

**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Camp Dogwood  
Sherrills Ford, NC

November 9, 2025  
9:00 AM

**Call to Order**

**Allen Swaim, President**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Allen Swaim. President Swaim requested a motion to approve the Agenda.

**MOTION** was made by District Governor Steve Cline to approve the Agenda and seconded by At Large Board Director C. Neal Alexander, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Invocation**

**Lorraine Dixon, 1st Vice President**

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Lorraine Dixon.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Tim Williams, 2nd Vice President**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Tim Williams.

**Opening Remarks**

**Allen Swaim, President**

President Swaim welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the meetings this weekend at Camp Dogwood.

**Introductions**

**Allen Swaim, President**

President Allen Swaim introduced the International Family in attendance – ID Gary Steele and PID Harvey Whitley.

**Reading & Approval of Minutes**

**Anne Metts, Secretary**

The minutes were published online and have been reviewed by the Board of Directors.

**MOTION** was made to approve the minutes as published by District Governor Steve Cline and seconded by District Governor Eileen Artavia. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Roll Call**

**Anne Metts, Secretary**

Officers and Board Members Present: President Allen Swaim, First Vice President Lorraine Dixon, Second Vice President Tim Williams, Secretary Anne Metts, Council Chair Chris Headley, Executive Director Carlton Metts II, DG Eileen Artavia, 1st VDG Richard Wilcox, 2nd VDG Wayne Houser, DG Steve Cline, 1st VDG Sandy Fraser-Thomas, 2nd VDG Chris Beck, DG Juanita Brown, 1st VDG Bob Gwyn, DG Gene Goetz, 1st VDG Eddie Chase, 2nd VDG Earl House, Jr., DG Dwayne Turner, 1st VDG Jody Proctor, 2nd VDG Kayla Swaim, At-Large Board Directors C. Neil Alexander, Allen Reinhardt, Joseph Poirier and Steve McLaurin

Zoom: Immediate Past President Wayne Faber, Treasurer Curtis Erickson

Officers and Board Members Not Present: 2nd VDG Keith Gallagher, At Large Director Larry Gasperson

Quorum present.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian****Allen Swaim, President**

PDG Paul Bledsoe was appointed to be Parliamentarian.

**Remarks by State Council Chairperson****Chris Headley, Council Chair**

Your District Governors have been very busy this first quarter starting New Branch Clubs and working with Lions Clubs to help them grow in membership and service.

Four District Governors and about 30 Lions from North Carolina attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum offering 84 different classes of lions education.

It was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Several hundred lions participated in the stride walk as the walk was along the side of the ocean.

One of the largest events occurring was the graduation of the students from Lions University. The diplomas were presented to the graduating students by ID Faculty member Gary Steele.

Lions members who received their diplomas were:

**Bachelor's Degree:**

DG "O": Juanita Brown

Lion: Kelli McDowell

PDG: Executive Director Carlton Metts II

1st VDG "S": Jody Proctor

**Master's Degree:**

1st VP NCLF: Lorraine Dixon

**Bachelor/Master:**

DG "N": Gene Goetz

Respectfully submitted,

CC Chris Headley

**Director of Operations Report****Tammy MacLean, Director of Operations**

October has been a busy and rewarding month at Camp Dogwood! Our team has been on the road visiting Lions Clubs across North Carolina, connecting with members, and sharing updates about our programs and mission. A special thank-you goes out to the Thomasville Lions Club and the Durham Lions Club for warmly welcoming us to your meetings. More visits are already scheduled, and we look forward to seeing even more clubs in the weeks ahead!

Community engagement and outreach continue to grow. Along with participating in the Triangle Federation's White Cane Event, I will be speaking to the Southport Lions Club this week and have additional outreach visits planned across the state. These efforts promote Camp Dogwood, the Brighter Visions campaign, and Camp Dogwood ticket sales, helping us expand awareness and support for our programs. These outreach events strengthen our partnerships and help us share the mission of Camp Dogwood throughout the state.

If your club is looking for a guest program, I would love the opportunity to visit and share more about the incredible work happening at Camp Dogwood. Please give me a call at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 or email [tammy@nclf.org](mailto:tammy@nclf.org) to schedule a visit.

To further support our mission, Dogwood on Lake Norman hosted eight successful events this month. Each event directly contributes to our ability to provide meaningful experiences and services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

Operations continue to run smoothly as we close out another successful summer season. Planning is already underway for next year's programs, with a key focus on launching a digital summer application for both campers and volunteers. This new system will be accessible on computers, tablets, and smartphones, and will work seamlessly with screen readers used by many of our VIPs. The goal is to simplify registration, improve accessibility, and enhance the accuracy of documentation.

All contract paperwork for Dogwood on Lake Norman's off-season operations has already been digitized and is actively in use. Beginning with the February NC Lions Board and Council meetings, event registrations for Camp Dogwood will also move to a digital format. You can expect to see more online forms and resources soon as we continue working to make information more accessible for Lions across North Carolina.

Our annual Fall Pie and Soup Sale is currently underway! Off-season facility usage remains steady, and we are exploring new ways to increase weekday utilization. Keep an eye out for upcoming catering options and additional sweet treats available for order.

We're also making steady progress toward implementing online applications for all camp programs, NCLF registrations, and contracts. These improvements will streamline administrative processes and ensure full accessibility for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Camp Dogwood continues to move forward with innovation, accessibility, and community at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our mission!

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Tammy MacLean

Director of Operations, NC Lions

**Executive Director's Report**

**Carlton Metts II, Executive Director**

## **Organizational Overview**

The North Carolina Lions Foundation continues to make meaningful strides in fulfilling its mission to serve visually impaired citizens across our state. With the support of our dedicated Lions, staff, and volunteers, we are strengthening our programs, expanding outreach, and enhancing the long-term sustainability of our organization.

## **Brighter Visions Campaign**

We are seeing strong engagement from 4 of the 5 districts, with District S leading the way — having already raised 49% of the Governor's Goal by the end of October. This early momentum is a testament to the dedication and generosity of our Lions and the effectiveness of club-level outreach.

Monthly giving through our Zeffy platform continues to grow, offering a sustainable and accessible way for Lions and supporters to contribute. If every Lion in North Carolina gave just \$10 per month, we would raise over \$520,000 annually. At \$25 per month, that total climbs to \$1.3 million — a transformative impact for our programs and services.

We encourage all districts to continue promoting monthly giving and sharing the stories of lives changed through Brighter Visions. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us “See the Need – Take the Lead” in communities across our state.

