



BUSINESS BRILLIANCE AWARD

Presented to:

ITASCA LIONS CLUB

The Itasca Business Brilliance Award recognizes the indispensable role of businesses and organizations in enhancing the quality of life in Itasca. Whether through active participation or generous support, these entities have contributed to making our village a better place.

Nominated by: Kevin Kelly and Cindy Hall

Summary of Nomination:

The Itasca Lions Club embodies a spirit of service and support. Through their tireless efforts and commitment, they have provided financial and volunteer support to a wide range of organizations, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Lions, the Itasca Police and Fire Departments, the Park District, the Food Pantry, the Itasca Community Library, and School District 10.

The Lions Club also organizes cherished community events like Itasca Fest, Italian Feast, Pancake Breakfast, Bourbon & Cigar Night, and the Luminary Holiday Program. These events and other initiatives raised nearly \$60,000 in 2023 alone. Over the past decade, the club has donated over \$400,000, supporting over 100 non-profit organizations.

The Itasca Lions Club's generosity knows no bounds. Last year, their contributions included a \$10,000 donation to the Hawaiian Lions for wildfire relief and another \$10,000 for relief to Ukraine through Lions International.

The club also actively supports the Marines Toys for Tots program, sending volunteers each Christmas season to help sort toys for families in need. Additionally, during the season, the Lions give away more than 20,000 candles and 10,000 bags for the annual Itasca Luminary—a 50-year tradition in the community.

As the Itasca Lions Club celebrates its 85th year in 2024, the Village of Itasca is honored to present them with the 2024 Business Brilliance Award. This recognition is a testament to their ongoing dedication, service, and commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruyn", written over a white background.

Mayor Jeff Pruyn

September 8, 2024