



# Your Club and LCIF— Together we “Can Do” it!



How can your Lions Club double your money? By joining with others across Multiple 5M and saying “**Together We Can Do It!**”

In 1987 when Al Peters started the *Hearing Dog Program of Minnesota*, he took a leap of faith and said, “**I can do it!**”

In 1995, when he placed the first Mobility Assist Dog and became *Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota*, Lion Al and his team said, “**We can do it!**”

Since 2003, additional programs for diabetes, seizure and autism assist dogs have been put into place. Programs for our returning wounded warriors are also underway. Today, we train and place more assistance dogs than any other program in the upper Midwest.

Each of you who have heard Lion Al, a member of his team, or a graduate speak at club meetings or mid-winter conventions knows that the “**can do**” attitude goes beyond training dogs to help people. These specially trained dogs help their partners say, “**Yes I can!**” everyday by bringing independence, freedom and peace of mind.

To reflect the future they envision, Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota has officially announced a new name — Can Do Canines™ — Assistance Dogs. In order to fulfill the dream of helping more people with disabilities, a larger, more accessible location was needed. A permanent home was purchased last June in New Hope and phase one of the renovation is complete.

Much remains to be done. Minnesota Lions are committed to raising \$75,000 toward the \$150,000 cost of building the second bank of dog kennels. The ten additional kennels will be used for training these special dogs and placing them with people in your community. In order to raise the remaining funds, we are applying for \$75,000 in matching funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

We need your donation to the capital campaign in the next 2 months in order to submit the LCIF grant by April 21, so construction can start this summer.

We have 4 giving levels, and each club will be recognized on a Lions plaque inside the new building as follows:

- Titanium — \$100 or more/member
- Gold — \$50-\$99/member
- Silver — \$25-\$49/member
- Bronze — \$10 - \$24/ member

We encourage you to donate an amount **above your regular donation** as soon as possible, so more clients with disabilities can become more independent with the use of a trained dog. As Lion Al and Can Do Canines™ look forward to a future where everyone who wants and needs an assistance dog can have one, they join with our Lions Clubs and say, “**Together, we can do it!**”

*PCC Frank Loken, MD5M Chair      Can Do Canines™ and Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota –*

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