

***2019-2020 LIONS DISTRICT 23B
SERVICE REPORT***



“WE SERVE!”

**A REPORT ILLUSTRATING THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF THE 23B LIONS PRIDE
DURING LIONS YEAR 2019-2020 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR
NEIGHBORS IN CONNECTICUT AND ACROSS THE GLOBE.**

2019-2020 SURVEY OF DISTRICT 23B LIONS CLUBS SERVICE PROJECTS

The emphasis for my term as district governor continues to be on our service to those in need. As you will see in the following pages, District 23B Lions are active and creative in our attempts to fulfill our Centennial motto, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." I hope the reader will not only reflect on the range of activities undertaken by their fellow Lions within the 53 clubs in our district, but will also find this compilation a source of ideas for new service opportunities within their own club. If you find an interesting idea being done by other Lions, don't hesitate to reach out to that club for information and support as you plan a similar event. **Service is what we can really "ROAR" about as Lions!**

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District 23B Governor 2019-2020
ROAR LIONS!!

A WORD OF EXPLANATION: Listed in this document are direct service projects only. Donations to support Lions or other charities and fund-raising events were not included. **So many clubs take the collection of used eyeglasses for granted that we noticed that most did not include this valuable service as part of their service list—be assured Lion collection boxes are everywhere!** This listing is based upon information received from each club as surveyed by the respective zone chair. The accuracy of information is directly related to the level of cooperation by the respective club president. Many thanks to all the participants in this survey process.

ZONE 1 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

CANAAN NORTHWEST LIONS

- Volunteer at a local church
- Work with the elderly in their community
- Volunteer at a day care
- Bonnie Box program for those afflicted with cancer
- Serve a community dinner monthly
- Monthly donations to food pantry

COLEBROOK LIONS

- Eye screenings
- Scholarship support
- Sponsor town-wide Easter egg hunt
- Donate and staff dinner for needy residents
- Assist with town road race
- Sponsor community blood drive
- Sponsor community dinner

NORFOLK LIONS

- Blood Drive
- Eye screening
- Support volunteer ambulance

TORRINGTON LIONS

- Eye screenings
- Serve dinner meal at local soup kitchen
- Distribute flowers to local nursing home on resident's birthday
- Trunk or Treat Halloween participation
- Flags distributed to veterans in local nursing homes
- First Sunday Dinner at local soup kitchen
- Donations to Torrington Fire Dept. toy and clothing drive

WINSTED LIONS

- Working with Barkhamsted Lions club, on a diabetes awareness project.
- Eye glasses for needy residents
- Salvation Army food bank donations
- Cub Scout party



ZONE 2 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

KENT LIONS

- Annual scholarships awarded to graduates attending first year of college –
- Vision testing at local elementary school
- Remodeling of pavilion used for food concession at the Antique Machinery Show
- Contribution to Kent Food Bank
- Support local Polar Bear Run held in February
- Distribute flags for Memorial Day Parade
- Support eyeglass donation program

LITCHFIELD LIONS

- Eye screening
- Community dinner served
- Community cookout for a town road race
- Cooking for a family nature event

NEW MILFORD LIONS

- Eye Screening
- Childhood Cancer awareness advocacy
- Senior Christmas Party
- Eye exams and glasses for needy residents
- Trail Environmental Clean Up and Restoration
- Harry-Brooke Park Fall Clean-up
- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Paper goods collection for community pantry

WASHINGTON LIONS

- Support for Washington Ambulance,
- Eye screening
- Community Halloween party
- Supported Quebec trip for French student,
- Provide eye glasses for needy residents

BETHLEHEM LIONS

- High school scholarships
- Turkey dinner provided to town residents
- Memorial benches installed throughout community

WATERTOWN LIONS

- Food Bank donations
- Thanksgiving food baskets
- Sock drive for families
- Senior Center Christmas Party
- Special Citizens fishing derby
- Bingo for senior citizens
- Easter meal baskets
- Toys for local nursery school
- Food packing with Leos for harvest packs
- Gifts for Meals on Wheels
- Gift donations to Safe Haven
- Shred it Day program
- Sight Saver Day participation

WOODBURY LIONS

- Food Bank staffing
- Eye screening
- Thanksgiving dinner for needy residents
- Decorated community band stand
- Community luminaire project

“WHERE THERE IS A NEED.....