## **Vision Services**

Bryan has been busy conducting MSU (Mobile Screening Unit) screenings across the state, working closely with Lion Jon Snellings on the KidSight program. Both have shown exceptional dedication, tirelessly updating training materials and developing a more hands-on approach to ensure all districts are properly trained.

KidSight screenings have remained steady, with strong participation from clubs that operate their own screening machines. Their efforts continue to expand our reach and ensure that children across North Carolina receive early, critical vision care.

## **Long-Range Planning & Camp Dogwood Enhancements**

- **Strategic Vision:** The Long-Range Planning Committee is actively evaluating a broad range of areas critical to the future success of the Foundation. This includes:
  - Infrastructure needs and future programming at Camp Dogwood
  - Campaign materials and fundraising effectiveness
  - strategies for sustaining a higher level of fundraising across all districts
  - Technology upgrades and audio-visual capabilities
  - Marketing and communications efforts to strengthen public engagement

Additional areas of focus will be addressed by PDG Neal Alexander, who continues to provide valuable leadership and insight in guiding this committee’s work.

- **South Iredell Committee Projects:** This dedicated group has led efforts to enhance recreational facilities at Camp Dogwood, including:
  - Floating Boat Dock Renovation is underway
  - Mozely Construction is working on the permits and the engineering process
  - The committee is lining up the next set of projects and beginning to incorporate them into the budget
  - Once the budget and scope of those projects are complete, the committee will request approval to begin the bid process

These contributions are helping us create a more vibrant, inclusive, and engaging environment for all who visit.

## **Technology & Communication**

We are improving our digital infrastructure to better serve our Lions community and supporters:

- **Zeffy Platform:** Streamlining online giving with user-friendly monthly and one-time donation options
- **Outreach Expansion:** Increasing engagement through email campaigns, social media, and digital newsletters
- **Data Systems:** Reviewing our internal tools to identify more efficient solutions
- **Phone System:** Evaluating replacement options, as our current system is quite outdated

## **Gratitude & Call to Action**

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for your leadership, guidance, and commitment to our mission. Your support empowers us to serve with integrity and compassion. As we look ahead, I encourage continued promotion of monthly giving and active storytelling around the impact of Brighter Visions.

Together, we are building a brighter future for North Carolina — one act of service at a time.

Respectfully submitted,  
 PDG Carlie Metts  
 Executive Director  
 North Carolina Lions Foundation

**MOTION** to accept reports was made by 1st VDG Richard Wilcox and seconded by District Governor Steve Cline. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### **1. Communications**

None.

### **2. Audit Review**

NCLF Audit Review for year ending June 30, 2025 has been completed. Executive Director Carlie Metts presented the review for approval.

**MOTION** to accept Audit Review was made by At Large Director C. Neil Alexander, Jr. and seconded by At Large Director Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

#### **NCLF Treasurer Report 11/9/2025**

**North Carolina Lions Foundation for the four months ending October 31, 2025, detailing revenue, expenses, and net gain or loss.**

#### **Unrestricted Revenue**

- Total unrestricted revenue amounted to \$596,740.26, exceeding the budget by \$150,171.01.
- Key sources included Brighter Visions (\$208,858.38), Camp Contributions (\$5,873.97), and Use of Camp (\$111,408.75).

- Other significant income came from interest investments (\$30,786.38) and realized gains on sales (\$22,222.48).
- The foundation's unrestricted revenue showed a notable increase compared to last year's actual revenue of \$469,955.07.

#### **Restricted Revenue**

- Restricted revenue totaled \$48,682.00, significantly above the budget of \$18,950.00.
- Major contributions included Camp Raffle (\$10,975.00) and Other TR Income (\$28,850.00).
- The foundation received less funding for Eye Research (\$593.00) compared to the budgeted amount.

#### **Total Income**

- The overall income for the period reached \$649,397.26, surpassing the budget by \$180,978.01.
- This reflects a strong performance compared to the previous year's total income of \$667,101.04.

#### **Unrestricted Expenses**

- Total unrestricted expenses were \$497,839.87, slightly under budget by \$4,522.69.
- Significant expenditures included Camp Dogwood payroll (\$55,485.92) and various camp-related costs totaling \$251,953.17.
- Other notable expenses were related to public information and fundraising efforts, which were managed within budget constraints.

#### **Restricted Expenses**

- Restricted expenses totaled \$166,892.86, exceeding the budget by \$122,634.54.
- Major costs included maintenance and repair expenses, particularly for water and waste treatment (\$59,943.56) and other maintenance activities.
- The foundation also incurred significant costs related to camper fees and other expenses, which were not budgeted.

#### **Net Gain/Loss**

- The foundation reported a net loss of \$15,335.47 for the period, a significant improvement from the budgeted loss of \$78,201.63.
- This reflects a positive variance of \$62,866.16, indicating better-than-expected financial performance.

#### **Comparative Analysis**

- The income statement shows a robust increase in both unrestricted and restricted revenues compared to the previous year, highlighting the foundation's effective fundraising and income-generating strategies.

- While unrestricted expenses were managed effectively, restricted expenses exceeded expectations, suggesting areas for future budget adjustments and financial planning.

**Conclusion** The North Carolina Lions Foundation's financial performance for the four months ending October 31, 2025, demonstrates strong revenue generation capabilities, particularly in unrestricted funds, while also highlighting challenges in managing restricted expenses. The overall financial health appears stable, with a focus on improving budget adherence in restricted areas moving forward.

North Carolina Lions Foundation Balance Sheet dated October 31, 2025: Summary

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 **Total Assets: \$6,884,981.40**

 **Unrestricted Assets – \$3,308,627.41**

- **Cash & Equivalents:** \$870,215.52 across multiple accounts
- **Receivables:** Net negative balance of \$(23,238.14)
- **Property & Equipment (net of depreciation):** \$2,433,007.02
- **Other Assets (prepaid expenses, inventory, prints):** \$28,643.01

 **Temporarily Restricted Assets – \$1,023,082.53**

- **Cash & Equivalents:** \$870,262.53
- **Investments:** \$152,820.00

 **Permanently Restricted Assets – \$42,173.44 (cash only shown)**

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 **Liabilities – \$125,443.67**

- Includes accounts payable, accrued expenses, taxes, and unemployment obligations

 **Net Assets – \$6,794,845.47**

- **Unrestricted:** \$3,275,601.01
- **Temporarily Restricted:** \$1,546,036.62
- **Permanently Restricted:** \$1,973,207.84

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 **Other Notes**

- **Current Increase/Decrease in Funds:** \$(15,335.47)
- The report is unaudited and for management purposes only.

