

# **Fayetteville Lions Club**

P.O. Box 217, Fayetteville, Tennessee 37334

Where does the money from our fundraisers go? Each year we serve our community in these ways:

#### Sight and Hearing:

- Eye Exams & Eyeglasses: we pay full costs of standard eye exams and eyeglasses for 90-100 LC residents who meet low-income criteria.
- Hearing Aids: we can provide needs-based financial assistance for exam and one hearing aid.
- Eyesight & hearing screening in schools: we screened over 2,000 children in all County and City schools, grades K, 2, 4, 8, 9 & Special Education.
- Digital Eyesight Screening: Over 600 pre-K & day care kids, in cooperation with Vanderbilt Hospital.
- Adult eyesight & hearing screening: we do sight and/or hearing screenings for Lincoln Health System employees, patrons of the Senior Citizen Center, health fairs and industry upon request.
- Low Vision Magnifying Readers: 9 of these devices on loan to LC residents & 1 to the LC Library.
- Recycle Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids: we collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids. We turn the glasses into a student volunteer org at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. They clean, grade and redistribute them during mission trips to Central & South America and the Caribbean. We also provide a cash donation to the student org to support their missions.

## Youth Sponsorship:

- Drug Essay Contest: we award a \$100 prize to the winner in 9 participating schools. Over 400 entries.
- Peace Poster Contest: we award a \$100 prize to the winner in each participating school, for ages 11 13.
- College Scholarships: we typically award 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each.
- Football Jamboree: a pre-season half-game jamboree for area schools, grades 7-9.
- Basketball Classic: a week-long pre-season scrimmage contest for grade 7 & 8, boys & girls.
- Boys and Girls State: we monetarily sponsor one boy and one girl.
- Leo Clubs: we sponsor 3 Clubs in local High Schools and could also support Middle School clubs.

## Hunger and Environmental & Disaster Relief:

- We donate to local food banks.
- We recycle printer cartridges, cell/smart phones & food/drink pull tabs (for Ronald McDonald House.)
- TDOT Adopt-a-Highway: we held a quarterly cleanup of two miles of US 64 (Winchester Highway).
- We are prepared to provide disaster relief assistance. In 2014 after a Lincoln County tornado, we provided \$13,500 in disaster relief funds, as well as working shifts in the county assistance center.

## **Community Special Projects**:

- We host and supply prizes for monthly Bingo at the Fayetteville/Lincoln County Senior Citizen Center.
- We donated to the Camp Blount initiative as a Charter Sponsor.
- We donated a memorial park bench for the new Downtown to Stone Bridge Park Greenway Trail.
- New Picnic Pavilion at Kid's Park: we procured all materials and managed its construction in 2019.
- Stone Bridge Park Stage: we donated over \$13,000 for the new performance stage built in 2015.
- This continues a long tradition of special projects. Examples over our 68-year history include construction and upgrades to the Lions-Davidson Sports Complex, funding for air conditioning, coronary care units and the chapel at the old Lincoln County Hospital, purchase of video recording equipment for Junior's House, furnishing of the genealogy room at LC Library, contributing to construction of LCHS Falcon Stadium, funding for the first two community swimming pools, Lee-Dell Lions Pool in 1948 and Tonia Dell Lions Pool in 1957.

#### **Lions Clubs International Programs**:

• We also donate to Tennessee and International Lions programs that provide eye surgeries; provide recorded textbooks, vocational training, employment, Leader Dogs, and other services for the blind; and provide worldwide disaster relief and disease eradication programs.