



**Note from the President:**

Greetings Fellow Lions of North Carolina,

The North Carolina Lions Foundation is comprised of ALL the Lions Clubs in the State. Camp Dogwood is the Headquarters in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina located on Lake Norman, and it is owned by all the Lions in North Carolina. The tremendous acts of service provided by NCLF is fulfilled through the efforts of many Lions and financially supported by each Lions Club within North Carolina. This Newsletter is offered to inform each Club Member of what is taking place at NCLF, and to demonstrate the grand service successes occurring through your efforts.

As a Lion, you are invited and encouraged to visit NCLF. You will be proud of the beauty of Your Camp Dogwood, and you can experience the joy of service by signing-up for a multitude of opportunities of service to those less fortunate available to you. We ask for you to take a few minutes and see what is going on at the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Where there is a Need, there is a Lion! When we work together toward a goal, it is amazing what we accomplish. It is truly Great to be a Lion.

Stephen B. McLaurin

**Meet Your NCLF Officers 2023-2024**

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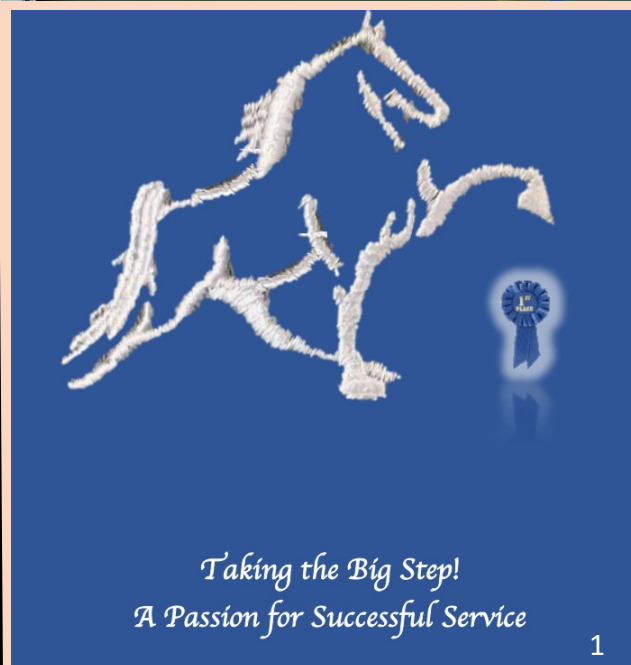
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**Curtis Erickson**  
 Mill Rivers  
 Lions Club



**Camp Dogwood  
 on Lake Norman**



*Taking the Big Step!*  
*A Passion for Successful Service*



### From the Executive Director

Fellow North Carolina Lions,



I am proud and honored to serve you the Lions of North Carolina as your Executive Director of our newly named North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated. This Foundation is and has always been owned and managed by the North Carolina Lions, which also administers Statewide Lions Programs. It is a Charitable Foundation 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. You and all Lions in North Carolina are members of this great organization. Thank you for all you do!

This has been a good year for many things. The kick off of the KidSight Screening Program has screened nearly 30,000 children across the state. The KidSight Screening Unit (KSU) in each District has dedicated Drivers and Screeners set and ready to go. Awesome job and it is just getting off the ground.

The Mobile screening Unit is coming back to life after a couple of dormant years due to COVID. I see a positive trend of bouncing back. Many clubs are back and are keeping the MSU and Coordinator Bryan Hoover busy.

Both the KidSight and adult MSU along with Social Service requests have the VSP Voucher Program exploding. During the 2022-2023 year the program has nearly doubled at 400 plus vouchers requested by clubs.

Brighter Vision goals statewide for 2022-2023 were a little short for the year by \$17,000. Statewide the goals were \$65,000 ahead of last year 2021-2022. You have to feel good about that.

The Brighter Visions funds support the programs and services that the Lions of North Carolina had elected to support. If you have any questions about any of the programs or services please call us here at the Foundation Office: 800-662-7401. These programs and services can also be seen online at nclf.org

Camp Dogwood Raffle was down by \$10,000 for the year. Congratulations to the Southport Lions Club for being the big winner of the \$15,000 jackpot!

