



Eugene Downtown Lions Club to Donate Large Gift to Arc Park at Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

Lions Club to award \$26,000 to Arc Park as part of its centennial anniversary

EUGENE, Oregon, June 7, 2023 – The Eugene Downtown Lions Club today announced it will award \$26,000 to the Arc Park at its annual Installation Dinner on June 15.

Designed for children and youth of all ages and all abilities, the Arc Park is an accessible and inclusive park under construction now in Springfield. The Lions Club donation will help The Arc Lane County build the second phase of the Arc Park, which includes the accessible sandbox and water play area, a picnic pavilion and a toddler play area.

“As we celebrate our 100th year, the Eugene Downtown Lions Club is thrilled to be part of this legacy project,” said James Koch, the incoming club president. “Our members are excited to support the Arc Park because it is a state-of-the-art play space that will benefit all children and fill a specific need for children who experience disabilities.”

The first phase of the park, which includes the Comcast Amphitheater, accessible restrooms and sensory wall, opened last summer. Construction on the next phase of the park is due to start this summer.

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club have hosted various events throughout the year to raise funds to donate to the park, including an online auction and a breakfast with Santa event. In addition, a sizable donation from the estate of longtime Lions Club member Don Jones helped the club raise the funds for the Arc Park. The club will present a \$26,000 check to the Arc Park at its annual awards ceremony and new board installation, which will be held inside the Arc Park on June 15 at 7 p.m.

“We are excited to host the Eugene Downtown Lions Club Installation Dinner inside the beautiful Arc Park,” said Pam Ring, executive director of The Arc Lane County. “It will be a wonderful way to honor the club’s 100 years of amazing service to our community.”

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About The Arc Lane County: The Arc Lane County, a grassroots nonprofit, provides services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families living in Lane County. The mission of The Arc is to advocate to enhance the dignity, expand the opportunities and protect the rights of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc envisions a world in which all persons have the support they need for personal development, independence, and interdependence with family and friends, and inclusion in the community. The Arc Lane County is currently spearheading a \$2.5 million capital campaign to build an accessible and inclusive park in Lane County called the Arc Park. Visit: www.thearclane.org to learn more.

Editor's Note: The Arc is not an acronym; always refer to us as The Arc, not The ARC and never ARC. The Arc should be considered as a title or a phrase.

About the Lions Clubs International

The Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Chartered in 1924, the Eugene Downtown (EDT) Lions Club is 53 members strong, making it one of the largest Lions Clubs in Oregon. Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>. Visit: https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/eugene_downtown to learn more about the Eugene Downtown Lions Club.

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