



Lions for Access



September is California Lions Project Care -Lions for Access- Service Month

California Lions Project Care – Access, Inclusion & Advocacy

September offers a unique opportunity for Lions to raise awareness, remove barriers, and create more inclusive communities through service.

1. Community Accessibility Walk Audit

Partner with local disability advocates to evaluate sidewalks, parks, public buildings, and community gathering spaces.

Service Action:

- Identify accessibility barriers
- Document findings
- Share recommendations with city leaders

Impact: Creates safer and more accessible communities for everyone.

2. Memory Café for Families

In recognition of World Alzheimer's Day (September 21), host a social gathering for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

Service Action:

- Games, music, conversation, and refreshments
- Resource tables from local support organizations

Impact: Reduces isolation and supports caregivers.

3. Hydrocephalus Awareness & Family Support Project

In recognition of World Hydrocephalus Day (September 20).

Service Action:

- Invite a speaker or family to share their journey
- Create awareness displays
- Collect comfort items or gift cards for affected families

Impact: Educates the community about a condition many have never heard of.

4. Learn Sign Language Challenge

In recognition of International Day of Sign Language (September 23) and the International Week of the Deaf.

Service Action:

- Teach basic signs such as:
 - Hello
 - Thank You
 - Friend
 - Lion
 - Service
- Create short social media videos

Impact: Promotes communication, inclusion, and understanding.

5. Accessible Movie or Event Night

Host a community event featuring:

- Closed captioning
- Reserved accessible seating
- Large-print materials
- Quiet spaces
- Accessible / Barile/ Large Print Bingo- buy on Amazon

Impact: Demonstrates how small accommodations create welcoming experiences.

6. Technology for Access Workshop

Help seniors and individuals with disabilities learn about:

- **Smartphone accessibility features**
- **Voice assistants**
- **Screen readers**
- **Captioning tools**

Impact: Increases independence and confidence.

7. Hearing Health & Communication Fair

Partner with hearing professionals and deaf advocacy groups.

Service Action:

- **Hearing screenings**
- **Captioning demonstrations**
- **Assistive technology displays**

Impact: Raises awareness of communication access needs.

8. Access for All Community Challenge

Challenge clubs to improve one accessibility feature in their community.

Examples:

- **Accessible picnic tables**
- **Braille signage**
- **Sensory-friendly spaces**
- **Accessible garden paths**
- **Wheelchair-accessible service projects**

Impact: Leaves a lasting accessibility legacy.

🧡 9. “Different Abilities, One Community” Awareness Campaign

Share stories throughout September highlighting community members living with:

- Alzheimer’s disease
- Hearing loss
- Hydrocephalus
- Vision loss
- Mobility challenges
- Developmental disabilities

Impact: Focuses on abilities, inclusion, and human connection.

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- Participate and invite your family, friends, and community to join the **California Lions Move Be-Cause** event!
- Visit the event page, choose the cause that matters to you, and move your way—walk, roll, run, ride, or cheer others on. **Move with purpose. Move Be-Cause.**
- Time invested in movement counts as reportable service!
- Challenged Athletics Foundation represents Humanitarian Efforts cause.
- [Move Be-Cause Campaign | CA Lions Clubhouse](#)

11. 🦁 California Lions Project Care September Challenge

ACCESS FOR ALL – 30 Days of Inclusion

Challenge clubs to:

- ✓ Complete one accessibility-focused service project
- ✓ Learn five signs in ASL
- ✓ Host one awareness activity
- ✓ Partner with one disability-focused organization
- ✓ Share one story of inclusion on social media
- ✓ Invite a new volunteer or community partner to participate
- ✓ Organize a dining in the dark or snacking in the dark event

Theme: “When Communities Are Accessible, Everyone Thrives.”

12. Earn a Lions for Access club banner patch through accessible service. View campaign details [here](#) through December 31, 2026

[Lions for Access Banner Patch Reward Criteria Accessible Version\(3\).pdf](#)

13. Search club and district grant opportunities at [California Lions Foundation](#)

Be a part of the story- visit your favorite cause socials at:

[Service Projects | CA Lions Clubhouse](#)

[Lions for Access Lions Clubs and
Helen Keller Challenge 2.0](#)

[Lions for Access Facebook Page](#)



Find more service ideas: Visit

[Everything CA Lions Service | CA Lions Clubhouse](#)



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empowers clubs to turn accessibility into action. Adopt this initiative to access ready-to-use tools, proven best practices, and shared stories—designed to be easily adapted for your community and immediately put into service.

Lions for Access Toolbox



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