinating our efforts with the AEA and their hearing program. We need to step up our efforts here in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area because there are a lot of children that are falling through the cracks.**
- 14. For more information contact Gary Chambers with the Cedar Falls Club at; chambersg.c@cfu.net, or 319-266-6363**