PDG Curtis Erickson  
NCLF Board Treasurer

**MOTION** made to accept Treasurer's Report by 1st VDG Jody Proctor and seconded by District Governor Juanita Brown. Motion accepted by voice vote.

**4. Recommendations from the Executive Committee**

None.

**5. Nominations Committee Report - Given by ID Gary Steele**

Election of Council Chairs for:

2026 – 2027 Cathy Poirier

2027 – 2028 DeAngelo Jackson

No one elected to fill the Council Secretary/Treasurer position.

**Motion** was made by 1st VDG Sandy Fraser-Thomas to accept reports as given and seconded by 1st VDG Jody Proctor. Motion carried by voice vote.

**6. Committee Reports**

**Lions for Veterans**

A veteran is basically defined as a soldier who served a minimum of 24 months on active duty and received a character of service discharge of honorable. The goals of Lions for Veterans are:

1. To advise Veterans on Benefits and Veterans Administration.
2. Assist Veterans in crisis.
3. Recruit Veterans.

A person in crisis may be homeless; have substance abuse issues; mental health issues; traumatic brain injury. Crisis is defined as being in a state beyond your ability to cope. Suicide can result from untreated crisis. Veterans who are having suicidal thoughts must contact the 24/7 VA crisis hotline at: 988+1; non-vets 988.

Crisis care professionals can be sent to your home to help you. Veterans are advised to use benefits earned from their service. To obtain Veterans Benefits register with the Veterans Administration. Lost DD-214 can be replaced through the Veterans Administration.

We need to recruit veterans. They bring a 24/7/365 mission first mentality. Veterans who were leaders in the military have Applied Management Leadership skills that were taught in military schooling. Veterans make good Lions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Hall, Co-Chair

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CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH  
NOVEMBER 9, 2025  
PAULETTE GASPERSON PCC

THIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN BUSY WITH EYE SCREENING AND DOING RESEARCH  
ON THE DIFFERENT EYE CENTERS WE HAVE IN NORTH CAROLINA. NCLF IS WORKING  
ON A GRANT WITH WAKE FOREST EYE CENTER . THEY HAVE DONATED \$50,000 TO

MIRACLES IN SIGHT IN AUGUST. NCLF IS WORKING WITH ALL THE EYE CENTERS TO HELP WITH EYE RESEARCH.

DISTRICT "S" IS LEADING THE STATE IN MONEY DONATED FOR CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH RALEIGH HOST DONATES TO THE EYE CENTERS WHEN THEY COME AND GIVE THEM A PROGRAM. THEY DONATED \$10,000 TO DUKE AND MIRACLES IN SIGHT AND ON NOVEMBER 17 THEY WILL BE DONATING TO UNC EYE CENTER.

WHEN WE DONATE TO LCIF WE GET THAT MONEY BACK AND THEY ARE THERE IN A FEW DAYS WHEN A DISASTER HITS.

WE ARE GOING TO BE VISITING THE DUKE EYE CENTER IN THE SPRING SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO LET ME KNOW.

THANKS YOU,

PAULETTE GASPERSON PCC  
STATE CHAIR CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH

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## **See the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Screening Programs Committee** **Statewide Chairperson Report, November 9, 2025**

### **Executive Summary**

Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I'm pleased to provide this report on behalf of the State Vision Screening Programs Committee – Richard Hazzard (L), Cathy Critz (I), Jim Maitland (O), Anne Bejian (N), and Danny Hall (S).

**The overall takeaways from these numbers (Quarter 1 year over year):**

- **MSU screenings:** The number of events was the same as last year. The average number of adults screened per MSU event was **24**.
- **KidSight Overall:**
  - o The number of children screened increased by **68%** over last year, with a **106%** increase in referrals.
  - o The number of screening events increased by **18%**.
  - o The number of involved clubs increased by **11 (32%)**
  - o One of the Committee's goals is to increase the number and overall percentage of screenings of the youngest children. This number increased, but the percentage decreased from **25% to 16%** during the quarter over last year.
- **Involved/Screening clubs** – Only **17%** of our clubs statewide conducted childrens screenings during the quarter. That's somewhat understandable for July and August; however, the low number of involved clubs during September was surprising. That suggests a lack of planning/contacts during July and August.
- **Clubs using the NCLF KSUs** – Of the 42 clubs that reporting screenings, **38% (16)** used the **KSUs** and **26 (62%)** screened using their own cameras.

- **District L:** The number of children screened is lower, but the number of referrals increased. Almost no clubs are involved except those associated with either Western NC or Unifour Childrens Sight.
- **District I:** The number of children screened (and referrals) increased by **28%**. The number of involved clubs rebounded from last year's losses. While the number of screening events was down, the high number during October will be significant.
- **District O:** The number of children screened increased by **63%** and the referrals more than **doubled**. This was accomplished even with fewer screening events.
- **District N:** The number of events **doubled**, additional clubs became involved, and screenings soared from last year by **268%**.
- **District S:** The number of events increased by **100%** and screenings increased by **109%**. These increases mainly resulted from large screenings by the Lake Gaston and Wake Forest clubs.

### **First Quarter Vision Screening Programs (MSU and KidSight) Accomplishments**

The Statewide Committee met on August 8<sup>th</sup> to review the past year and to develop the program goals for 2025-26. Those goals were shared during the August EC & Board meeting. Several first quarter accomplishments were:

<b>1</b>	Conducted Screener Certification Training for a Dist. O Cyber Club (Greensboro)
<b>2</b>	Scheduled two Screener Certification classes for 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter
<b>3</b>	NCLF submitted a grant request to the Foundation for the Healthy Carolinas
<b>4</b>	Eleven more clubs became involved in childrens screening.
<b>5</b>	The number of children screened increased by 68%.

### **Vision Screening Programs (MSU and KidSight) Top Concerns and Challenges:**

<b>1</b>	Shortage of KidSight Operators (Districts L, O, N, S); Shortage of certified screeners
<b>2</b>	Shortage of funds in the KidSight account
<b>3</b>	Succession Planning - Recruiting to replace key volunteers/leaders for the next Lions year
<b>4</b>	NC legislative and regulatory issues vis-à-vis NC Prevent Blindness
<b>5</b>	Increasing prevalence of clubs purchasing and screening with their own cameras, with little or no oversight.
<b>6</b>	Probability that some clubs are screening adults (>18 yrs) and reporting them as KidSight screenings. May have been going on for a while.
<b>7</b>	In general, clubs aren't focusing enough on scheduling screenings for the children in the youngest age groups (before Kindergarten).

