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## A Mission to Care, Support and Help Our North Carolina Citizens

The North Carolina Lions Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 1934. As the official charitable organization for the Lions of North Carolina and working closely with community based North Carolina Lions Clubs, we collectively enrich the lives of those blind and visually impaired, offer needed services for those less fortunate in each community and a hallmark of continuous support of research for health related issues concerning vision and overall wellness of all our citizens.



## Something Old is Now Something New, a Name Regeneration of Our Foundation

*Carlton Metts, NCLF Executive Director*

At the May 7, 2023 North Carolina Lions, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting a motion was made and passed to reestablish the ole name of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated. It has been a little over ten years since the change took place with hopes of a larger corporate participation but the ole name never went away.

So here we are with fresh restart of actually what we really are and that is a foundation. It did cause a little confusion with some of our donors thinking we were a Lions Club verses being a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Foundation.

The ole acronym of NCLF will become synonymous with NCLI utilizing both domains piggybacked with each other. The domains [www.nclionsinc.org](http://www.nclionsinc.org) and [www.nclf.org](http://www.nclf.org) will be transparent to the user for a while before dropping the NCLI.

This should be in effect by July 1, 2023. The email addresses with follow suit such as [carlton@nclionsinc.org](mailto:carlton@nclionsinc.org) and [carlton@n-clf.org](mailto:carlton@n-clf.org). The [nclionsinc.org](http://nclionsinc.org) will be phased out at the appropriate time.



## New NCLF Officers for the 2023-2024 & Special Noteworthy News

*Carlton Metts, NCLF Executive Director*

Taking place the week of the general board meeting and annual membership meeting in May, a new full slate of officers were elected for the 2023-2024 Lions' year.

PDG Stephen McLaurin of Raleigh Host Lions Club was elected President.

PDG Wayne Faber of Apex Lions Club was elected 1st Vice President.

PDG Allen Swaim was elected 2nd Vice President from the Wendell Lions Club.

PDG Curtis Erickson from Mill River Lions Club was elected as Treasurer.

Lion Anne Metts of New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club was elected Secretary.

PCC Skippy Jackson will serve as the Immediate Past President.

Please welcome and support our incoming leaders of the North Carolina Lions Foundation for 2023-2024.

A special note on the North Carolina SCIF Grant has now been depleted and the five KidSight SUVs are in place, traveling, screening and awaiting your call. To-date the KidSight program has screened nearly 15,000 kids with a referral of over 2,000 kids to eye care professionals. Keep it going, this is a well needed program.

The KidSight Committee is searching for drivers and screening leaders. Requirements are at no cost to you for background check, Fleet Safety (booklet), Sexual harassment training, (online), and get the KidSight certification. Bryan Hoover, Mobile Screening Coordinator can direct and help you on how to get qualifications so you can assist in the most wonderful and self-satisfying program.

Remember the KidSight SUVs are fully equipped with PlusOptix screening cameras, Hearing Testing equipment, printers and all miscellaneous materials you will need to complete a topnotch Vision Screening.

Thank you, Lions and friends for all you do helping others!



