

Charitable Grants

The Board of Directors of the Sanford Lions Club accepts funding proposals for charitable work and funds grants as resources are available if the proposal is determined to be critical to the welfare of needy and deserving local citizens.

Special recreational opportunities

Each year efforts of the Lions, in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, enable a number of blind or visually impaired individuals to attend Camp Dogwood, a specially designed recreational facility for the blind located in the mountains of N.C. The Lions provide for transportation and other expenses for campers. Local Lions also enable local residents who are blind or visually impaired to attend an annual fishing tournament in Manteo, N.C., and working with the Lions Foundation, supports athletic programs at the N. C. School for the Blind.

Boys and Girls Home Support

In partnership with the Lions Clubs from across the state, Sanford Lions Club helped construct and continues to help maintain the Lions Club Cottage at Boys and Girls Home. Each year the local club makes an annual contribution of \$1,500 for this worthy cause. Additionally, eight to twelve young boys visit Sanford each Christmas season for educational tours of local industries and the fire station. Each boy receives clothing valued at \$100 plus a dozen pairs of new socks.

Christmas cheer

Lions Club members, again working with the local Department of Social Services, visit needy and deserving blind or visually impaired citizens delivery a \$100 gift card. About 40 citizens benefit from this program annually.

Teach youth to serve

Young people learn to serve the community, work in groups, and develop leadership skills by participating in the Sanford Lions sponsored Leo Club. Programs that promote international understanding and develop self-esteem and skills needed to live productive, happy, and drug free lives are also supported by Sanford Lions.

Help Lions Serve

Fighting the rising tide of blindness around the world is the noble work the Lions have been dedicated to for more than 70 years. While thousands have been helped the work continues. It is estimated that 80 per cent of all blindness is preventable or reversible.

By generously supporting fund-raising projects of the Sanford Lions Club, its members are able to serve our community in many important ways.

Contact a member of the local Lions Club to see how you can help.

Sanford Lions Club



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We serve.

“We serve” is the slogan for all Lions Clubs throughout the world. The Sanford Lions Club is an active group that serves the citizens of Lee County and the surround areas in many ways.

While a focus on services for the blind and visually impaired is first priority, the Lions Club serves in various ways. Local Lions Club members serve with the 1.4 million Lions worldwide to support an aggressive attack on blindness around the world.

Sanford Lions members record thousands of hours of volunteer services each year. They have numerous fund raising efforts which enable to provide the many services they now offer. A hard-working group of local individuals serves unselfishly to provide services that improve the quality of life for area citizens.

How we serve.

Vision screening

Since 2000 Sanford Lions has assisted Lee County Schools with vision screening of preschool children. Club members are thoroughly trained and certified for this work. Forty-five Lions and spouses have completed the training with a 100 per cent passing rate on the exam. Each year more than 300 hours are logged with an average of 650 preschool children being screened. About six percent of those screened are referred to school nurses for additional screening. Starting in 2004 vision screening was extended to ninth grade students. Each year about 700 students are screened during more than 270 volunteer hours with around 12 percent of the students referred for further screening.

Utilizing a North Carolina Lions Foundation van equipped with sophisticated instruments free screening of local citizens is offered. Each year Sanford Lions serve two full days providing vision screening. In N.C. more than 50,000 citizens are evaluated each year.

Aides for visual and hearing impaired

The Sanford Lions, working with the N.C. Lions Foundation, help make vision and hearing aids available to those who need and cannot afford them. Additionally the local club collects between 1,500 and 2,000 eye glasses and numerous hearing aids that are evaluated, repaired, and made available free to the needy who can benefit from the aids.

Working with the local medical community and the Lee County Social Services, local Lions serve citizens identified as being in need of eye exams. Each year approximately \$7,500 is spent for this purpose.

Scholarships

In an effort to serve students pursue higher education each year the Sanford Lions Club provides two \$500 scholarships for students attending a community college and one \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending a university.

Facilities benefit community

Facilities owned by the Sanford Lions are a community resource. Not only does the club use their buildings and grounds, but they are utilized by others within the community. Numerous baseball and soccer fields are located on the expansive grounds of the Lions. The land is provided free, while the fields are equipped and maintained by the respective agencies. The Relay for Life, a major cancer research fund-raiser, is hosted by the Lions free each year.

Buildings are available for fund raisers, birthday parties, and family reunions at reasonable rates. Charitable events may request the waiver of fees.