*Respectfully submitted by State Chair, Jon Snellings, November 9, 2025*

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## **Camp Dogwood Properties – Read by Tammy McLean**

Rocks at the piers need to be applied to keep erosion down

### **Duplexes**

All windows on the duplexes need replacing. The concrete needs reworking going from the duplexes to the newer walk ways.

### **Other buildings**

Stickley bathrooms need to be remodeled.

Recommend showers in all bathrooms.

Need water shut offs at Duplex's at white building.

Need to enhance our WiFi systems.

Picnic Shelter spackling needs to be redone

### **Bus**

The bus needs a roof over it. We recommend building a 20x 40 Building next to the maintenance Building to accommodate the Bus and the Boats. To get them out of the weather. The sun and weather will damage these vehicles.

New Building fund? Have quotes. Waiting to see Future plans for the million-dollar plan. Budget and Finance approved \$15,000 to get this project done.

### **New items**

Need to look at installing electronic Gates at entrance for safety reasons. Quotes have been submitted.

Need to look at possibly a generator for Power outages again for safety reasons.

Center sidewalk at statues needs to be replaced. Have been added to volunteer work list.

Also, tree roots at Rec. Building are destroying the cement. Cement is lifting badly. Trees need to come down and roots removed so cement can be repaired. As a temporary fix the cement has been pulled up and the exposed tree roots have been chopped. The cement removed was replaced with gravel.

Would like to suggest to the State that we look more into the state disaster plan and install a building to house items for the future use.

Putt-Putt area would be better with 18 holes.

The flooring in the Lodge needs to be replaced. Recommend that 50 Year Laminate to replace all carpet. The carpet is raising up in places causing a safety issue.

The below items are being looked at by Long Range Planning but will keep on report until resolved.

Dock at water – Quote has been award to Mozley Construction. Mozley is working with their engineers and Catawba County on permits.

Will need to be placed with in the next few years due to getting weathered.

Roofs on Buildings

Duplex 1-2—30.66 Squares total cost	\$9,044.70
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Duplex 3-4--- 31.00 Squares total cost	\$9,145.00
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White Building--- 87.33 Squares total cost of	\$25,762.35
Udovich---102 Squares total cost	\$30,090.00
Lineberger--- 96 Squares total cost of	\$28,320.00
Main Office---	<u>\$65,513.00</u>
Total roof repair	\$ 167,875.05

Submitted 11/05/25  
 PDG George Suggs Properties Chair

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## Public Information Chair Report – 11/09/25

**Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCLF**

In my last report, we focused on marketing strategies for our Lions Clubs. Today's report...We will focus on the NC Lions Clubs and our NC Lions Foundation's renaissance —it's a **Renaissance, a situation in which there is a new interest in something old and historical, and it becomes strong and active.**

To create a "renaissance" within a historic service organization, you need a thoughtful blend of **honoring the past, meeting current community needs, embracing modernization, and actively engaging new and existing members.** This revitalization requires strategic planning, community engagement, and a focus on long-term sustainability.

.....***Our call for a renaissance of NC Lions and our NC Lions Foundation (page 2)***

In your possession a toolbox of resources, including brochures, flyers, videos, layouts, and information sheets, to assist you in sharing your story within your community, town, or city. New and old files are available for download on **our NCLF Google Drive** site. Keep this address handy; it's great for club use.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG\\_IKiDo1G?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG_IKiDo1G?usp=share_link)

The NC Lions Council of Governors marketing campaign ended in June. This campaign was a mix of connected TV, streaming, and digital marketing. We reached over 2.7 million people with this campaign. We have available a Lions Club Marketing Package that includes an information guide, printed material, videos, social media layouts, storylines, and more. This package will communicate our work as Lions Club members around the state in a unified approach. Here is the link to the new **NC Lions Marketing 2025 Google Drive**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rHNEb7YYSGkhqh9yG7PucxXC4VZ8hkYI>

I had the pleasure of working with Jon Snellings, and Bryan Hoover in creating two new videos for our NC Lions KidSight Eye Screening for Children. We have one video defining the program,

and the other video is testimonials from schools that have taken part with our program. Copy this link and download the testimonial video...

<https://vimeo.com/1115567526?fl=ip&fe=ec>

The NCLF Newsletter is coming next week. It has been expanded, every Lion in NC should be sent this newsletter.

# A Renaissance for NC Lions & Our Foundation

*A Call to Renew Our Purpose, Our Service, and Our Impact*

We stand at a pivotal moment. For over a century, Lions have served with compassion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired live with dignity, independence, and opportunity. Our legacy is strong — but now is the time to renew it. A renaissance is not a return to the past. It is a renewed spirit of purpose, energy, connection, and vision for the future.

## **Our Purpose**

We are here to change lives. We provide access, support, empowerment, and hope to those who need it most. This is not charity — it is community. It is humanity. It is service with heart.

## **Our Vision Forward**

- Reignite fellowship across North Carolina, building unity and belonging.
- Strengthen the partnership between clubs and our Foundation as one mission.
- Lead boldly in supporting individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
- Elevate visibility so our communities know who we are and what we do.

## **Our Commitments**

- Service that is hands-on and meaningful.
- Storytelling that celebrates lives changed.
- Membership that welcomes and empowers new leaders.
- Collaboration that amplifies our impact and reach.

**“We Serve. We serve with purpose. We serve with compassion. We serve together — stronger, united, and renewed. For the dignity, independence, and empowerment of individuals who are blind or visually impaired — We are the Lions of North Carolina.”**

This is our moment to rise. This is our moment to lead.

## **The Renaissance Begins With Us.**

Thank you, PDG Paul Bledsoe, PP NCLF / Public Information Chair

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## **November 2025 NCLF Sight & Hearing Conservation Report**

The Sight & Hearing Conservation held a ZOOM meeting on October 1, 2025. All 5 District chairs were able to attend, some of us meeting for the first time. The purpose of the meeting was to meet each other and share ideas, concerns, and set our goals for the year. The meeting was productive, and we have scheduled another meeting for January 14, 2026.

A tour of the Miracles in Sight facility in Clemmons was agreed upon and has been scheduled for noon on May 2, 2026. This has been shared with the clubs in all districts. Lunch will be served. We are hoping to have several Lions from all our districts attend the event. A lot has changed in the specifics and technology of harvesting, storing, research and transplanting corneal tissue.

