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The Austin Founder Lions Club invites you to a Centennial Celebration of the Lions Municipal Golf Course on October 3, 2024. The Austin chapter of the Lions Club International is the oldest Lions club in existence, formed in 1916 by the forward-thinking men and women of Austin who believed service to the public, the underprivileged, and vision impaired and/or handicapped, was a civic responsibility. The 141-acre golf course was built, designed, and managed by the Lions Club from its inception in 1924 until 1936 when the deed to the land was transferred to the City of Austin, along with all improvements, built structures, and equipment.

The Austin Founder Lions Club believed that a public golf course was important to returning servicemen who had suffered both mentally and physically during WWI; to the students both in Austin's schools and the rapidly growing University of Texas; to the Austin African American community; and to the tax-paying citizens who desperately needed outdoor recreation in the beautiful park that was, and is, Lions Munny, and who could not afford to belong to the private Austin Country Club.

Today, a major initiative of the Austin Founder Lions Club is providing vision screening of Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 year-olds in the Austin Independent School District. In 2023-24, AFLC screened 3224 students at 59 schools. A total of 804 or 24.9 percent of these students failed at least one part of the screening. Lions provided vouchers for free eye exams/glasses if the family lacked resources for follow-up care. Because good vision is so vital to early learning, Lions and supporters like you truly make a lasting impact in these youngsters' lives.

Among other community service activities, AFLC recycles used eyeglasses, sponsors children with special needs to attend Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas, supports World Services for the Blind and Leader Dog program, and provides scholarships to graduates of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

On October 3, 2024, the Austin Founder Lions Club will honor the Centennial of the October 1924 grand opening of Lions Munny with a celebration featuring speakers, music, a parade, food and a golf tournament. More details to come.

**We look forward to seeing you on October 3, 2024.**

Lions Munny Centennial Committee

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