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Lions Services, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Charlotte, has been providing employment opportunities and Blind Services to individuals who are blind and visually impaired since 1935. We will be hosting our 3^d Annual Charity *Braille Trail Walk for Independence*, on October 4, 2025, and we would like to invite you to be part of it! October is World Blindness Awareness Month!

We hope to raise awareness and funds to expand job opportunities at Lions Services through this community event. **I hope you will consider joining hundreds of people in our community at this fun and important event to support job creation and Blind Services for the blind and visually impaired community.** There are currently 16,000 people living in Mecklenburg County with vision loss and a high percentage are unemployed.

Why your Partnership is Important: Events like the Charity Walk help Lions Services invest in creating jobs and offering Blind Services for the blind community. It provides technology training, mobility training using a cane or guide dog, and adaptations like tactile feedback systems and enhanced visual displays, empowering blind machinists to operate a variety of machines & computers confidently and accurately. The goal of the walk is to raise \$75,000.

We invite you to join us as a sponsor for the Charity Walk for Blind Independence.

Attached you will find our sponsorship form with additional details about the walk and benefits you will receive with your generous donation. We hope you will support our efforts as we continue to provide *hope* for people with vision loss.

- Depending on your sponsorship level (see chart), you can distribute promotional materials in participant packets, showcase your company logo on event t-shirts and banners, and gain exposure through our social media channels and media partners in the community. Additionally, the Eastway Regional Recreation Center, with its 120 acres of amenities will be open to the public during the walk. This creates an opportunity for non-participants to encounter our event marketing materials on-site.

Your support and participation are essential to our mission of making a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by low vision. Your donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law. I am looking forward to working with you.

If you have any questions please contact the Development Director Agatha Bisbikis agathab@lionservices.org or by mobile at 704-661-5467.

Sincerely,

Philip Murph
President and CEO

*Empowering people who are blind to achieve personal and economic independence
by providing them vocational rehabilitation and employment opportunities*

Lions Services Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and an Equal Opportunity Employer and Services Provider



BRaille TRAIL WALK FOR INDEPENDENCE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PLATINUM \$10,000	GOLD \$5,000	SILVER 2,500	BRONZE \$1,250	PEARL \$625
Booth & Speaking opportunity at the Walk. Company banner placed near the walk start line. 4 free registration packets	✓				
Personalized Thank you video & Company logo on lawn sign	✓	✓			
Vision loss sensitivity training for 5-10 staff members at your company	✓	✓			
Opportunity to Insert Promotional Material in Participant Packets	✓	✓	✓		
Logo on Event Banner	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Logo on Event T-Shirt Name on Printed Materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsorship recognition on social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Website & registration (Run-sign up) Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Logo size on t-shirt will be as follows: Platinum-Large, Gold-medium, Silver-medium small, Bronze- small, Pearl-small

Payment Options: Make your sponsorship gift online by visiting: lionsservices.org/donate or mail a check, made payable to Lions Services, Inc, to: PO BOX 561987, Charlotte, NC 28256

Your Sponsorship/donation is tax- deductible as allowed by law.

Event Details: Saturday, October 4, 2025 8:30am: Packet Pick-Up
 Eastway Park and Recreation Center Trail 9:00am: Walk Begins
 3150 Eastway Park Drive, Charlotte NC 28203 10:00am: Finish Line CELEBRATION

Questions? Please contact Agatha Bisbikis, Development Director

 agathab@lionsservices.org

 704-921-1527 X 621

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Braille Trail Walk for Independence Charity Event



2025 Sponsorship Form

Lions Services relies on partnerships with individuals and organizations to support the essential programs and services offered to people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. We humbly ask you to consider sponsoring our 2025 Walk. With your help we can empower those who are blind and visually impaired to become employed and independent. Please consider joining Lions Services efforts to help improve the lives of the people we serve.

Event Fast Facts
Saturday, October 4,
2025 Eastway Regional
Recreation Center-
Nature Trail
Goal: \$75,000



For more information,
please email
agathab@lionsservices.org
or call 704-921-1527 ext.
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Donor Information

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please use the following name(s) in all public mentions:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsorship Level

\$10,000 - Platinum \$1,250- Bronze

\$5,000- Gold \$625- Pearl

\$2,500 - Silver

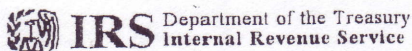


Payment Method

Check (made payable to Lions Services Inc.)

Credit Card: <https://lionsservices.org/donate>

Your Sponsorship-donation is tax- deductible



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Employer Identification Number: 51-0191811
Person to Contact: Tonya Morris
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of Apr. 28, 2009, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in July 1976, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(03) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Michele M. Sullivan, Oper. Mgr.
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