We are getting started on a new year and it will be great! Our major Fundraisers are ready to go! See the kickoff schedules below.

It is GREAT TO BE A LION!



Join your fellow Lions and clubs at your District BV Kickoff. It's a great event to learn and how to participate. Great experience! See where your dollars go! I will meet you there!

### 2023 Kickoffs

- July 22nd** 👍 (Very Successful Kickoff) District 31-L BV Kickoff  
12:00 PM Cabinet Mtg, Etowah Lions Bldg
- August 5th** District 31-O BV Kickoff, Cab. Meeting  
10:00 AM Central Falls Baptist Church, Asheboro
- August 19th** District 31-N BV Kickoff, Cab. Meeting  
10:00 AM Lions Industries for the Blind, Kinston
- August 20th** District 31-S BV Kickoff, Cab. Meeting  
3:00 PM Pilot Lions Club, Pilot
- August 26th** District 31-I BV Kickoff  
10:00 AM Harold B. Jarrett American Legion, Salisbury



**MSU/KSU Screening Programs**

Hello Fellow Lions,

As we start another Lions Calendar Year there are many exciting things that seem to be well kept secrets. Many Lions across the state still have no idea about the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) and KidSight Units (KSU) Programs.

The MSU is officially back in action and every district across the state now has their own KSU for the district. The MSU is the large mobile unit that can screen both adults and children. All screenings with the MSU happen inside of the MSU, as it is its own facility. The KSUs are used for screening children ages six months of age through twelfth grade. The KSUs are used at schools and daycares and require screening in the school facility.

With the passing of each week we see more Lions Clubs booking the MSU and KSUs. I anticipate that by the end of the year, our calendar will be very busy. If your Lions Club would like to book a screening, please know that the sooner you book the better your chances are for scheduling the date you would like.

Also know that screenings for the MSU or KSU may be booked 18 to 24 months prior to the screening date. The calendar is extended by 6 months on January 1st & July 1st of each year. Saturdays are the most requested date for MSU screenings; therefore, clubs that have the MSU booked for a Saturday, may only book that same Saturday 12 months ahead of time.

The fee for booking the MSU changed in January of 2022 and is now \$250.00 per day, plus \$0.60 per mile. This mileage fee can be an obstacle for clubs so, we encourage clubs to work together in scheduling the MSU. This helps lessen the mileage burden by spreading out the mileage over three or four screening events on the same trip.

The daily screening fee for the KSUs is \$150.00. We find many Lions Clubs are able to screen multiple schools and/or daycares in a single day. Screenings with the KSU go really fast with good organization and Lions participation. We have screened almost 800 students in a single day and we had to stand around and wait 30-40 minutes between each class. So, the sky is the limit with the number of students when school nurses are directly involved with the planning!

If I can assist you with planning or scheduling a screening event, please give me a call or drop me an email. We request that all screenings be booked through myself either by phone or email. This is done this way so we can make sure that someone is available for your screening and it helps ensure that the paperwork is processed.

I look forward to working with you in 2023 and beyond!

Bryan Hoover  
MSU/KSU State Coordinator





Hello Fellow Lions,

As we close out the Lions Calendar year and start the 2023-2024 year I would like to share with you how we as Lions are continuing to make a big difference.

We continue to be blessed by Lions Club International and VSP, with the continued use of the VSP Eyes of Hope Program. This has allowed us to help provide eye exams and glasses for almost 800 individuals just this past year with the VSP Program alone. Think about that for just a minute. Through the help of Lions like you and VSP, we have changed how almost 800 people view the world around them. That is such a blessing to both the recipients and the givers!

