



## **“Ball For All” in 2026**

Our “Ball For All” project started in February last year with the first 100 balls arriving marking the 215 country and the first Lions District in North America adopting this program. Since then, an additional 200 balls have been ordered. With the partnership with DBVI, Lions across the state have had the opportunity to make connections one ball at a time.

Each ball has its own story. Each child who receives a ball has a unique story to share and a unique path to independence. For several of the children who receive a ball the story ends there but for others, we are making an impact. Connections are being made. Families are learning about sources that are available for their children. Children are making new friends and are excited about being active again, some for the first time. Families are appreciative of Lions wanting to be a part of the children’s lives.

There are numerous examples of the connections we have made from simple thank you notes, to one-on-one conversations with parents. This simple ball is making an impact and Lions are touching the lives of these children. Children are considering services at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Some of them are joining local Leo Clubs. Lions are visiting with families and are sharing our stories. Some parents are asking to become Lions.

The next 300 balls are being ordered. Along with DBVI and VSDB, Lions will continue to distribute “Balls For All” in 2026. It is not too late if you or your club want to be a part of this unique opportunity to present balls to these special kids and their families. Contact me, and we can work together in 2026 presenting the next group of balls.

This project is called A “Ball For All”. Our program is being expanded to include not only blind and visually impaired children but also adults if they would like a ball. We are also giving these balls to autistic children for those that like the rattle stimulation.

Join me in 2026 as we continue our Lions Statewide Project. I look forward to sharing with you additional stories in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.

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