

DISTRICT 31-N

BRIGHTER VISIONS NEWS

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KIDSIGHT SCREENING UNIT

The primary reason for the KidSight screening unit is to expand the availability of screenings for kids between the ages of 6 months to 6 years. Amblyopia is a treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision when not addressed by an early age. Screening devices detect risk factors for amblyopia, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wander out), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, and potentially even more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer. Detecting vision problems at an early age is vitally important for those who are treatable. We also screen students in elementary school so they can receive vision correction which is so vital to learning, 80% of a child's learning and development requires healthy, corrected vision. Many clubs have their own photorefractive screening devices and have succeeded in gaining access to public elementary schools across NC to screen their kids. Those clubs are to be **congratulated**, because it's quite a challenge to convince public schools that we can enhance what they provide! The KSU is not meant to replace your services. Please continue to provide this needed service.

For clubs that do not have their own photorefractive screening devices or for screening of large groups or multiple locations; KidSight Screening Unit is the answer! The KSU will be equipped with two PlusOptix S12R Vision Screening devices and an Earscan 3 audiometer for hearing screenings Snellen eye charts and Ishihara Color Vision Books.

THE DISTRICT 31-N KIDSIGHT MOBILE SCREENING UNIT HAS ARRIVED. SO, ON TO THE NEXT STEP.

Your involvement will make this program a success not only for Lions but for the children who need our help. You can help by:

- ✓ Attending one of the showings of the KidSight Screening Unit (KSU) on October 15th or on October 22nd. Specific time and location of these events will be published soon.
- ✓ Complete on-line training to become a KidSight Certified Screener. Just go to lionskidsightusa.org and click on **GET CERTIFIED**.
- ✓ Becoming a KidSight Unit Operator. In the future additional drivers will be needed to bring the equipment to the screening sights.

More information will be presented at the initial showing of the vehicle at Kinston on the 8th.

WAYS TO SUPPORT BRIGHTER VISIONS

Memorials and Honorariums are a great way to honor a person, a speaker at your club, an eye doctor that helps you out, a relative or a club member who has a birthday or someone who passes away. For memorials, honorariums or celebrations NCLI will send out a card to the family or person of your choice.

ACTIVITIES FOR VIP's AT CAMP DOGWOOD



Fall harvest is coming up on November 15th to the 17th and a New Years celebration on December 30th to January 1st . If you're interested in these activities contact Tammy at 828-478-2135 or email at tammy@nclionsinc.org



CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

Brighter Visions Kickoffs were a success for all the districts. Looks like we may be coming out of the COVID downturn and things will be looking up for your fundraising efforts. We ask that you consider the district governors goal of \$90,00 for Brighter Visions. More importantly, in this difficult economy, **follow your heart** when considering your contribution to the Brighter Visions fund drive. Please think about supporting NCLI, your support is needed early in the year so the NCLI board can plan the year.

HERE ARE THE UPDATES AROUND THE STATE:

District	Goal	Received	Difference	% of goal
L	\$75,000	\$14,961	\$60,039	20
I	\$125,000	\$40,795	\$84,205	33
O	\$120,000	\$36,551	\$83,449	30
N	\$90,000	\$19,496	\$70,504	22
S	\$93,100	\$29,839	\$63,261	32

DID YOU KNOW!

The North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament on October 1-7th to the 19th is the largest gathering of visually impaired in North Carolina and is believed to be the largest event of its kind in the world. The project has grown from a local tournament serving 12 blind individuals to more than 350 visually impaired persons, 130 sighted guests, and 300 volunteers. Participants arrive on the Outer Banks on a Monday, are housed in local hotels, have meals, go fishing on two head boats and four ocean fishing piers for a day of recreation, participate in seminars and independent living training, and visit with vendors. The closing awards banquet on Wednesday offers motivation and awards. More than 300 volunteers follow the same schedule as they assist the VIPs throughout the annual event.

It is our hope that you enjoy the content of this newsletter and find it useful. Comments on content and/or requests for articles to include in future issues of this newsletter can be sent to ggoetz00@gmail.com. Your comments **positive or negative** are appreciated!

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