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North Carolina Lions Light A Life Online Fundraiser Coming Soon

From mid-January through Spring 2017, you can order your favorite Yankee Candle scents online and have a portion of your purchase go to North Carolina Lions, Inc. and the blind and visually impaired in OUR state! Make sure you follow us Facebook (NC Lions Brighter Visions) and Twitter (@NCLionsInc). Also sign up to receive our Insights to a Brighter Visions Newsletter and join our e-mail list to receive updates and the NCLI Yankee Candle fundraising link.

Lions Spotlight: Share Your Stories



We want to hear your favorite North Carolina Lions, Inc. experiences. Help us spread the mission of NCLI by sharing your stories with us TODAY! Please e-mail Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development, at Hannah@nclionsinc.org. Your memories will help us make a difference!

Camp Dogwood Notes

*By Susan King, Camp Director
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We are revving up for the summer already! Camper applications are being sent out this

month. We are excited to partner with A Brighter Path Foundation to host Camp Abilities for the Blind and Visually Impaired youth this summer. Please consider volunteering at summer camp this year! Volunteer applications are expected to be available online in January at www.nclionscampdogwood.org. It's going to be a great summer and we would love for you to share it with us! Camp Dogwood will celebrate its 50th anniversary in July. We are planning special events for the occasion.

In February, we will host the Western North Carolina Braille Challenge on the Camp Dogwood campus. This is a one-day event sponsored by the National Braille Institute. Students in grades Kindergarten through 12 will compete with each other to demonstrate their Braille skills (reading, writing, comprehension, and math). The youth who score the highest nationwide are awarded an all expense paid trip to the Braille Institute in California, with a chance to compete in the finals.

The LEO State Convention, coordinated by Lion Liz Steel, will be held February 24-26, 2017 on campus. LEOs from across the state will spend the weekend team-building, having fun, and performing charitable endeavors. The registration cost is \$87 per person, which includes lodging on Friday and Saturday, dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. T-shirts are also available for \$15 each. The registration and t-shirt order deadline is February 3, 2017. For more information about this event or to volunteer, please contact Lion Liz at lrstele@hughes.net or (704) 798-3471.

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Fire Fan Sports App

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to work with United Games and their new sport app, FireFan, to support NCLI. You can play live sports with star athletes and friends in the world's largest sporting network. As an added bonus, when you go to the Fire Fan website (<https://www.firefan.com/>) and enter the code NCLI1934 to pre-register, you will be supporting North Carolina Lions, Inc. and visually impaired and blind individuals in North Carolina.

Support North Carolina Lions, Inc.

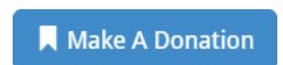
The North Carolina Lions have a reputation that is legendary throughout the state for serving the visually impaired in our communities. This is evident in the Lions support as demonstrated through the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive for Clinical Eye Research, in which projects are developed with the hope that one day we can eliminate or dramatically reduce the incidence of blindness.

Funds have been provided for clinical research projects at the Wake Forest University Eye Center, Duke University Eye Center, and Department of Ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

With your financial support, programs such as this research opportunity can continue in North Carolina. We ask you to join the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive and help promote the services of North Carolina Lions, Inc. Do you believe that the services and programs for our visually impaired community are worth your efforts? Clinical eye research is worthy of your support, so please consider donating to support this effort. (North Carolina Lions, Inc. photos)

North Carolina Lions, Inc. Brighter Visions Annual Fund As of 1/9/17				
District	Members	Donations	Goal	Percentage of Goal
L	1,251	\$ 33,204.13	\$ 97,500.00	34.06 %
I	1,311	\$ 68,121.96	\$220,000.00	30.96 %
O	1,278	\$ 57,198.78	\$141,000.00	40.57 %
N	1,251	\$ 40,365.67	\$116,000.00	34.80 %
S	1,214	\$ 36,158.34	\$113,000.00	32.00 %
TOTALS	6,305	\$235,048.88	\$687,500.00	34.19 %

North Carolina Lions, Inc. Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales As of 1/9/17				
District	Members	Camp Dogwood Raffle \$	Books Per Member	Clubs 3+ Books Per Member
L	1,251	\$ 9,667.50	0.77	5
I	1,311	\$14,737.00	1.12	7
O	1,278	\$ 4,683.00	0.37	2
N	1,251	\$ 2,028.00	0.16	1
S	1,214	\$ 5,505.00	0.45	1
TOTALS	6,305	\$36,620.50	0.58	16



Make sure you connect with NCLI on Facebook and Twitter to stay up-to-date with everything going on. Also like and share/retweet the posts on your page to spread the word and increase the impact we are making together in the lives of the blind and visually impaired in North Carolina.

United
We're Today's Brighter Vision



NORTH CAROLINA



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Stacy King sitting with her two sons, Zachary and Alex.

Although, due to many circumstances and physical limitations, I am unable to have lens implants.

I still am very appreciative of where I am today. Even with my recent struggles, I am so thankful to God for restoring my sight! To physically be able to see with my own eyes and watch my children grow up is a blessing from God! He's allowed my eyes to undergo operation after operation and come out seeing again.

Every morning I get up, open my front door, open my eyes without hurting, and I see the morning light; I thank God for that day and allowing me to see it! I also thank those who donate their organs to allow others to live!

I may not have a heart transplant, but might as well because when I received my corneal transplants, I carry the hearts of those two people with me every day. I am beyond grateful to those people who chose to donate life! ■

Stacy King of Greensboro, born to visually impaired parents, lost her sight and received it back via corneal transplants. NC Lions donations to Clinical Eye Research assist in making these successes possible.

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north carolina lions
Visions
annual fund drive

A Mission to Care, to Enrich and to Serve Our North Carolina Citizens

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THE SUMMER DESTINATION
FOR THE
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired and IFB Solutions Foundation are Partnering Together to Offer SEE Camp Abilities H₂O Summer 2017

North Carolina Lions, Inc., Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired is thrilled to announce its partnership with the IFB Solutions Foundation. This collaboration will offer SEE Camp Abilities H₂O to youth with visual impairments this summer, July 9, 2017 to July 15, 2017, at Camp Dogwood.

“We are delighted to have Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood. Having a youth component within our services is important to Camp Dogwood and all Lions across North Carolina. Providing this service to friends and neighbors in the VIP (visually impaired persons) community is paramount,” Susan King, Camp Director stated.

Camp Dogwood and IFB Solutions have been meeting for over a year, building the foundation for a lasting relationship which will positively impact the lives of youth in North Carolina. The organizations have created an overnight camp, SEE Camp Abilities H₂O, which will offer water sports instruction and other recreational programming to school-age kids with blindness and visual impairment. Camp instructors include certified Teachers for the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialists, along with Camp Dogwood’s summer staff and a few favorite counselors from IFB Solutions’ long-running SEE summer camps. Youth who attend Camp Dogwood this summer will receive a special summer camp experience.

This summer will be one for the books for Camp Dogwood. The Camp will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary as well as collaborating with the IFB Solutions Foundation, to give deserving individuals a once in a lifetime experience. To learn more about the collaboration between Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired and IFB Solutions, as well as information on how to involve your youth camper, please contact Jay Hardwig, Program Manager at IFB Solutions Foundation, at jhardwig@ifbsolutions.org.

About Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Since 1967, Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired (flagship program of North Carolina Lions, Inc.) has been beacon of service to citizens from all over North Carolina. This summer destination provides a wonderful and therapeutic vacation retreat for persons with blindness and visual impairments.

For more information about Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired, please visit nclionscampdogwood.org

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