

Tennessee Secretary of State
Tre Hargett



Division of Business and Charitable Organizations
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

February 10, 2024

Mr. ARTHUR WILHOITE III
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, TN 37210

RE: Registration to Solicit Funds for Charitable Purposes
Organization Name: TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.
CO Number: CO2702
Renewal Date: 12/31/2024

Dear Mr. ARTHUR WILHOITE III:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act, T.C.A. § 48-101-501, *et seq.* the Tennessee Secretary of State has reviewed your application and is pleased to announce your organization's registration to solicit contributions has been **approved**.

The organization must maintain statutory compliance by submitting a renewal application and required fees on an annual basis. At that time you may be required to submit tax filings, financial statements, proof of IRS status, and other documents related to your organization and its fundraising activities. You can find additional information and submit additional filings online at <https://sos.tn.gov/charities>. The "CO" Number listed above will serve as your organization's charitable registration number and should be used when submitting any charitable filings or correspondence.

Please also be advised that if the organization's application or other provided information includes false, misleading or deceptive statements, appropriate action will be taken. Pursuant to the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act, a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) may be assessed for any violation.

Thank you for registering your organization and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tre Hargett
Secretary of State

Tracking Number
2024103105

Application to Renew Registration of a Charitable Organization



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sos.tn.gov/charities

CO Number: CO2702
Filed: 02/09/2024 02:06 PM
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Organization Information

Legal Name of the Charitable Organization: TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.

Legal entity type of the Organization: Corporation

Business Services Control Number: 000299599

FEIN: 62-1614995

CO Number: CO2702

Initial Registration Date: 12/15/1995

Renewal Date: 03/30/2024

Has your fiscal year ending month changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fiscal Year Ending Month: June

When and where was the organization legally established

Date: 08/30/1995

Country: USA

City/State: NASHVILLE, TN

Has your Principal Office address changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Principal Office Address

505 FESSLERS LANE
USA, NASHVILLE, TN 37210

Has your Mailing address changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Office Address

505 FESSLERS LANE
USA, NASHVILLE, TN 37210

Contact Information for the Charitable Organization

Contact Name: Mr. ARTHUR WILHOITE III

Telephone Number: (615) 690-8644

Fax Number: (615) 690-8649

Email: arthurwilhoite@tnlions.com

Website: <https://www.tennesseeelionscharities.org/>

Current names used by the charity organization

Do you need to modify other names that the charity solicits under?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has the organization registered in any other state(s)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the charity have other offices, chapters, branches, affiliates or a parent?

☐ Yes ☒ No

The category that best describes your organization

W - Public Affairs, Society Benefit

The charitable purpose of the organization

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc.'s primary mission is to improve the vision of children. We solicit funds for programs approved by Lions of Tennessee, like our KidSight Outreach vision screening program, that help us in this mission.

Tax & Financial Information

Has your tax exempt status changed since your last renewal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Last Fiscal Year Start: July 2022

Last Fiscal Year End: June 2023

Type of 990 Tax Form Filed: 990 (Long Form)

Gross Revenue

Direct and Indirect Public Contributions	\$ 224,438.00
Government Grants	\$ 0.00
Program Service Revenue	\$ 0.00
Special Events and Activities	\$ 0.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	\$ 0.00
Other Revenue	\$ 138,123.00
Total Revenue	\$ 362,561.00

Expenses

Total Program Expenses	\$ 183,997.00
Direct Expenses from Special Events	\$ 0.00
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 0.00
Management and General Expenses	\$ 37,368.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 17,134.00
Other Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 238,499.00

Excess/Deficit For the Year (Total Revenue - Total Expenses)	\$ 124,062.00
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Changes in Net Assets/Fund Balances

Net Assets/Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,784,536.00
Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	\$ 145,810.00
Net Assets/Fund Balances	\$ 2,054,408.00
Total Liabilities at End of Year	\$ 10,132.00
Net Assets/Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 2,054,408.00

Solicitation Information

Have you been enjoined by any court from soliciting contributions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does your organization contract with or otherwise engage the services of any outside fundraising professional (such as a “professional fund-raiser,” “paid solicitor,” “fund raising counsel,” or “commercial co-venturer”)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Officer Information

Do you need to modify the current officers?

☒ Yes ☐ No

List each officer, director, and trustee (at least 2 officers are required, and you must list officers who have or share the following titles: "Chief Financial Officer", "Custodian of Contributions", "Custodian of Final Distributions")

Allen Broughton
505 Fessler Lane
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

B. J. Blankenship
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee, President

Bill Slover
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Mr. Bob Corlew
505 Fessler Lane
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Carolyn Blankenship
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Ed Gibbons
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

J.W. McFarland
505 Fessler Lane
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Treasurer, Trustee

BOB PRUETT
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Lelia Gibson
505 Fessler Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Mrs. Lynn Wilhoite

505 Fesslers Lane
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Custodian of Contributions, Custodian of Final Distributions, Secretary

Mark Cook
505 Fesslers Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

SHELIA CHESANOW
505 Fesslers Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Phillip Barnes
505 Fesslers Ln
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Vice President, Trustee

Mr. Ron Birdwell
505 Fesslers Lane
Nashville, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Vice President, Trustee

RALPH BREWER
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

JIM FIELDS
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

LINDA JUSTICE
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

FRED MUNDT
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, TN 37210, USA
Title(s): Trustee

Has any officer, director, manager, operator, or principal of the organization been the subject of an injunction, judgement, or administrative order or been convicted of a felony?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature

I certify that the statements in this registration statement and all supplemental forms, documents, and continuation sheets are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I (Chief Fiscal Officer, Treasurer, or Officer) certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Signed Electronically: Lynn Wilhoite

Date: 02/09/2024

Title: Custodian of Contributions

I certify that the statements in this registration statement and all supplemental forms, documents, and continuation sheets are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I (Chief Fiscal Officer, Treasurer, or Officer) certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Signed Electronically: B. J. Blankenship

Date: 02/09/2024

Title: President



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Date: 02/08/2024

Invoice: 2024-01170

Customer Information

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TENNESSEE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.
505 FESSLERS LANE
NASHVILLE, 37210

Tracking Number	Description	Amount Paid
2024103105	CH Charitable Renewal	\$ 10.00
Payment Details		
	Fee Total:	\$ 10.00
	Payment Total:	\$ 10.00
	Amount Due:	\$ 0.00
	Refunded Amount:	\$ 0.00
Payment Method		
	Payment Type:	Credit Card
	Check/Confirmation Number:	3867369586