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Nebraska Student Awarded Grand Prize in Lions Clubs International Essay Contest

Oak Brook, Ill., USA – Maura Loberg, an 11-year-old student from Wayne, Nebraska has been named the grand prize winner of the 2012-2013 Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired youth.

The Lions International Essay Contest, sponsored by Lions Clubs International, encourages visually impaired children ages 11-13 to express what peace means to them. The winning entry was sponsored by the Wayne Lions Club and was announced during the “Lions Day at the United Nations” event in New York City.

Loberg’s essay was selected for her ability to convey this year’s theme, “Imagine Peace”. Loberg wrote, “Like a puzzle, our world consists of many types of people that are separated by color, religions, money and many other reasons. It is hard to fit together and live next to each other if not positioned the right way...My ideas to help aid world peace include better communication, more respect for each other’s differences and the opportunity to dream for a more peaceful planet.”

Loberg will receive the international grand prize award and US\$5,000 for winning the competition, and will be honored at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany in July.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.35 million members in 207 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. Learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest at lionsclubs.org