

Lions are a global movement of men and women who devote their time and passion to improve communities. Being a Lion means being an active volunteer, a member of a large international organization, a local leader in service activities and a friend to anyone who needs help.

Lions International, with 1.4 million members – over 45.000 clubs – operates in more than 200 countries and is the world largest service organization, with several areas for action.

Lions don't stop at challenges: they act in order to change the reality, either local and globally. Through the work of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), which supports initiatives by funding humanitarian projects and provide concrete aid during emergencies, Lions and LCIF are able to help their communities responding to humanitarian needs and creating a real impact in the world.



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# TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A MARK



Lions International



**Lions International** has always been committed in helping people with disabilities by promoting the active involvement of everyone to social life and improving the conditions of those who face daily challenges.

Through support programs, awareness initiatives and donation of specific aids, **Lions work tirelessly to eliminate physical and social barriers:** they work together with local authorities and associations, organize specific sporting events and they fund accessibility projects, thus helping **to create a society in which everyone has equal opportunity and equal dignity.**

Regarding this, 2024-2025 National Service is dedicated to people with autism spectrum disorder. The purpose is to deepen the knowledge of this condition through dialogue with institutions, universities, health institutions, school offices, social and rehabilitation centers as well as local associations. The aim is to raise awareness, offer tools for a proper approach and define intervention models in order to promote autistic people full autonomy and give the best support to their families.



Since 1959, Lions guide dog service trains and delivers guide dogs to blind people throughout Italy free of charge.



Lions Spoken Book works in the country and abroad with the aim to spread good reading and culture.



The Lions Melvin Jones Eye Bank Foundation collects, stores and provides human corneas for therapeutic transplants free of charge.



The Lions Italian Center to Collect Used Glasses works in order to satisfy the large request of glasses in Italy and in the world.



Amblyopia prevention campaign is a disease that needs to be diagnosed in the first years of life.



Horse therapy activity for disabled with speech therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists and psychiatrics in the modern horse-riding center belonging to the Regiment "Lancieri di Montebello" in Rome.



Fly Therapy is a project dedicated to people with disabilities in order to give them the chance to experience the sense of freedom that only flying can give.



Seleggo has been created in order to help dyslexic people in reading and studying by supplying equipment and tech support to educational activities.



The project aims to improve the school and social integration of disabled people often seen as "different" due to misconceptions and fears.



**autismo e inclusione  
nessuno escluso**  
**conoscere per intervenire**  
**se mi ascolti con il cuore vedrai  
il mondo dal mio punto di vista**

*AUTISM AND INCLUSION WITHOUT EXCEPTION*

*Know in order to act. If you listen to me with your heart, you are going to see the world from my perspective.*

## THE NUMBERS OF ITALIAN LIONS IN 2023

**PEOPLE SERVED**

**4.421.468**

2.791.909 in 2022

**SERVICE HOURS**

**1.287.577**

770.469 in 2022

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**42.574**

27.026 in 2022

**DONATED FUNDS (€)**

**11.949.809**

5.925.458 in 2022