



We Serve

Johnson City Lions Club

PO BOX 902 Johnson City, TN 37605

WHAT IS THE LIONS CLUB?

The Lions Club of Johnson City is an association of men and women who are committed to improving the lives of their fellow citizens. It is part of a regional, national and international organization.

There are over 1.3 million members worldwide and over 45,000 clubs in 200 countries. Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization.

The motto of the Lions is "We Serve."

WHAT DOES THE LIONS CLUB DO?



The main area of service for the Lions Club is SIGHT. We seek to prevent blindness and provide help to those who are visually impaired.

Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, challenged the Lions of the world to become "Knights of the Blind".

Today sight conservation and aiding those who are visually handicapped continues to be the focus of our local and international clubs.

HOW DOES THE LIONS CLUB OPERATE?

The Johnson City Lions Club devotes about 80% of its time and money to local service needs in Washington County. The remainder goes to state and international projects.

All administrative and related expenses are paid entirely from membership dues.

100% of proceeds from fund raising activities go to fund our service projects.

WHAT ARE OUR FUNDRAISERS?

Our biggest fundraiser is the Turtle Derby which raises over \$20,000 each year, all of which goes to sight conservation.

Other fundraisers include pecan sales, gumball machines and sponsor signs at Lions Park.

WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT SERVICE PROJECTS?

- **Vision screenings of pre-school children**
- **Provide eye exams and eyeglasses for low- income individuals**
- **Ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas.**
- **Recycle used eyeglasses for use around the world.**
- **Public education on diabetes and support of diabetes research.**
- **Monetary support to Lions Children's Eye Hospital in Nashville.**
- **Scholarship funds at Northeast State Community College, East Tennessee State University and Milligan College.**
- **Support of Lions Club International Foundation, which provides humanitarian and disaster relief to people around the world.**
- **White Cane Days supports regional community projects**
- **Sponsor the Johnson City Lions Little League Team.**

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF LIONS CLUB MEMBERS?

Club members spend about 20 hours or more each year working on community service projects, fundraising activities and other club duties.

Since we are an organization of volunteers, the level of effort and participation varies according to time and ability.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JOHNSON CITY LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Johnson City accepts both active members and affiliate members.

An active member is expected to attend all meetings and participate in as many of the fundraising and service projects as practical, and to serve on club committees.

An affiliate membership is for individuals who want to support the Lions Club, but are unable to fully participate as an active member. Affiliate members are expected to attend at least one meeting each quarter, and be involved in one service project and one committee.

Club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at NOON at the Johnson City Country Club.

If you would like additional information about becoming a Lion, please contact Lion Ken Gough, 423-571-1470 or kdg@accmachprod.com