One of our goals is to raise awareness of the NCLF Educational Grant for a sighted child of a visually impaired parent. We have shared this information with our local technical schools and high school counselors in hopes that someone will apply this year. This information is located on the NCLF website under "Programs". This can be shared with anyone interested in this grant.

Our group also discussed highlighting hearing preservation and safety this year and will continue to look for ways to do this in our communities. We also want to try to focus on adult vision correction and treatments.

I have shared the Foundation Fighting Blindness website with the chairs and have forwarded emails regarding online programs.

One of our goals is to be involved in more community events in our areas to promote Lionism, provide services, and educate the public about Lions Clubs, Camp Dogwood, and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

### **District L – Lion Connie Monday**

District L has hosted community events and enlisted the help of Caldwell Community College and local optometrists to provide vision screenings and exams to the attendees and partnered with Essilor to provide free eyeglasses to clients who were screened and received a glasses prescription. Over 40 Lions clubs were involved in this event. Lion Connie also has a contact in Morganton that recharges hearing aid batteries. Providing vision screenings to children is also a priority. Clubs also collect used eye glasses for recycling.

### **District I – Lion Betsy Anderson**

#### **July 2025**

For 2025-2026, I took office in July. Not having a clue about the requirements or types of activities involved in this important committee, I began to research any mission, goals and objectives of this committee. Being in Colorado from mid-July till late August, I had very little time for this endeavor.

#### **August 2025**

When time permitted, on several occasions, I contacted Lion Glenda Grant, State Chair for the Sight & Hearing Conservation Committee regarding the basic information regarding types of projects that can be done through this committee. Lion Glenda sent me information regarding past years and mentioned that I would be responsible for submitting reports regarding sight & hearing.

1. August 17 (Louisburg Lions Club) held an eye screening for 23 participants resulting in 6 referrals and 3 unable to be screened.

#### **September 2025**

1. Sat. Sept. 13, 2025, I and our club Pres. Jerry Traudt (**Boone Area Lions Club**) volunteered for the Vision After Helene project at Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine, NC. This was a health fair free for participants that involved blood glucose testing, blood pressure testing by professionals, and vision screening of adults and children by Lions. All vision referrals were able to schedule an appointment the following day with an eyecare professional who volunteered to perform a complete eye exam and write a prescription (if needed) that was sent to Essilor for free glasses.
2. Sat. Sept. 20, 2025, I, with our Pres. Lion Jerry Traudt (**Boone Area Lions Club**) and several members of our club and Lions from other clubs and districts volunteered for another Vision After Helene that was held at Caldwell Community College-Watauga Campus, in Boone, NC. Similar to the one held on Sept. 13, Boone Lions spent numerous hours advertising in the newspaper, interviewing on the radio, posting on social media, distributing flyers, looking for funding, and trying to contact eyecare professionals to assist us on the following day. Although we were unable to secure an eyecare professional for the following day for a full exam, we did find several eyecare professionals who would make appointments at their offices for our referrals for a nominal fee (Lions paid the fee), and the prescriptions would be handled through the offices of the eyecare professionals the patients would choose.
3. Sept. 22, 2025, I coordinated a KidSight vision screening at Hardin Park Elementary school for 735 children resulting in 130 referrals. Boone Area Lions as well as several other Lions from different clubs and another district assisted with this undertaking.

#### **October 2025**

1. October 1, I participated in a ZOOM meeting organized by Lion Glenda Grant, State Chair with several other chairs from other districts in North Carolina – VERY HELPFUL.
2. October 4, Charlotte Southern Lions Club was a sponsor. Fundraiser, and team participant at the Lions Services, Brail Walk for independence.
3. October 7, 8, and 10, Boone Area Lions Club, using the KidSight Van, screened 1,580 elementary school students resulting in 198 referrals.
4. October 9, Concord Lions Club sorted 1,458 eyeglasses and 6 cell phones.
5. October 13, 14, and 15, West Jefferson Lions Club, using KidSight, screened over 1,200 elementary school children with 139 referrals.
6. October 11, Charlotte Southern Lions Club members participated in the Mecklenburg Blind Sports Day. This annual event celebrates White Cane Awareness Day and the abilities of individuals 6 yrs. and up.

#### **District O – Lion Mike O'Brien**

Our District Has Screened 1623 children across the district so far this Lions year. We have gained several new schools to screen with a few new possible sites for future screenings. Many clubs have started collecting eyeglasses again after a brief period where shipping was a problem. This has been resolved, and Camp Dogwood has been receiving contributions from many clubs. We are asking clubs to separate and count into two categories only. Sunglasses and regular glasses are now the only categories. Locally the Waxhaw Club and Wingate club held a small joint screening at a daycare facility where our club travelled to Wingate to give a few of the Wingate members the ins and outs of running a screening. The children were very young, one- to four-year-olds, thus the screening had a few attention and distraction issues, but any screening is

always a success. Waxhaw Club also had a library screening where 3 new Lions were shown screening set up and camera techniques. They then successfully screened 28 children with very little oversight being needed. I continue to try to find a recipient for the scholarship fund and wonder if Leos across the state may have an advantage over Lions in finding someone simply that they may personally know a person whereas we have our share of information about VIP candidate's medical information being privatized. We had a recent BBQ planned for our VIPs was rained out. Finding new VIPs to bring to our Xmas party annually has been a challenge. We will continue in our monthly breakfast for VIPs in Monroe with Lions from across our zone actively participating from most clubs.

**District N – Lion Kevin Toman**

Lion Kevin works with Domestic Violence Shelters, home school groups, etc. to provide vision screening and assistance with eye exams and eyeglasses. District N is also involved in vision screenings at preschools, local schools, daycares, and at community events. They are also involved with VIP's and White Cane Awareness Day.

**District S - Lion Glenda Grant**

**Did you know that NCLF has an educational grant for a high school graduating senior who is a sighted child of a visually impaired parent? For more information, please contact your District Chair for Sight & Hearing Conservation, Lion Glenda Grant @ [grgrant28@gmail.com](mailto:grgrant28@gmail.com).**

This quarter has been a busy one for our clubs. Our DG Lion Dwayne Turner has been very active in arranging to place his club's vision trailer at several community events in order to conduct vision screenings and connect with people attending these events.

September is "Enchroma Color Blindness Awareness Month. Wake Forest Lions as well as other clubs were involved in raising awareness of Color Blindness and received the promotional free color vision glasses from Enchroma. Wake Forest Lions Club received 2 free pair of Enchroma color vision glasses and a teenager from Creedmoor was the happy recipient of one pair. The other pair was sent to Apex for a person they identified as a potential recipient.

