



**You are invited!!
To a reception and celebration for Zahraa, a 7 year old Iraqi girl**

Who was brought to Wisconsin from Baghdad, for a double Cornea Transplant through the efforts of SFC John Kempen Jr., SFC Kempen's Family, Dr. Noor – National Iraqi Assistance Center, Crandon Lions Club, Lion Frank Bocek, Lions Clubs of Districts 27-B2 & 27-C1 and the Staff and officers of Lions Clubs International and Lions Club International Foundation, Dr. Flaherty, Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank and Diane & Emil Wasniewski – host family and many others, Lions & Lions clubs.

This great miracle has been possible through Cooperation, Dedication and Passion of Lions and individuals around the world.

SFC Kempen discovered Zahraa while serving in Baghdad more than a year ago. By having the military officials confer with Dr. Noor, a prognosis was made that Zahraa needed a double cornea transplant, which was not available in Iraq.

SFC Kempen came back from his tour and told the story to his mother, who in turn approached Frank Bocek of the Crandon Lions Club. Lion Frank stated that as Lions, sight conservation is our main mission. The Crandon Lions conferred with Dr. Flaherty and Aspirus Hospital about donating facilities & services – they agreed.

To get Zahraa and her Grandmother here was the next challenge, in that LCIF was asked to help. LCIF was able to arrange for them to get their visa's, flights from Baghdad to Amman, Jordan. The Amman, Jordan Lions helped Zahraa & her Grandmother make the Visa hearing, furnished them clothing and housed them in a hotel for over two weeks.

LCIF arranged for the flights to Chicago and to Wausau, they arrived in Wausau on Friday morning, August 17th. LCIF has arranged for Tri-Com Public Relations to handle the PR for this great event. LCIF, Tri-Com, Lions and translators were on hand for their arrival.

Lions Diane & Emil Wasniewski have welcomed them into their home for the duration and are arranging to get them to the doctor appointments etc.

Dr. Flaherty confirmed Dr Noor's diagnosis and was able to perform the cornea transplant on Zahraa's right eye. It is healing very well, she now can see and is watching TV. The left eye will be done some time later in October.

The costs associated with this project have been raised through the generosity of individuals and Lions like you. October 4th is the set date for SFC Kempen to meet Zahraa and both will meet the grade school children of Crandon who raised more than \$301.00 on their own. Zahraa and her Grandmother will tour the school, as they may never get to see a great school like this in Iraq. You will also get to meet them first hand in the evening. **Come witness and be a part of the results of Lions C.D.P.**



The Crandon Lions sponsor
Honorary Dinner for Zahraa

You and your spouse is invited to attend a dinner sponsored by the Crandon Lions at the community building, 601 West Washington St., Crandon Wisconsin, 54520.

Date: **Thursday, October 4th, 2007**

Time: **6:00 p.m.** Social **7:00 p.m.** Dinner

There will be a dinner charge of \$12.00 per person

Dinner includes Chicken, roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll, beverages. Please call me with the number of persons attending, ASAP.

Please call or E-Mail Frank Bocek 715-478-3782

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