

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

Defense Against Diabetes

A Lions Clubs International Foundation Project

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a tremendous honor to congratulate the Lions of Michigan for the exceptional professionalism in organizing and implementing the "Defense Against Diabetes" project. This project was funded by a grant for \$250,000.00 on January 10, 2019, and sustains a previous project from 2017 from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Its purpose is to assist the underinsured and uninsured in the State of Michigan.

The Lions will continue to provide A1C Screenings, Glucose Screenings, Nutritional Education, Diabetes Management, and 55 Lions will be trained as diabetes educators to continue our services and sustain our program statewide.

The project was guided in the leadership of fund administrator Barry Allen, who is the chairman of the Council of Governors, and project chairperson Bill Bradfield, who is a Type 2 diabetic due to exposure to Agent Orange while serving his country in Vietnam as an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps, Roger Blackwell, state director of the Lions of Michigan Diabetes Program and a Steering Committee that included Ronald Gibson, Ronald Coleman, Dave Hill, Terri Huffman, and Cheryl Tannas. They all contributed to securing the project's grant that was chosen out of 11 grants approved worldwide. They anticipate providing services to 4,000 to 5,000 Michigan residents at no cost to the residents or the taxpayers.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions of Michigan have made this grant possible. The Lions Clubs have been known for these services in 200 countries around the globe for the visually impaired and the blind. They have also come to the aid of millions of people with every disease known to man and every drastic tragedy people face in every country on earth. As diabetes is the number one cause of blindness, it was natural that the Lions Clubs International proclaimed diabetes as their new focus during their centennial celebration in 2017. This is an outstanding achievement and we applaud the diligent work that has gone into this project.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to salute the Lions of Michigan. We hope that they will continue their noble efforts with the "Defense Against Diabetes" project for years to come.

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