Community events attended: Oxford Hot Sauce Festival, Warrenton Harvest Moon Festival, Youngsville Car Show, Franklinton Frankenfest, Wendell Harvest Festival, Henderson Car Show.

Many clubs continue to collect glasses, cell phones, and hearing aids for recycling. Some clubs keep reading glasses and sunglasses to give away free to the public at events.

Many clubs also continue to pay for eye exams and glasses for clients who are unable to fully pay for these vital services.

Zebulon Lions Club participates in Knightdale at Give Back Day at The Eye Institute on October 18. The first 100 people in line receive free eye exams and glasses, and the others receive discounts on these services. Dr. Poirer has been doing this for several years and Zebulon Lions Club is always there to assist the folks who come for help.

Louisburg and Warrenton Lions Clubs have been very busy providing free vision screenings to the public at various community events.

Rocky Mount Lions scheduled the MSU for a community vision screening event and are working with a community health nurse to raise awareness of hearing problems and safety in their community. A hearing screening is scheduled for the spring to provide hearing tests to a senior center in their area.

Wilson Lions Club scheduled the MSU and conducted vision screenings at a community event. Raleigh Host Lions Club has made generous donations to Miracles in Sight, Low Vision Rehab Solutions Foundation, Duke Eye Research, Wake Forest Atrium Health, Brighter Visions, Leader Dogs, and the Governor Morehead School. They also helped provide 3 clients with E-sight glasses. They also provide eye exams and eyeglasses to clients needing help with these services.

Pilot Lions help other clubs with vision screenings, fundraisers, collect reading glasses, and help clients needing help with eye exams and glasses.

Apex Lion assisted Grace Ministries with a health fair at New Hill, provided vision screenings at Apex Touch A Truck event in October. They also raised awareness of color blindness and may have a candidate to the Enchroma glasses. They also provide vision screenings to schools and preschools in their area.

Garner Lions conduct vision screenings and support their local back-to-school events.

Littleton Lions Club held their Lake Gaston Festival on Labor Day, which is their largest fundraiser. They will be hosting the festival again in 2026 and contributing the proceeds to multiple charities including the Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids and the NC Boys & Girls Home and Warren County Habitat for Humanity.

North Raleigh Lions are active in conducting vision screenings and assisting other clubs in vision screening events. They are always active in helping at the VIP Fishing Tournament and providing transportation to VIP's, and in support of Leader Dogs.

Our clubs on the coast are very involved with the VIP Fishing Tournament and vision screenings, as well as helping clients with eye exams and glasses and their many other service projects that benefit their communities.

Wake Forest Lions participated in Good Neighbor Day in Wake Forest and provided free children vision screenings and gave away free pairs of reading glasses and sunglasses to adults and children. They also conduct vision screenings in local preschools, daycares, and Thales Elementary Schools as well as Head Start programs in Franklin, Granville, and Warren Counties. They also have a reading glasses kiosk in the local libraries and Senior Center, provide financial assistance for eye exams and glasses, and collect eyeglasses for recycling. Participating in White Cane Day by walking with VIP's during the Raleigh White Cane Awareness march on October 14.

Lake Gaston Lions are always very involved in providing vision screenings in their area schools and have purchased Smart Canes for VIP's. They are very active in helping provide eye exams and glasses in their community.

Raleigh Southeast Lions Club has been very active in helping the blind community by visiting legislators, assisting with White Cane Awareness, and other service activities.

There are other clubs which have not submitted information that may be also doing service projects for Sight & Hearing

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## **VOLUNTEERS REPORT**

**Prepared by:** Nathan Medlin, State Volunteer Chair

**Date:** November Board and Council Meeting

Volunteer Week is tentatively scheduled for **April 10–15, 2026**.

On **October 24**, I visited Camp Dogwood for a walk-through to assess upcoming project needs. Identified projects include:

- Cleaning and repairing fencing
- Laying new mulch in designated areas
- Cleaning sidewalks and general grounds maintenance
- Additional minor repairs and beautification efforts

Volunteers will be **assigned specific duties prior to arrival** to ensure efficient project completion.

Throughout the year, several **mini-projects** will also be addressed as needs arise. Many of this year's tasks will be **labor-intensive**, requiring strong participation and teamwork.

Please note that **all power washing will be limited to surface machines only**—no wands will be used.

Additionally, **eyeglass sorting will not take place during Volunteer Week** this year, as glasses are now being packaged and shipped as they arrive at Camp.

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## **Constitution and By-Laws Report for November 8 and 9, 2025**

The Constitution and By-Laws committee is continuing the process of reviewing the present District 31 constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated into the necessary places.

Once again, we ask anyone that may have a question or suggestion please write it down and send it to a member of the committee.

Thank you, that concludes our report.

Dale Dupree, Chair

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Reports accepted as given under Second Vice President Tim Williams by 1st VDG Jody Proctor and seconded by At Large Director Steve McLaurin on this date November 9, 2025.

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## Brighter Visions Report

Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to be the 2025-26 NC Brighter Vision State Chair position. We are well on our way to reaching our goals:

District	Members	Club Contributions			Individual			Gov. Goal Per Club	Difference	% of Gov. Goal	\$ Per Member	Total BV Last Year
		Brighter Visions	Mem/Hon	BV Raffle	Contribution	Mem/Hon	Total BV					
L	635	\$ 12,581	\$ 575	\$ 20	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ 13,296	\$ 68,000	(\$54,704)	20%	\$ 20.94	\$ 34,686
I	840	\$ 55,248	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ 2,001	\$ 885	\$ 62,334	\$ 150,000	(\$87,666)	42%	\$ 74.21	\$ 124,974
O	1,002	\$ 35,623	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 2,639	\$ 225	\$ 38,737	\$ 125,000	(\$86,263)	31%	\$ 38.66	\$ 106,415
N	957	\$ 33,908	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 760	\$ 595	\$ 35,463	\$ 95,000	(\$59,537)	37%	\$ 37.06	\$ 90,495
S	792	\$ 44,916	\$ 125	\$ 20	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	\$ 46,461	\$ 95,000	(\$48,539)	49%	\$ 58.66	\$ 81,520
State		\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 170	\$ 9,168	\$ 700	\$ 10,063	\$ -	10,063	0%		\$ 16,791
	4,226	\$ 182,276	\$ 5,375	\$ 210	\$ 15,689	\$ 2,805	\$ 206,354	\$ 533,000	(\$326,646)	39%	\$ 48.83	\$ 454,881

District 31L                   **Total to date is \$13,296**                   **(20% of goal)**  
 (Nick Ogle)                   Goal is \$68,000

District 31I                   **Total to date is \$62,334**                   **(42% of goal)**  
 (Chris Beck)                   Goal is \$150,000

District 31O                   **Total to date is \$38,737**                   **(31% of goal)**  
 Judy Keck                   Goal is \$125,000

District 31N                   **Total to date is \$35,463**                   **(37% of goal)**  
 Eric House                   Goal is \$95,000

District 31S                   **Total to date is \$46,461**                   **(49% of goal)**  
 Jody Proctor                   Goal is \$95,000

Brighter Visions Art Raffle tickets have been distributed, and we are encouraging each member to sell at least one. Imagine - \$5 x 4, 226 members = \$21,130.