THERE IS A LION!’

ZONE 3 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

SIMSBURY LIONS

- Provide free vision exams and eyeglasses to needy residents
- Conduct free pediatric vision screening in Simsbury Schools and Day centers.
- Organize the annual Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot benefitting Foodshare and donating to that organization
- Sponsor and provide volunteers for trolley rides at Simsbury Celebrates
- Volunteer at Annual Christmas Party for Special Needs Children
- Volunteer at Simsbury Public Library Coffeehouse Music

HARTLAND LIONS

- Free Senior Dinner - each October on a Saturday at Noon, full pot roast dinner and dessert
- Mother's Day Breakfast (Free for mothers)
- Eye screening open to all children in East Hartland
- We often partner with the First Congregational Church Sunday School and donate to their projects - Heifer International, backpacks for new schoolyear, etc.
- High school scholarships
- Arbor Day tree planting
- Town-wide Memorial Day picnic
- New resident welcome packets to provide town information
- Fried dough booth with proceeds going to volunteer fire department

NEW HARTFORD LIONS

- Eye screenings of all school and daycare center children in New Hartford
- Provide two \$500 Stop and Shop gift cards to identified needy families in town
- Possibly conduct a Red Cross Blood Drive

GRANBY LIONS

- Eye screenings
- Scholarships to graduating seniors
- Donated eyeglasses to an individual

BLOOMFIELD LIONS

- Veteran's Stand Down
- Senior Expo – Eye screening
- Bloomfield Beautification Project
- Assemble and Distribute Aid & Personal Kits for Homeless – CINTAS
- Kidsight Pre-K Eye Screening
- Jack Bannon Turkey Trot - Turkey Collection for Foodshare
- Book Drive for Saint Lucia Libraries (Hurricane Dorian victims)
- Bloomfield Rehabilitation – X-Mas Caroling & Gift distribution
- Community Middle School Dance - Diabetes Testing
- Soup Kitchen
- Sight Saving Day – Shake the Can for CLERF

AVON LIONS

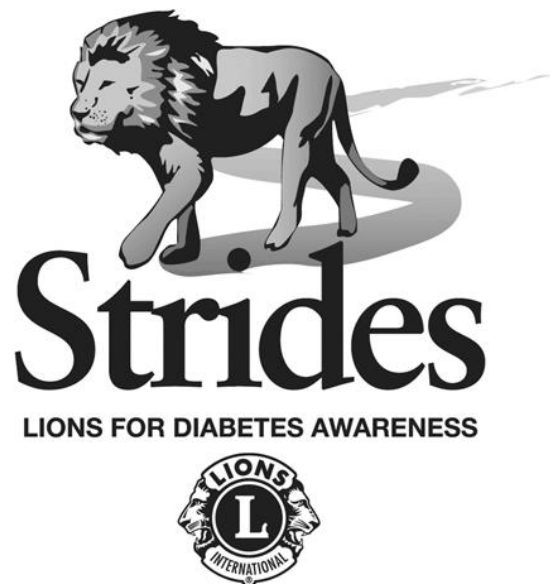
- Collect towels for FIDELCO Guide Dogs
- Charter a new Leo Club (cyber)
- Collect games for older children who are cancer patients
- Lending Locker to give access to durable medical equipment
- Eye glass collection
- Food collection for the food pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Coffee Hour at AHC senior center
- Services for the Avon Town Social Services
- Rotary-Lions Addiction Task Force
- Farmington River Clean up
- Adopt a road clean up
- JDRF Walk
- Eye screening
- Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringing
- High School Scholarships

BARKHAMSTED LIONS

- Collect towels for FIDELCO
- Collect games for children who are cancer patients

