



Steve McLaurin
NCLF President 2023-2024

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.

Letter from the President

My heartiest greetings to the Lions of North Carolina. We are rapidly approaching the end of the first quarter of the Lions Year. With this reminder of the fast end of the first quarter, all Lions Clubs should examine the Service Projects planned and ensure the completed service projects have been reported to the respective District Secretaries. This action allows the information to be reported to Lions International and to the North Carolina Lions Foundation. We remain in need of all Lions to report and publicize our work in our communities furthering what we do to show our motto of **WE SERVE** is more than mere words. Our pride in service should be heralded to hopefully alert others to join our passion of service -when they learn what we are offering.

Unquestionably our Kids Sight Program is a premier service project. Lions Clubs can schedule a Kids Sight Program in their community; it is an easy action to request the District Kids Sight Vehicle to respond with three (3) machines to the appointed location. Simply contact Bryan Hoover at NCLF ext.241. The cost to the Club is now only \$ 75.00 and the proper amount of Lions Volunteers to provide the service.



This program offers maximum impact for the children we are able to screen and offers an opportunity to recruit non-Lions to assist in the day of service. What a great way to recruit perspective club members! Service in all five of Lions International's areas of emphasis are welcomed as projects for your community.

This time of year is also a time to schedule or confirm all efforts needed for your fundraisers. Time alerts us to the need for Club Participation in your fundraisers allowing your community impact projects and your contributions to Brighter Visions of NCLF to provide maximum impact to those less fortunate. As promoted by Past International President Sid Scruggs, LIONS stands for " Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service". With your efforts we will be successful in providing a Passion for Successful Service. All we need is for each Lion to be joyously committed to Taking the Big Step in service.

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Cool Start to Fall... Your Accomplishments Are Impressive, Congratulations.

From Executive Director Carlton Metts



After two days of riding out tropical storm Ophelia from my home in New Bern, two days of continuous heavy rains and nearly hurricane winds, I received no damage but lots of flooding all around eastern North Carolina. We were blessed with the isolation and lounging around for a couple days. After the storm it appears that Fall has arrived, nice cool weather all around us.

With all of the fundraising workshops behind us and all five districts together did the best that I can remember. You are to be congratulated. I will be posting online and sending out the end of month reports each month. If at any time you need an update or want to talk to me about your club or district results please call me or the statewide chair. I am very proud of your accomplishments through September. Keep up the Good Work!

Our North Carolina Lions KidSight Program is really hopping with the new \$75 fee, thanks to two donors, Raleigh Lions Foundation and North State Bank of Raleigh. Hats off to both of them. Just remember the North Carolina Lions Foundation with donor assistance is always trying to make a better place for our Lions and those we serve. The NC Lions KidSight program is a North Carolina Lions Foundation Committee that represents all 100 counties, all clubs, all zones and districts. We are here to serve you!

One of our historical screening events in the state is the The New Bern and Twin Rivers Lions Clubs every other year assisting the Garber Methodist Church with their Faith in Action Vision Clinic. Usually 12-15 eye doctors typically set-up to screen over 300 children and adults. It's a remarkable ongoing service project that we are proud to be involved with.

The NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament is coming up this month and I hope to see a lot of you there. It's always like a family reunion for a lot of our Lions and VIPs.

Thank You Lions for all you do!
 Carlton



Brighter Visions	
Totals, October 6th, '23	
31-L	\$16,963.00
31-I	\$57,381.00
31-O	\$45,055.00
31.N	\$36,604.00
31-S	\$34,848.00
State	\$ 363.00
Total:	\$191,213.00
	31% of Goal



Information Update

Its great to feel the chill in the air around Camp. This gives us the opportunity to get out and about and complete projects we are unable to complete throughout the summer. Since my last report we have been able to upholster furniture in the lobbies of Lineberger and Udovich. This has been long overdue. This furniture has been in use for 12 plus years. Fabric had faded and some inner cushion was even beginning to show. Carpeting in the bedrooms of Lineberger and Udovich has also been completed.

We have installed a steel awning over the sewer system. This is aesthetically pleasing to the eye if you can imagine saying that about a sewer. Electrical panels have received a fresh coat of paint. I am happy to say that our EPA representative is pleased with all the updates and changes we have made.

Porches of dorms are now in the process of being painted as long as weather holds. Porches will be painted with a not skid slip resistant paint. This will benefit our Visually Impaired as they walk across the cement with wet shoes and feet. Staff are also working on repainting all exterior doors in our dorms. Over the years paint has become scuffed from the bumping of wheel chairs, walkers and canes. Doors have also become faded from normal weather exposure.

Once Dorm porches are completed we will move to the duplexes and begin working on those porches. If you haven't been to the Camp in a while consider dropping by to see all the updates and completed projects.

Our Rocking Chair Project is open. We have already received orders for 12 rocking chairs. These chairs can be given in Memory or Honor of someone you love. Cost of the chairs is \$250.00. Our goal is to replace each of the older rocking chairs with a durable plywood chair that will never need to be painted or sanded.

We are happy to report that our off-season usage for September is up \$2090, over the same month last year. We currently have only a few weekends available in 2023.

October events include ...

1. Candle in the Window ... This group is for people who are blind or partially sighted to explore issues that directly impact their lives in their families and communities. This is a national organization. This is the second year that we have been honored to host their yearly conference. We are looking forward to 2024.
2. AAU Gymnastics
3. Weddington Church
4. Red Knights- a local group of firemen from across western NC will hold their fall event here. Finishing off the evening with Trunk or Treat for the community,

We also have several community groups stopping by to tour the facility to learn what Camp Dogwood and Lions are all about.

Thank you for all you do for Camp Dogwood and the VIP's across the State of NC.

Tammy Thomas, Director of Camp Dogwood



Memorials & Honorariums

August - September 2023

Memorials

Given By:	Memory Of:
Eileen M. Artavia	M&H
Barbara A. Beltran	Charles Andrews
Edward H. Jordan	Robert "Bob" Miller St.
Stephens Lions Club	Everette Houston
Greensboro Lions Club	Scott Alexander
Julian Lions Club	Jean Clapp
Snow Hill Lions Club	Ethel Shingleton
Eileen M. Artavia	M&H
Greater Monroe Lions Club	Jane Austin
Denton Lions Club	Ruth Pinyon
R. Mount Evening LC	Roscoe Speight
Carlton & Anne Metts	Ethel Shingleton
Carlton & Anne Metts	Michael S. Cheves
Robert Tomlinson	Jerry Thomas
Eileen Artavia	M&H
Kernersville Lions Club	Pat Thomas
Salisbury Lions Club	John Rink
Scott & Michelle Stephenson	Linda Jackson
Reidsville Lions Club	Kevin Mauldin
Edward H. Jordan	Scott Noble
Bethlehem Lions Club	George Beckom

Honorariums

Given By:	Honoree:
Linwood Lions Club	David Smoot
Juan A & Susan L Fernandez	Paulette Gasperson
Lake Lure Lions Club	Richard Krejci
Mocksville Lions Club	Steve Cline
Carlton & Anne Metts	Lou Creel
Stuart Ballinger	Kristy Brown
	Greene
New Bern Lions Club	Tom Snively
Wake Forest Lions Club	Lorraine Dixon
Eileen M. Artavia	M&H

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Fund Drive Goal**

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