All though the vouchers do not cost the North Carolina Lions as such, there is still a financial burden that we as Lions must cover through our Brighter Visions contributions. You may ask what cost is there if the voucher is free. So here is just a small list: the person processing the vouchers, the computers that are used to check emails, the fax machine, the printer and paper that the requests are printed on, the envelopes the vouchers are mailed in and the postage it takes to mail the vouchers out. Not to mention the office space, the electrical power and the phones that we use to follow up on voucher requests.

The monies that we donate to Brighter Visions help cover these costs and so many other services that we provide as the North Carolina Lions. I would ask that as your Lions Club considers what to do with the money that you normally budget to help purchase glasses, consider donating it to Brighter Visions to help offset the operating cost of this program. The money you donate comes right back to your neighborhood as services provided to the visually impaired.

As we continue to move forward with the VSP Voucher Program, please make note that there have been a couple of changes. As of June 22, 2023, we have implemented a **Revised VSP Voucher Information Form**. This form is on our website [nclf.org](http://nclf.org) under Program Forms. If you have trouble finding it, just let us know and we can email you a copy. For sometime now we have tried getting the [vsp@nclionsinc.org](mailto:vsp@nclionsinc.org) email address out as the email address to send VSP Voucher Requests, once the form has been completed. This email address will continue to work for some time but the **NEW ADDRESS IS [vsp@nclf.org](mailto:vsp@nclf.org)**, please submit your VSP email requests to this address. Of course, you can still fax your requests to 828-478-4419

Attention: Brittany or you can mail them to:

NCLF, P.O. Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

Yours in Lionism,

Bryan Hoover

MSU/KSU State Coordinator

1-800-662-7401 Ext. 241

[bryan@nclf.org](mailto:bryan@nclf.org)





**Where did your Brighter Vision Dollars go to in 2022-2023?**

**KidSight & Mobile Screening Unit: 107 events with nearly 30,000 Kids screened during the 2022-2023 year**

**See the 21st Century Mobile Screening Unit**

Local Lions Clubs work with NC Lions, Inc. to provide free vision and hearing screenings in communities across the state. NC Lions Foundation, Inc. funded the purchase of the Mobile Screening Unit that is scheduled by Lions Clubs throughout the state. Through the early detection of vision problems and education of our citizens we hope to eliminate the loss of vision.

**Clinical Eye Research: No research project during the previous year. Funds are kept at the foundation pending research approved projects.**

Eye Research provides hope for improved treatments and ultimately cures for vision loss. NC Lions Foundation, Inc. provides for clinical research at the major universities in our state. These include Wake Forest University Eye Center, NC Lions Pediatric Eye Care Center at Duke University and NC Diabetic Eye Care Center at UNC Chapel Hill.

**Recycling of Used Glasses: Estimated recycled for 2022-2023 is 104,000 pairs.**

Lions fulfill the *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* environmental message by reducing landfill debris through reuse or recycling.

**Recycling of Used Hearing Aids: Received 127 during the year. Hearing aids are sold as salvage back to the manufacturer, whereas funds are used to support the Deaf/Blind Camp in the fall each year.**

**Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**Support and Mobility Cane Distribution: 383 Canes were distributed in North Carolina for 2023**

The 1949 Legislature established the "White Cane Law". This bill prohibited the use of a white cane by any but a visually handicapped person and gave to such persons the right of way at road, street, or highway crossings when they extended the cane at arm's length while crossing or were accompanied by a guide dog. This became effective on January 1, 1950.

**Camp Dogwood Vacations for the Blind and Visually Impaired: BV Funds are used to subsidize camper fees from July 1 through middle of August and then middle of May to June each year.**

**Eye Glasses through the VSP Vouchers: 785 VSP Vouchers were distributed to Lions Clubs across North Carolina qualified recipients.**

Gift certificates provide coverage for a comprehensive eye exam and a complete pair of prescription glasses with single vision or lined multifocal lenses.