CANTON LIONS

- Eye Screenings
- Meals on Wheels
- Senior Health Fair Eye screenings
- Scholarships
- Opioid Awareness – Distributed literature at the Shoppes of Canton
- Burlington to Collinsville 5K Race- Assisted with parking and traffic for runners.
- Food Packing
- Memorial Day Parade
- Canton Parents for Music – We provided cooking services for their annual cookout Gifts of Canton
- Collected 6 truckloads of food for the Canton Food Bank
- Greater Hartford Triathlon-Assisted with handing out water at various mile markers
- Senior Oktoberfest –Supplied and served 75 meals to Canton Seniors at their annual Oktoberfest luncheon



ZONE 4 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

SOUTHINGTON LIONS

- Food Bank donations
- Community Trunk or Treat
- Christmas in the Community participation
- Salvation Army Kettle service
- Eye screening
- High school scholarship

TERRYVILLE LIONS

- Community Halloween Part/Haunted House
- Holiday Food Drive
- Community Holiday Celebration
- Christmas holiday baskets
- Eye screening
- Community Santa Display in town park
- Suicide Prevention Walk
- Safe Halloween Party
- Community holiday lighting/Hot chocolate distribution
- Participation in Christmas/Easter Zion Lutheran Church holiday meal program

BRISTOL LIONS

- Community Soup Kitchen in multiple months
- Salvation Army Kettle service
- Eye screening
- Holiday Family gifts and dinner
- Children's Holiday Parade
- High school scholarships
- Assist needy residents to secure eye exams and eyeglasses

BURLINGTON LIONS

- Eye screening
- Donations to Burlington Food and Fuel Drive
- Large-print book projects

HARWINTON LIONS

- Eye screening
- Christmas food baskets
- Food Pantry donations
- Read-Aloud Day
- Blood Drives-Multiple throughout year
- Senior Center Luncheon
- High School Scholarships

PLAINVILLE LIONS

- Salvation Army Kettle participation
- Eye screening
- Senior Center annual picnic
- High school scholarships
- Community tree lighting hot chocolate distribution
- Community raffle participation

THOMASTON LIONS

- Eye screening
- Eyeglass collection
- Provides trees to grade four students to plant for Arbor Day
- “Light-Up Thomaston” holiday celebration chowder booth
- Sponsors LEO Club
- Provides low vision access

UNIONVILLE LIONS

- High school scholarship
- Holiday Family food baskets
- Food bags packing
- School playground construction support

ZONE 5 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

HARTFORD MULTI-NATIONAL LIONS

- Vision screening
- Participated in the Domestic Violence Program – Hartford Public Library
- Toy Drive for Hartford Children
- Homeless Winter Collections
- Towel Drive for FIDELCO
- Scholarships for Hartford students
- Host community awards programming

SUFFIELD LIONS

- 3rd Annual Winter Coat Collection Program
- Vision screening completed at Suffield elementary and intermediate schools.
704 students screened, 60 referrals

ENFIELD LIONS

- Wreaths Across America cemetery placement
- St. Joseph's Home holiday party
- Parkway Pavilion Convalescent Home holiday party
- Provided eyeglasses for public school student
- Eye screening
- Organize bingo games for adult day care and several convalescent homes
- Participated in the Enfield Adult Daycare holiday party

EAST GRANBY LIONS

- Collect food donations
- Rubber Duck Derby Participation
- Community Dinner

EAST WINDSOR LIONS

- Eye screening
- Delivering holiday cookies to shut-ins
- District Special Education Holiday Party participants

WINDSOR LOCKS LIONS

- Operates the Windsor Locks Ambulance Corps
- Scholarships (Academic and Boys State)
- Eye screening
- Thanksgiving food drive for community pantry
- Handicap ramp construction
- District Special Education Christmas Party participants
- Boy Scout Eagle Scout project support and hosts awards program
- Bickford Convalescent Home party
- Environmental clean-Up
- World Service Day projects
- Participation: Torch Light and Memorial Day Parades
- Eye glass/Hearing aid collection

GREATER HARTFORD WEST INDIAN LIONS

- Bottle cap collection for the environment
- Hunger prevention program at Thanksgiving
- School uniform project for Wish School (Hartford)
- Eye screening
- Eye glass collection
- Hosts for Caribbean Heritage Month celebration
- Adopt a needy holiday family (toys, meals, household supplies)
- College students book scholarships (3-5 awards)
- Hosts for a community Black History Awareness and Enrichment Program

