

Single District Successfully Grows Charitable Arm



In 2019 D-10 created a website to serve Childhood Cancer and Defense Against Diabetes, which changed the face of our district forever. www.uplionsserve.org.

Chairs in Childhood Cancer and Diabetes were successful in obtaining grants, partnering with groups for fund-raising events, and reaching out to club Lions. Donations came flooding in. As bank balances grew, it became apparent that we needed our own district charitable arm, functioning similar to LCIF, to process donations, provide grants, and to build communities. Our foundation, U.P. Lions Serve was founded in 2021.

Board member Gary Perala shares, “The most important aspect of creating our interactive website is our ability to fund-raise, with the click of the “Donate” button, visitors make a direct, tax deductible contribution to District 10 Global Causes. Our non-profit status opens new opportunities for us to collaborate with philanthropists, and to apply for local, regional, and LCIF grants.”

The moneys donated through the website, funds raised by volunteers, and grant awards have enabled U.P. Lions Serve to be successful in the following ways:

- Through a charitable bequest, Northwoods Air Lifeline, [Northwoods AirLifeline from Iron Mountain in Michigan](#), a volunteer pilot group has been able to update their planes making it safer to fly children and families for medical care.
- Enabled us to provide financial support for families fighting cancer.
- Create a future camp for Childhood Cancer families.
- Support Kids Kicking Cancer, [Heroes Circle](#) , and Maggie’s Wigs, [Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan | Custom Wigs For Children In Need](#) , for Kids
- Provide Diabetes Education & Training, [Defense Against Diabetes | U.P. Lions Serve \(uplionsserve.org\)](#).
- Providing a “donate” button and informational links to Project Kid Sight, [Project KidSight \(lmsf.net\)](#).

We stay connected by social media including Facebook, [facebook.com/ U.P. Lions Serve](https://facebook.com/U.P.LionsServe) , and Instagram, [U.P. Lions](#)

The video below showcases a success story of how we serve Upper Peninsula families fighting childhood cancer. Visit our district website: [Single District 10 Lions Michigan](#)

[Superior Health Foundation - Gala 2022 - UP Lions Club - Childhood Cancer on Vimeo](#)