

What is service?

Lions and Leos serve in many ways, including:

Service activities: Hands-on service activities, such as tree planting, vision screening, rebuilding homes after disaster strikes or serving meals to those in need.

Advocacy: Raising awareness of the causes that are important to Lions, educating our communities on issues that impact them and working with others to bring about positive change. Some examples include hosting a Strides walk for diabetes awareness or visiting a local lawmaker to discuss the needs of the blind or visually impaired.

Donations: Making charitable donations to individuals or organizations, including Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Funds donated to LCIF are tracked by the foundation and need not be reported as a service activity.

Fundraising: Raising funds to enable our service.

Service support activities: This encompasses four broad categories:

- 1 Holding meetings to strengthen your club, educate and train members, or plan other service activities.
- 2 Fulfilling administrative tasks, such as running errands, maintaining club records, or reporting.
- 3 Attending Lions events such as conventions and forums.
- 4 Engaging in fellowship and fun, together with other Lions.

These activities contribute to Lions' positive impact in various ways, including attracting new members to clubs, helping clubs retain members by providing a positive experience, preparing Lions to serve, or directly benefitting the people we serve.

What is not reportable service?

Many Lions and Leos serve their communities individually, outside of the activities planned by their clubs, districts or multiple districts. Some examples include bringing a meal to a neighbor, driving a parent to a medical appointment, or volunteering at their place of worship. This type of work is important and commendable; however, it should not be reported as a Lions' service activity.