Voucher request forms can be downloaded from [nclf.org/members/resource/program/forms](http://nclf.org/members/resource/program/forms)

**Matching Grants for Clubs seeking assistance with Eye Surgeries: three matching grants were approved 2022-2023**

**Academic Scholarships for Children of Blind Parents: No applications were received during 2022-2023.**

**Special Grants: Grants were awarded to the VIP Fishing Tournament and Governor Morehead School**



# Memorials and Honorariums

## June - July 2023

### Memorials

**Given By:**

Broadway Lions Club  
 Citizens Insurance Group  
 Fair Grove Lions Club  
 C. Neal & Shirley Alexander  
 Paul R & Nancy Bledsoe  
 Paul McAvoy  
 Rhett B & Gwen White  
 NC Past District Governors  
 Lorraine & Tommy Dixon  
 Joseph & Cathy Poirier  
 Juan & Susan L Fernandez  
 Johnny Berry  
 Rahim A. Shomari  
 Michael & Susan O'Brien  
 James R Walker  
 James R Walker  
 James R Walker  
 Brenda Cox  
 Lincolnton Lions Club  
 Linwood Lions Club  
 John C Eller  
  
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 Concord Lions Club  
 Concord Lions Club  
 Concord Lions Club  
 Theresa W Matthews  
 Theresa Munyon  
 Kirby & Theresa Matthews  
 Angela Kaiser  
 Charles & Patricia Stevens  
 Thomasville Lions Club  
 West Iredell Lions Club  
 Donald & Gayle M Cobb  
 Jae & Anne Joyner  
 John C Eller  
 Eileen M. Artavia  
 Luther V Creel  
 James Collins Chandler  
 James Collins Chandler

**Memory Of:**

Kathy Garrett  
 Pete Davis  
 Angelia Whitaker  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Memorial  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 PDG Roy Jernigan  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
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 Nick Metts  
 H. A. Slate  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 April Truitt  
 Bonnie Inez Medley  
 Park  
 Hubert Calvin Agner  
 Eva Altz Milsaps  
 Mary Frances Price  
 Misenheimen  
 Carolyn Loretta  
 Kidd Brown  
 George Culp  
 David Hall  
 Boone Rogers  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Becky Burke  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Joe Leonard  
 Rich Gustin  
 George Culp  
 Lion Jerry Thomas  
 Andy Cope  
 M&H  
 Garion M Creel  
 Lorene Chappell  
 Dan Barber

**Memorials Continued:****Given by:**

James Collins Chandler  
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 James Collins Chandler  
 Ella H Flora  
 Pisgah Forest Lions Club  
 Lake Lure Lions Club  
 Eileen M. Artavia  
 Wadesboro Lions Club  
 Brenda Cox  
 Brenda Cox

**Memory Of:**

Letha F. Jenkins  
 Linda Jarrell  
 Donnie Richardson  
 Roscoe Speight  
 Willeta Vance  
 Tracy Lanham  
 M&H  
 Letha Jenkins  
 Donna Smith  
 Sam Alexander

### Honorariums

**Given by:**

Burgaw Lions Club  
 Burgaw Lions Club  
 Claremont Lions Club  
 Gary & Liz Steele  
  
 Thomasville Lions Club  
 Thomasville Lions Club  
 W. Salem Konnoak Hills  
  
 Robert E. Gwyn  
 Judy J & Mark Keck  
 Michael & Susan O'Brien  
 Wanda Laraine D. Dupree  
 McLeansville Lions Club  
 Thomasville Lions Club  
 Lake Lure Lions Club  
 James Collins Chandler  
 Timothy R Williams

**Honoree**

Ana Elliot  
 Mayra McCloud  
 Billy Milburn  
 Gregory/Myers  
 Wedding  
 Cory Tobin  
 Wayne Underwood  
 Gregory & Myers  
 Wedding  
 Gary Greene  
 Gary Greene  
 Gary Greene  
 Gary Greene  
 Jim Maitland  
 Bill Mathers  
 Bill Wells  
 Joe & Judy Brunner  
 First Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church  
 of Lexington  
 DG Allen Swaim  
 Lion Gloria English  
 Michelle & Jimmy Myers  
 Wedding

Donations can be credited to  
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 Goals.

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