The Brighter Vision Chairs and I are continuing to be very motivated and will do our best for a record year!

Kindest regards,

PDG Susan Fernandez  
 2025-26 NC Brighter Visions State Chair

November 1, 2025

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**Camp Dogwood**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**November 9, 2025**

District Camp Dogwood Chairs are visiting clubs and encouraging the sale of Camp Dogwood raffle tickets as well as the volunteer opportunities during the upcoming work week and summer camping sessions. Three committee chairs have reported visiting twelve clubs to date, with eight additional clubs scheduled for future visits. 45 of 233 (19.3%) clubs have recorded raffle ticket sales as of October 31, 2025.

Raffle ticket sales are historically slow during the first two quarters of the Lions year. District L will be holding their fall convention in two weeks; that district's numbers will increase significantly.

Raffle Sales as of October 31, 2025 (9.96% of total sales last year)				
District	Members	Raffle Sales	Sales Last Year	Difference from last year
L	635	345	\$ 13,820	\$ (13,475)
I	840	1,380	\$ 16,259	\$ (14,879)
O	1,002	3,470	\$ 24,841	\$ (21,371)
N	957	2,045	\$ 25,457	\$ (23,412)
S	792	3,625	\$ 29,428	\$ (25,803)
<b>State</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>\$ 430</b>	<b>\$ ( 320)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>10,975</b>	<b>\$110,235</b>	<b>\$ (99,260)</b>

Six clubs have recorded sales of \$600.00 or more:

\$1,920	Apex (31-S)
\$1,060	Scotland County (31-O)
\$ 735	Wadesboro (31-O)
\$ 610	Durham (31-O)
\$ 600	Kenansville (31-N)
\$ 600	Thomasville (31-I)

The 2026 VIP Camping season will tentatively run from May 24 through July 16. Camper and volunteer applications have been updated and are being presented to the board today for approval. Digital and paper applications will be available through the camp website and social media. Camp America and IENA, the two international sources for counselors, have been posting resumes for positions during 2026 for two months. Quality counselors will be hired quickly by other summer camp programs. Historically, NCLF has not begun the search for new counselors until January of the new year, losing six months of recruiting. A recommendation is being made by the Camp Dogwood Committee, that the board approve Memorial Day weekend as the first week of the annual camping season. This will allow the new camp director to begin recruiting future counselors.

Volunteer opportunities abound to support Camp Dogwood.

Volunteer week is tentatively scheduled for April 10 – 15, 2025; however, additional small work sessions may be scheduled at different times. Volunteer Chair Nathan Medlin, Jr., will be providing more information.

Summer camping season allows 10 – 12 volunteers per session to assist our VIPs as they enjoy their summer vacations. Each session runs from early Sunday afternoon through noon Thursday. Camp Dogwood chairs can give more information about the duties of volunteers.

The committee is asking the NCLF Board of Directors

1. to approve the camper application packets and the volunteer application forms for immediate release on the website and social media.
2. To approve the annual camping session to begin on Memorial Day weekend to enable the earlier recruiting of summer counselors.

**MOTION** was made by the Camp Dogwood Committee to accept the new camper application packets and the volunteer application forms for immediate release and accept the annual camping session to begin Memorial Day weekend. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Thank you again for the opportunity to chair this committee and to promote Camp Dogwood and its programs to the Lions of North Carolina.

Laraine Dupree, PDG  
Camp Dogwood State Committee Chair.

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### Fellowships and Partners

#### Report

November 9, 2025

Good Morning Everyone! What a great day to be a Lion and be in the presence of all of you.

The Fellowship and Partners report is online under the “Members Area” of the NCLF website updated with the period ending 10/31/2025.

The five district totals through October, 2025 are:

<u>District L</u>	0-NCLF Ambassador, 2-Jack Stickley Fellowships, 3-WLW Partner In Service, 0-Sid L. Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$1,300.00.
<u>District I</u>	5-NCLF Ambassadors, 3-Jack Stickley Fellowships, 1-WLW Partner In Service and 1-Sid L Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$4,300.00.
<u>District O</u>	1-NCLF Ambassador, 1-Jack Stickley Fellowships, 5- WLW Partner In Service at various levels and 0-Sid L Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$1,500.00.
<u>District N</u>	0-NCLF Ambassador, 0-Jack Stickley Fellowships, 4-WLW Partner In Service at various levels and 2-Sid L Scruggs BOH at various levels for a total contribution of \$800.00.
<u>District S</u>	5-NCLF Ambassador, 0-Jack Stickley Fellowships, 0- WLW Partner In Service and 5-Sid L Scruggs BOH at various levels for a total contribution of \$1,500.00.

At the end of our 2nd quarter, \$9,400.00 has been raised. That is \$1,200.00 behind from where we were this time last year.

NCLF Ambassador	\$3,500.00
Jack Stickley Fellowship	\$3,000.00
William L. Woolard Partner In Service	\$1,300.00
Sid Scruggs Beacon of Hope	<u>\$1,600.00</u>
	\$9,400.00

That being said, we are trending behind for these wonderful honors but leaves much room for improvement to do as well as this past fiscal year or better. We are looking at adding Fellowships and Partners as an option to pay through Zeffy on the NCLF website. I will update everyone once that is available. Please feel free to contact me or any of the district chairs for additional information or to schedule a presentation at your club. Our information is listed in the new directory. This concludes my report. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Johnson

State Chairperson

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### **Leadership & Development Committee Report**

November 9, 2025

Greetings Fellow Lions,

As you know we held our annual training program in August and it was very successful.

We are asking you to meet at least once quarterly by zoom with your committee members. If possible, try to meet more than once a quarter.

