

Lions of District 4-L4 Endorsed Service

Pajama Party Project

Comfort for Children When They Need It Most

Project Description — Service That Matters

Sometimes a child's world changes in a single moment.

When children are suddenly removed from their homes by Child Protective Services, they often leave with nothing — no clothes, no personal belongings, and no comfort items of their own.

That's where the **4-L4 Pajama Party** comes in.

What began in April 2010 after PDG Elizabeth Warren read a simple magazine article quickly grew into one of District 4-L4's most heartfelt service projects. Sponsored originally by the **Ontario-Upland Lions Club**, the idea was simple but powerful: provide **new pajamas for children entering protective care** so they have something warm, clean, and comforting during a frightening and uncertain time.

The response from Lions Clubs across the district was immediate and inspiring. The project was officially adopted as a **District 4-L4 Approved Service Project in November 2010**, and Lions have been supporting it ever since.

Today, clubs throughout the district collect **new pajamas, socks, and underclothes** for children who are transitioning into foster care. The primary distribution partner is **Crittenton Services for Children and Families**, a respected nonprofit organization serving children across **Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, and Los Angeles counties**.

For a child entering care, something as simple as a pair of pajamas can mean **warmth, dignity, and comfort during one of the most difficult moments of their life**.

And that small act of kindness can make a lasting difference.

Join Lions in Service — How the Community Can Help

The Pajama Party Project is a wonderful way for community members to support children in need.

You can help by:

- Donating **new children's pajamas** (all sizes welcome)
- Contributing **new socks and underclothes**
- Organizing a **pajama drive at your school, workplace, or organization**
- Partnering with a **local Lions Club to host a collection event**
- Sharing the project with friends, neighbors, and local businesses

Every donation goes directly toward helping children who have been placed into protective care and need comfort, dignity, and support.

When communities partner with Lions Clubs, simple acts of kindness can reach **hundreds of children across Southern California.**

Lions Clubs — Start a Pajama Party Service Plan

Every Lions Club can easily participate in the Pajama Party Project.

Here are a few simple ways clubs can support the cause:

1. Host a Pajama Drive

Organize a collection event at your club meeting, local school, business, or community center.

2. Promote the Project Locally

Share the project on social media, community bulletin boards, and local news outlets.

3. Partner with Local Organizations

Work with schools, youth groups, and community partners to expand your donation efforts.

4. Support District Collections

Bring donated items to **Region and District meetings** where collections are coordinated.

5. Identify Local Distribution Partners

Some clubs work directly with local agencies supporting foster children in their community. When distributing locally, clubs report totals to district organizers.

Even a **small collection drive can provide comfort for many children.** When clubs across District 4-L4 work together, the Pajama Party becomes a powerful example of **Lions compassion in action.**

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