

LIONS LOW VISION CENTERS, INC.

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Bristol Lions Club Gets Donation from Calabro Family

We recently recognized Giovanni S. Calabro Sr. at our Annual Lions Low Vision Center dinner by dedicating our program to his memory.

The following article was taken from a recent edition of The Hartford Courant. The article was submitted by Maria Calabro on behalf of the Bristol Lions Low Vision Center.

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The family of Giovanni S. Calabro, Sr. recently purchased three Topaz Desktop Video Magnifiers to assist Bristol and Farmington residents with severe vision concerns. A \$6,800 donation was made to the Bristol Lions Low Vision Center in memory of Mr. Calabro.

Residents afflicted with Macular Degeneration, diabetic eye disease and eye injuries often lose a significant portion of their eyesight. These particular machines magnify print materials to allow a greater independent level of living. Users are able to read their favorite book,

newspaper or magazine in large-print font.

"These devices often spell the difference between being able to function in an everyday fashion with a significant loss of vision or being dependent on others to view one's world," stated V. Everett Lyons, First Vice-President of the Bristol Lions. "We are delighted that the family of Giovanni S. Calabro Sr. chose to honor his memory and to recognize his concern for others by making this donation in support of our efforts in the area of eye sight."

Santo Calabro, the oldest son, stated, "My father, a respected tailor at the Farmington Tailor Shop in Farmington, CT, wore his eye glasses as a young man and throughout his life while altering many clothes for his loyal customers. My dad empathized with those individuals who needed eye glasses so he would donate his spare lenses to the Bristol Lions Club. On behalf of my mother, Santa, my sister, Maria, my brother Giovanni Jr., my wife, Andrea and my daughter, Alexandra, we wish everyone who utilizes these magnifiers great success. We would also like to take this opportunity to send a



heartfelt thank you to our special benefactor and friend Mr. Karl Krapek."

The Bristol Lions Low Vision Center is located at 975 Farmington Ave., and is open to residents of Greater Bristol who are referred by their eye care practitioner. Services and devices are provided at no cost to the client.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling:

860-589-3587

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Did you know ? :

- Over 100 supporters attended the 20th Anniversary Dinner of the Lions Low Vision Center held November 23 at the Stonewell Restaurant. A special thanks goes out to all of the Lions Clubs, individuals and Stonewell Restaurant management for the generous financial donations that were made that night.
- Please support the West Hartford Scramble to be held January 23, 2010. Only 200 tickets are available for this fun filled night. Contact Lion Bob Christensen at 860-680-7227 or Lion Alan Daninhirsch at 860-584-2354.

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Lions Low Vision Center Funding:

Funding for the Lions Low Vision Centers, Inc. is provided by Lions Clubs of District 23B. Special fundraising events have been established by Lions Clubs in Berlin, East Windsor, Enfield, Plainville, Bristol, West Hartford, and Harwinton.

As a 501(c)3 organization, all donations are tax deductible. We are especially pleased to receive donations from individuals whose company has a matching gift program.

Please consider making a small donation to assist us in serving the visually impaired so that they can lead fuller and more productive lives.

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New Britain, CT 06052
1-800-676-5715

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation
103 Old Iron Ore Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002
1-800-676-5715

Sullivan Senior Center
Albert Street
Torrington, CT 06790
1-800-676-5715

Rehab Dynamics
975 Farmington Ave.
Bristol, CT 06010
1-860-589-3587

Active Clients at the 23 B Lions Low Vision Center

Number by Clients' Residence Towns Served since 2002

Avon	25	Hartford	60	Southington and	66
Barkhamsted	5	Harwinton	23	Marion, Plantsville	
Berlin and	173	Kent	2	Suffield	27
Kensington, East Berlin		Lakeville	8	Terryville	30
Bloomfield	26	Litchfield	10	Thomaston	6
Bristol and	152	Manchester	35	Torrington	85
Forestville		Marlborough	3	Warren	9
Broad Brook	6	New Britain	175	Washington Depot	3
Burlington	10	New Hartford	8	Watertown and	21
Canaan	12	New Milford	15	Oakville	
Canton	9	Newington	25	West Cornwall	3
Cornwall	1	Norfolk	8	West Hartford	118
East Granby	10	Plainville	60	Wethersfield	25
East Hartford	53	Rocky Hill	22	Windsor	47
East Hartland	2	South Windsor	40	Windsor Locks	38
Farmington and	82	Salisbury	3	Winsted	10
Unionville		Sharon	5	Woodbury	5
Glastonbury	30	Simsbury and	31		
Goshen	4	Tariffville		Grand Total	1632
Granby	6				