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Dear Lions Club President and members

The Lions Eye Health Program team, including committee members, district chairs, vision screeners, facilitators and instructors have been incredibly busy over the past 12 months. We are thrilled to report record numbers of children participating in our vision screening program and more and more lions progressing through the stages of screening accreditation every week.

The results of our children's vision screening have confirmed national statistics, 1 in 5 children has an undetected vision problem. 80% of a child's learning is achieved through their eyes, thus vision problems have a profound affect on a child's development, including confidence, academics, sport and many other areas. Through LEHP's vision screening program we can identify vision abnormalities and subsequently refer children, via a letter to their parent/guardian to follow up with a full eye examination by their local optometrist. Lions in action, making a difference. Providing community service!

LEHP provides this service free of charge to local schools, sporting and community groups. Our program is funded by the generous donations we receive from Lions Clubs. We are again seeking your clubs financial support to be able to conduct this valuable service again this year.

Please consider becoming a '*Participating Club*' with a voluntarily annual donation of \$4 per club member. As a participating club you are entitled to receive copies of our resources free of charge. As the success of our program continues, so too does the financial requirements to deliver our service. Therefore, I also encourage that your club please consider additional financial contributions to assist us with these endeavors, help us help kids in all areas of Australia.

LEHP has recently upgraded it's website; **lehp.org.au** as well as our community information brochures, posters, bookmarks and coasters. Please log onto our website or visit our booth at the MD Convention for more information.

Accompanying this letter is a 'Participating Club Registration Form' and 'Notice of AGM'. You will also be receiving a LEHP newsletter, via club email, highlighting LEHP's latest and developments and accomplishments.

On behalf of our LEHP National Management Committee may I offer my sincere thanks in anticipation of your clubs contribution. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on bandk392@bigpond.com or our national program manager, Leah Evans at enquiries@lehp.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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