WINDSOR LIONS

- Donation of large-print books to local library
- Eye screening
- Eye exams and glasses for needy residents
- High school scholarships
- Special Education holiday party
- Boys and Girls State scholarships

ZONE 6 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

SOUTH WINDSOR LIONS

- Vision screening
- Eye exams and glasses for needy residents
- Eye glass collection
- Blood Drive – December and Spring
- Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up
- Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families
- District 23 B Special Needs Holiday Party
- Staff Holiday Light Fantasia for Channel 3 Kids' Camp

EAST HARTFORD LIONS

- Back packs for students
- Vision screening
- Back packs for homeless veterans
- Christmas food baskets
- Eye glass collection-ongoing
- Bonnie boxes for cancer patients
- High school scholarships
- Blood drive

MANCHESTER LIONS

- Eye screening
- Eyeglass collection-ongoing
- Vision exam and glasses for needy residents-Ongoing
- Community Fishing Derby,

MARLBOROUGH LIONS

- Eye screenings-Ongoing
- Collection of medical equipment

HARTFORD ST. LUCIAN LIONS

- Book Drive
- UCONN Diabetes Project
- Partnership with ST. Lucian Lions to support a local hospital
- St. Lucian Mammogram Funding Project

HARTFORD EVENING LIONS

- Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets
- Book drive for local elementary school
- Christmas meals & gifts for families
- Provide prom gowns for local youth
- Eye screening
- Provide eye exams and glasses for needy residents
- Volunteer at Soup Kitchen
- Conduct blood drives
- Assisted at Veterans' Stand Down

HARTFORD DIVERSITY LIONS

- Club reports no service activities planned

GLASTONBURY LIONS

- Volunteer at Veterans' Stand Down
- Eye Screening at S
- Special Olympics and local senior center
- Collect eye glasses
- Support ABC House program in town
- Food collection for local food pantry
- Volunteer as staff at Glastonbury 5K run
- Adopted a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas



Lions Clubs International

ZONE 7 SERVICE PROJECTS 2019-2020

ROCKY HILL VETERANS LIONS

- Sponsored food drive at local grocery stores for food pantry
- Beautified grounds of Veterans Home
- Eyeglass collection
- Participated in Toys for Tots Program

NEW BRITAIN LIONS

- Warm the Children Hat and Coat Campaign
- Pack the Box
- Eye Screening
- Low Vision Support Group - Ongoing
- Eye Clinic - Ongoing
- Scholarships -Spring
- Diabetes Camp – Ongoing

WETHERSFIELD LIONS

- Support for Dollars for Scholars
- Support Participants in Boys and Girls State Programs
- Vision Screening

HARTFORD COUNTY EVEREST CENTENNIAL LIONS

- Oratorical Contest Sponsorship
- Nepali summer school project to assist with cultural transition
- Eye screening
- College counseling services for Nepali high school students
- Workshop on small business development for future Nepali business owners

GREATER HARTFORD HOST LIONS

- Eye screening
- Oak Hill School event participation
- Backpack school supply drive

ROCKY HILL LIONS

- High School scholarships
- Food Bank donations-Ongoing
- Donations of toys for the holiday
- Eyeglass/eye exam for the needy-Ongoing
- Purchased new US flag for town
- Provided eye examinations and glasses for needy residents
- Provided “Buddy Bench” for new elementary school
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BERLIN LIONS

- Visually-impaired Fishing Tournaments for both adults and children
- Senior Citizen picnic
- Eye screenings
- Thanksgiving dinners delivered to needy residents
- Senior Citizen Christmas party
- Christmas food baskets for needy residents
- Christmas gifts delivered to needy children
- High school scholarships
- Collection of non-perishable food items for local food pantry
- Challenger baseball for adults and children with disabilities

WEST HARTFORD LUMBINI LIONS

- **This club was recently formed in December 2019.** Thus far, they have collected funds to assist a young boy with his medical expenses.

