



Grand Rapids Lions Club Proudly Presents

ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED • CHERRY STREET HEALTH SERVICES • KEN-O-SHA CENTER • WELCOME HOMES

# blind dinner date

Dear Friend,

Every seven minutes, someone in America becomes blind or visually impaired. The trauma of vision loss is compounded when a child is affected.

"*Through the Eyes of a Child*" is the spotlight of this year's Blind Dinner Date presented by the Grand Rapids Lions Club. "Through the Eyes of a Child" allows us to **help area children who live with vision loss live with independence and opportunity.**

Local charities that **benefit from our event** are:

- Cherry Street Health Services Vision Clinic
- Early Vision Program for Children at Ken-O-Sha
- Youth programs at the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Welcome Homes Outreach Program
- Grand Rapids Lions Community Foundation

Our event is growing. This year we are happy that **four important organizations have added their support** to our efforts to improve vision care for local children:

- Association for Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Grand Rapids Area Parents of Visually Impaired Kids
- Michigan Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
- West Michigan Optometric Association

The festivities begin 6:00 PM, March 6, 2008, at the University Club in downtown Grand Rapids. You'll have a memorable evening of drinks, conversation and dinner. As part of the celebration, we'll be honoring several individuals who tirelessly work to improve the lives of those who live with vision loss.

Help us make this wonderful event an even greater success. Please spend a few minutes looking over how you can participate, and please support "*Through the Eyes of a Child*". For more information, you can call Richard Stevens at (616) 458-1187.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your support of this special charity event.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Hooker  
Honorary Co-Chair

Mrs. Leslie Hooker  
Honorary Co-Chair

Mark E. Sheldon  
Honorary Co-Chair

Patricia A. Sheldon  
Honorary Co-Chair



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## More about what we do...

The **Grand Rapids Lions Club** has been helping the greater Grand Rapids area since 1919. As part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 million members, we work to prevent vision loss and provide resources for those who live with impaired vision. With extended life spans, macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and other vision threatening diseases affect more and more of our friends in the community. Our philosophy is to put 100% of the proceeds of our fundraisers into charitable activity.

### The **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** advances the independence of

people who are blind or visually impaired and helps prevent vision loss through services and education. For over 94 years, we have been

offering vision rehabilitation services throughout West Michigan. We assist people of all ages who are visually impaired. With our help, our clients develop skills that allow them to live life with dignity and independence.

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### **Cherry Street Health Services**

**Cherry Street Health Services** operates 13 health centers in the Grand Rapids area and is the largest provider of comprehensive eye care for uninsured and

low-income individuals in West Michigan. Recently, we expanded our Vision Clinic and established a Pediatric Vision Clinic where children, birth through five years of age, are served. These changes allow us to help even more people in the community.

**Ken-O-Sha's Center Program** helps children from birth through six years of age who may benefit from special education services and who live within the Kent Intermediate School District. Our services enhance the developmental growth of each preschooler, and we work with families to help them understand their child's current and future needs. Since 1966, we have been working to insure that our preschoolers receive services that let them reach their full potential.



### **Ken-O-Sha Center**

### **Welcome Homes** residential services for the visually impaired

**Welcome Homes Residential Services** A statewide network designed to address the needs of people with vision loss by facilitating sensitive and supportive living environments. Welcome Homes provides assessments, training and support for residents, staff and caregivers

that allow our clients to have the best possible living experience. Offering services and support to the visually impaired and blind since 1952.





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\$7,000.00

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\$5,000.00

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\$2,500.00

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\$1,000.00

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Table Guests**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the **Grand Rapids Lions Club** and return with form via mail to: ABVI - 456 Cherry Street, SE - Grand Rapids - MI - 49503  
Thank you for supporting Blind Dinner Date.