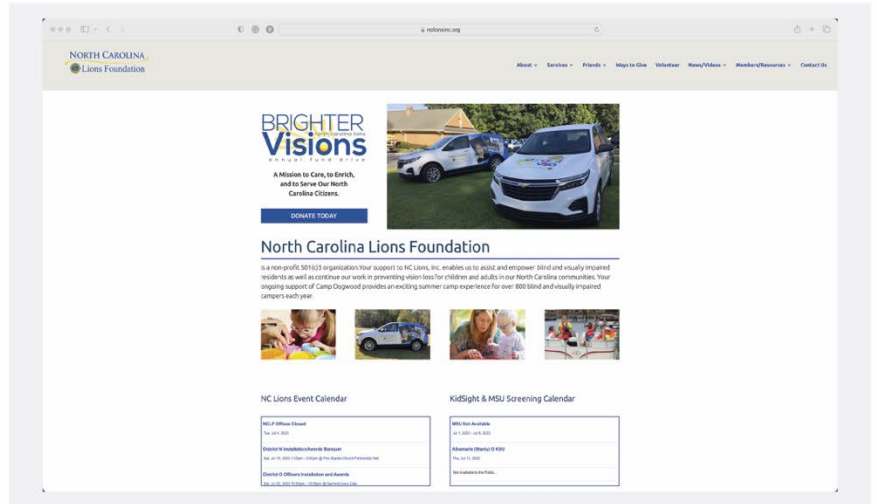
*Your donation to NC Lions Foundation enables us to assist and empower blind and visually impaired residents as well as continue our work in preventing vision loss in our North Carolina communities like our KidSight Mobile Screening Units. Please make a tax-deductible donation today.*

## A New Face of the NCLF Website & NC Lions Camp Dogwood

*PDG Paul Bledsoe, NCLF Information & Education Chair*

For the past couple of months, our website team has created a new look for our NC Lions Foundation and the NC Lions Camp Dogwood websites. This new look is quite a bit cleaner and conforms with maneuvering visibility with any desktop, laptop and handheld device.

You will find what you are looking for in a quicker amount of time. Other visual enhancements are in the process.



## Vision Education... A Mainstay of Our North Carolina Lions Foundation

*PDG Paul Bledsoe, NCLF Information & Education Chair*

Since the beginning of our foundation, our commitment to vision has been a very important factor in our statewide outreach. The mission of the Lions Eye Help is to empower communities to save sight through early detection and timely treatment of diabetic eye disease, glaucoma and age related macular degeneration (AMD), and to encourage the appropriate treatment of low vision in children and adults.

Today, that mission continues to be a major player in our quest in the prevention of vision loss. As you educate your communities with eye health, remind them to prioritize your vision health with regular eye exams. Your eyes are invaluable, and maintaining good vision is crucial for your overall well-being. By scheduling routine eye examinations, you can catch potential vision problems early and take proactive steps to protect your eyesight. Don't wait for symptoms to arise—be proactive and make regular eye exams a priority.

Remind NC citizens, seeing clearly means living fully. Your vision directly influences how you experience the world around you. Imagine reading your favorite book, enjoying a stunning landscape, or simply recognizing the faces of your loved ones with ease and clarity. Regular eye exams help ensure that your eyes are healthy, your vision is optimized, and you can fully engage in every aspect of life.

We will have more talking points and eye health education in upcoming issues of the NCLF newsletter.

## 2023 NC Lions Camp Dogwood and Dogwood on the Lake Event Calendar

**July:**

*All Dates Summer Camp*

7: Catawbans

16-22: Carolina Cross Connection

**August:**

*1-5: Summer Camp*

2: Catawbans

11-13: Board and Council

16-20: Gwen Family Reunion

19: DoTerra

25-27: Heart of Compassion Ministries

**September:**

6: Catawbans

15-17: IAJ Ministries

22: Catawbans Pig Pickin

28-30: Scrapbook Studio

**October:**

1: Scrapbook Studio

4: Catawbans

4-8: Candle In The Window

13-15: Summerville Baptist

20-22: Weddington Methodist Church

**November:**

1: Catawbans

2-5: SCBWI

10-12: Board and Council

17-19: District L

**December:**

1-3: VDG/ Joni & Friends North Carolina

6: Catawbans

8: Catawbans Christmas Party

9: Trilogy United Christmas Party

### Reminder...

Make sure your club's new members receive their NCLF Membership Certificate.

Contact the NCLF Administrative Office for assistance. Every Lion Club's member in our state is a member of our NC Lions Foundation.



**YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT  
REASON FOR OUR FOUNDATION'S  
CONTINUED SUCCESS.**

**YOU ARE  
APPRECIATED.**

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Lions Foundation