We want to commend the KidSight Committee for all the extensive training programs they have held and continue to do. It is paying off tremendously.

We also want to commend the Camp Dogwood and Brighter Visions Committees for the extensive trainings they have held. The more we can spread the word about our programs the more it helps inform and train the local lions.

Please continue to hold zoom meetings by zoom quarterly if not able to meet in person. The more knowledge we have, the more productive we are.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Metts

State Chair

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**North Carolina Lions Foundation  
Long Range Planning Committee Report  
Board of Directors – November 9, 2025**

The committee met on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Camp Dogwood with eight members of the committee present.

The committee reviewed the status of the actions and discussed those needing attention.

The committee is planning a working day in the first quarter of 2026. In this meeting the committee will focus on the possibility of two new objectives.

One is the financial planning in an ever changing environment and how do we not get surprised as result.

Another one is Disaster Relief and Crisis Planning and how do NC Lions prepare to serve the impacted areas.

Our next planned meeting is the February Board meeting.

**South Iredell Lions Club Ad-hoc Committee**

This committee also met today with 8 members present.

Carlie Metts provided an update on the Boat Dock project. We have selected a vendor for the project at \$65,000. We will keep the dock as a floating dock which is significantly below the \$350,000-400,000 for a fixed dock.

Carlie Metts reviewed a project of Inclusion Recreation this includes all programs and activities designed to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their abilities, can participate fully and enjoy the benefits of recreational experiences. This will include a shelter, Bocce Court, Horseshoe pit, and picnic tables and benches.

The project will cost Approximately \$60,000. NCLF is receiving a community grant from Duke Energy for \$10,000. The balance of the project would come from the South Iredell Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

The recommendation from the South Iredell Ad-Hoc Committee is the project be approved for approximately \$60,000 with \$10,000 coming from Duke Energy and \$50,000 coming from the South Iredell Lions grant.

**MOTION** to approve recommendation from South Iredell Ad-Hoc Committee for the Inclusion Recreation Project for approximately \$60,000 with \$10,000 coming from Duke Energy and \$50,000 coming from the South Iredell Lions grant was made by At Large Director C. Neal Alexander, Jr. and seconded by District Governor Steve Cline. Motion carried by voice vote.

Thank you very much, we will be bringing other in the next meetings.

C. Neal Alexander, Jr.

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## Pin Sales

No report.

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## Budget & Finance

Kendra Budget notes  
November 5, 2025

### Income

Encourage clubs to participate in Brighter Vision dues, donations, memorials/honorariums, awards, as well as promote the sale of both raffle ticket contests; Camp Dogwood and Brighter Vision Art Print.

YTD - Received \$600.00 from eyeglass recycling program.

YTD – Received \$557.40 from cell phone recycling program.

YTD – Received \$1075.00 from hearing aid recycling program.

*Income is surprisingly on target. Please note, g/l's 3348 and 3349 are under review with the auditors.*

### Expense

#### G/L 4138 Utilities

Nothing out of the ordinary. Simply under budgeted item.

#### G/L 4306 Office Supplies

Nothing out of the ordinary. Timing of purchases exceeded the budget for the month.

Deluxe Printing – envelopes      \$510.50

Tarheel Paper – copy paper      \$243.80

#### G/L 4340 IT Software/Web

Prior period over budget as noted below. In October, annual Adobe subscriptions were added, not amortized, for Tammy, Carlie and Kendra.

Scanner purchase      \$331.98

Printer purchase      \$219.99

Adobe      \$462.98

#### G/L 4388 Investment Fees

Trending higher than anticipated.

#### G/L 4604 M & R Fire Safety

Under budget. Budgeted for fire compression system in October. Has not been completed.

#### G/L 4083 Van Vehicle Expense

Unexpected costs associated with the tow costs of original MSU truck as well as needed purchases for the new MSU truck.

7/2025 Enterprise Rental	\$ 613.94
8/2025 J&J Towing (town and transfer truck bed)	1,660.61

8/2025 NCDMV (new truck title and registration)	1,019.54
8/2025 J&J Towing (new truck repairs)	5,729.89

**G/L 4105 Payroll-Perm Staff Camp**

Wages are inline. Accounted for September payroll wages paid 10/10/25

October pay date 10/10/2025 accrual for September \$4,171.79

**G/L 4106 Payroll – Pmg Manager**

Wages are inline. Accounted for September payroll wages paid 10/10/25

October pay date 10/10/2025 accrual for September \$4,171.79

**G/L 4340 IT Software/Web**

Windows 10 becomes unsupported. Purchased pc's for Carlie and Kendra. Will need a new pc for new Admin Assistant for same reason. Budgeted in months October and November.

7/2025 Desktop, monitor and docking station (Carlie) \$1,654.81

7/2025 Desktop (Kendra) 1,109.53

**G/L 4389 Miscellaneous Exp - NCLF**

Sparing with NCDOR about a withholding payment from July 2024. They deducted the amount in question from a sales tax refund. Paid for a Mooresville Chamber membership.

9/2025 NCDOR – July 2024 withholding \$1,530.00

9/2025 NCDOR – penalties and interest 569.17

9/2025 Mooresville Chamber \$ 399.00

**G/L 4470 Depreciation Expense**

Under budgeted depreciation expense. Adjusted after the completion of the audit based on their fixed asset schedule.

From \$12,500/month to \$19,348.68. Monthly difference of \$6,848

**G/L 4614 M&R Water/Waste Treatment**

Unexpected repairs required when water level of lake decreased. Anticipating additional costs.

7/2025 Bumgarner Septic	\$1,320.00
8/2025 Bumgarner Septic	5,040.00
8/2025 Bumgarner Septic	1,680.00
9/2025 Lentz Septic Tank Service	2,100.00
9/2025 Kemp (accrued, bill not received)	30,000.00

\*\*\* Re: Balance Sheet - Fiscal year 2024-2025 has not been closed as of 11.5.2025. Plan to complete the close during the month of November.

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Reports accepted as given under First Vice President Lorraine Dixon by 1st VDG Jody Proctor and seconded by District Governor Juanita Brown on this date November 9, 2025.

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**Other Business:**

**50/50 Raffle held for Camp Dogwood** this weekend raised a total of \$550. Winner of \$275 was Wendy White.

**Our next Council and Board Meetings will be held on February 6-8, 2026 at Camp Dogwood. Reservations can be made by calling the Camp Office at 828.478.2135 Ext. 250 - Kelly**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Anne Metts  
Secretary