



INSIGHTS TO A BRIGHTER VISION

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Reminder

The editors of the newsletter would like to remind the leadership of Lions throughout North Carolina, that this publication should be sent to every Lion in North Carolina.

It's a publication to keep every owner of the foundation, all NC Lions up to date on communication and the opportunities to understand and help continue the numerous programs and services it delivers for our citizens in the state.

Why Do You Love Camp Dogwood?



When asked why they love Camp Dogwood here's what some of our campers had to say:

Camper Donna Thompson: Except for 2 years, I've been coming to camp since 1998. I have several favorite memories, one of which was from that very year. In 2008 that year, we had counselors from South Africa, New Zealand, and England. During the dance the week I was there, I had all three of them as partners during one song. All four of us held hands, forming a circle, and I moved up to one, backed up, moved up to the next, backed up, etc. We were all laughing so much; I don't know who had more fun-they or I.

Camper Sarah Male: I have a few favorite things about Camp Dogwood. 1. Making new friends and seeing friends from other years. 2. Being able to go swimming and boating. 3. The food! 4. The staff and camp outings. I guess you could say everything about it. I love this place.



Significant Impact

13,000+ Individuals are served annually through NCLI's 12 Brighter Visions Programs and Services throughout all 100 counties in North Carolina.



Matching Funds requests come from over 70 NC counties.

Camper Dawson Hart: Making new friends and getting to reconnect with old. The only place I go all year where I don't feel like I'm disabled.

Camper Mary Carlyle: Making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. I love riding in the boats and getting wet when the water splashes on you from the waves. Also, I love fishing and last year I caught my first bass and got an award for it.

Camper Carmel Rogers: It is a nice get away from home. I enjoyed the boat rides and recently just gotten a chance to play putt-putt, which was a thrill. The people up there are awesome, which makes everything even more exciting!!

Do you have a Camp Dogwood story you would like to share? Email your stories to Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development at hannah@nclionsinc.org



Leaving a Legacy

Make a Difference Today!

Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development

We at North Carolina Lions, Inc. want to thank you for your past, present and future support of North Carolina Lions, Inc.'s Brighter Visions programs and services. It is with your continued support, we are able to assist the blind and visually impaired in YOUR community and across OUR state.



In 2016/2017 North Carolina Lions, Inc. provided 104 free vision and hearing screenings (\$156,299.62), 1,176 support and mobility canes (\$59,199.84), send 685 VIPs (visually impaired persons) to Camp Dogwood (\$582,250), and supported the purchasing of eyeglasses and eye exams for 1,147 North Carolina residents (\$285,891.27), a total of over 1 million dollars in programs directed to the VIP community across the state. With 13,000 individuals served through North Carolina Lions, Inc.'s Brighter Visions programs and services, we are only making a dent in the VIP community.

There comes a time in our lives, where we start to think about the ways we can leave a lasting impact to those in our lives. We think about how we lived, how we loved, how we gave back, and how we want to continue to say thank you. The status of your profession or income doesn't matter; you can make a legacy gift through wills, trusts, estate plans, and so much more.

According to the American Foundation for the Blind, there are over 270,000 individuals with blindness or a visual impairment in North Carolina. These numbers are expected to triple over the next few years. By participating in the North Carolina Lions, Inc. Legacy Giving Program, you can help support our goals and mission to serve the blind and visually impaired, the prevention of vision loss, and aid to North Carolina residents for years to come.

How are you going to leave a lasting impact for the blind and visually impaired in YOUR community? North Carolina Lions, Inc. would love to schedule time to speak with you and your club about our Legacy Giving Program and Legacy Recognition Pin for participating in the Legacy Giving Program.

Please email Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development at hannah@nclionsinc.org or call 828-478-2135 ext. 222 to schedule your Legacy Giving Program presentation today!

Fueling the Mobile Screening Unit

North Carolina Lions, Inc. is excited to share that we are the recipients of a \$20,000 grant in support of the NCLI Mobile Screening Unit for 2018. Each year, NCLI is proud to support over 6,000 individuals through the MSU, but with this funding we hope to expand our reach of offering FREE vision and hearing screenings to North Carolina residents.



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Coming Together to Make a Difference

Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development



At the end of 2017, we are thankful for our volunteers, donors, and supporters. It is your commitment to serving others that allows us to continue to support the blind and visually impaired across the state of North Carolina.

With over 270,000 individuals impacted with a visual impairment throughout North Carolina, making a donation to North Carolina Lions, Inc. in support of our Brighter Visions programs and services is guaranteed to make an immediate impact in the lives of many.

If every Lion across the state, over 6,000 members, made a donation of \$10 this December, we could raise \$60,000 to support Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Mobile Screening Unit, support and mobility canes, and so much more.

Will you make an investment in North Carolina Lions, Inc. this holiday season? Follow this link >> <https://www.classy.org/give/148769/#!/donation/checkout> << to make a donation. Increase the impact by sharing NCLI with someone new today.

Together, we CAN make a difference!



CONTEST ALERT! Spread the Word...

We need your help to spread the word of NCLI and increase our reach to the North Carolina community.

Every time you share a post on your personal Facebook page, you will receive an entry and if someone makes a donation in support of NCLI's Brighter Visions programs and services and mentions your name, you will receive an additional entry.

There will be two winners... One winner for the most shares and one winner for the most donations raised. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Walmart.

The contest runs now until January 31, 2018. Make sure you are following our Facebook page, NC Lions Brighter Visions.



HAVE THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER
AND A WISH FOR WONDERFUL NEW
YEAR!