

Nonprofits

Jesus Rea Perez and **Wally Watkins** represent generations that have been touched by the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Seven-year-old Jesus was struggling in class – until he had his eyesight checked when the Oregon Lions mobile screening unit visited his school. Now, with his new glasses, he’s making good academic progress.

Longtime Lions volunteer **Wally Watkins** communicates using both sign language and Braille. Since 1976, Wally helps 700 people each year get the sight and hearing resources they need. “Helping kids like Jesus,” said Wally, “is what my volunteering is all about.” The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation founded one of the country’s largest eye banks and provides seven direct service programs for sight, hearing and health assistance, including a mobile health screening program.

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Foundations and endowments: 47

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