



## WHAT IS THE KUSIAK LIONS YOUTH FOUNDATION?

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The complete name of the foundation is, **The Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation, Incorporated**, but it is usually referred to as, “**Lions Youth Foundation.**” The mission of the foundation is to empower young people to help themselves and others through activities supported by the Lions Clubs of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia and their communities.

The **purpose** of the foundation is manifold. They are to:

Promote public awareness and support of the Foundation and its mission.

Provide funding and services for results oriented youth development initiatives.

Recognize leadership in volunteer participation and financial support for youth development objectives.

Encourage high standards in community youth services.

The **objectives** of the Foundation are to:

Develop, establish, promote and maintain a program of youth services to Multiple District through Lions Clubs of Multiple District 22.

Provide a responsible organization accountable for the administration of the finances of the Foundation for the purposes and objectives herein defined in order to achieve our stated mission.

Receive gifts, donations and legacies from any source approved by the Board, distribute them equitably or invest them wisely and use the earned income to accomplish the mission of youth service projects.

Make grants, gifts, loans and appropriations from its current operating budget and unrestricted monies in accomplishing the objectives and purposes of Lions Clubs International in the field of youth services.

To establish, administer and develop an Endowment Trust Fund that is large enough to underwrite the Foundation's annual operating budget and its service program.

To purchase, take, buy, hold, mortgage or otherwise lien real and/or personal property, and give, lease, sell, exchange, convey, transfer, or in any manner dispose of real and/or personal property of the Multiple District, for the purpose of generating revenue for the Foundation.

To encourage service-minded people to serve on youth service projects in their respective communities without personal financial compensation.