“Champions” Lions clubs impact lives and improve communities by primarily focusing on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes.

This community-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to serve as a Lion with a group of men and women dedicated to supporting Special Olympics.
Building Accepting Communities

Growing Champions
“Champions” Lions clubs empower and build accepting communities for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. With a primary focus on projects that serve persons with intellectual disabilities, “Champions” Lions clubs support Special Olympics athletes for whom they are: champions. Champions for stepping out on the track, field or court and competing. Champions for putting smiles on others faces, changing attitudes and teaching sensitivity. Champions for building a more accepting world for everyone.

As a member of a “Champions” Lions club, you have the opportunity to:
• Empower persons with intellectual disabilities and their families
• Transform lives, including your own
• Show the world the skills and talents of a group often overlooked in today’s society
• Join the 1.4 million members in 46,500 clubs from over 200 countries that make Lions Clubs International the world’s largest service organization

Expanding a Rooted Partnership
Lions clubs around the world have been supporting the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program since 2001. This $20 million Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) partnership initiative screens the vision of Special Olympics athletes – and has provided prescription eyewear to nearly 110,000 athletes.

“Champions” Lions clubs not only have the opportunity to support Opening Eyes, they can further support Special Olympics athletes through the Healthy Athletes® initiative, Unified Sports programming, early childhood development initiatives, family health seminars, monetary donations, volunteer support at Games, and so much more! “Champions” Lions clubs also play a key role during Special Olympics athletic events through hands-on support and can further enhance the lives of Special Olympics Athletes and their families through potential projects listed below:
• Sponsoring and assisting at local games and regional tournaments

Join Now
To join a Lions club, contact a club in your area and express your interest or ask to attend a meeting to learn more.

Find a club near you! Visit www.lionsclubs.org and click on Find a Club at the top or email MembershipDeu@lionsclubs.org and we will forward your contact information to a club in your area.

There is a one time entrance fee of $35 for starting chartering a new club or joining an existing club in addition to modest yearly dues. Your local club can provide you with more information. Discounts are available for qualifying family members, students and former Leos.

Right now, Lions clubs are making a difference around the world. That’s because whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller, communities get better and lives improve.