# Why Members Believe Our Club is Unique and Provides Exceptional Service to Our Community

100% of fundraising receipts go to service for the community.

Low pressure organization : no one badgers anyone else for performance, and one donates time &/ effort as they can.

Club is not politically motivated, rather it is people-in-need motivated.

## Health Care

- We serve children with cancer at the SInai cancer center by providing toys several times a year.
- There's an annual diabetes education day this business year, we plan on hosting a Dance to raise awareness.
- We support Camp Merrick where children with juvenile diabetes and hearing impairment can attend summer camp and learn to manage their health issues.
- We conduct preschool vision screening and approximately 10 (ten) percent are referred for further testing.
- We loan medical equipment for free and without limits.
- We conduct programs supporting blind and vision impaired individuals.
- We support Maryland Eye Bank, Lion's Visions Research Foundation, Leader Dog and help with eyeglasses for those in need and collect used glasses to send to Mexico.

#### Youth Programs

- Coordinates Leo (young Lions) programs in two local high schools (Century and Liberty) that encourage youths to develop leadership qualities, as well as aiding in growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- The Leos provide back-to-school supplies to children identified as needing assistance to start school.
- The Leos provide Thanksgiving dinner to approximately 50 families each year.
- The Leos provide Christmas gifts to 75 children in need each year.
- We sponsor Junior CSI program for middle school youth.
- We provide funding to youth programs : robotics, 4-H, football, baseball, and Roar Like a Lion.
- We serve snowballs to participants of Shooting Stars, a program where young athletes play sports alongside developmentally disabled youth.

# **Education**

- We provide an educational program on the history of the American flag to 5th grade students locally.
- We issue 3 academic grants for \$500 each annually.
- We present 3 college scholarships for \$1500 each annually.
- We provide volunteer service awards for \$25 each to six 8th graders and six 12th graders with the most service hours accumulated during the school year.
- We invite the family members as well as principals, to share a meal with us before presentation of the awards.

#### Veteran Organizations

- We provide an annual dinner for veterans from the community and support other veteran needs as appropriate.
- In 2020, we provided grocery store gift cards to veterans in need during COVID-19

# Human Services

- Our social services committee assists programs for the homeless, addiction centers, family shelter, and other requests during the year.
- We offer monetary support, hygiene, and clothing items to area facilities/clinics.
- We donate to local food banks and operated a pop-up food pantry during COVID-19.

- Our annual Feed the Hungry project : we provide prepared food to feed 10,000 people internationally as needed.
- We provide free Hearing tests, hearing aids, and batteries to those in need.
- We support our local Sykesville Fire Department with an annual donation of \$3500.
- We delivered over 1200 face shields to nursing homes and assisted living facilities when they were not able to purchase them at the beginning of the pandemic.
- We support the community at National Night Out we give out our famous French Fries, interact with the community, and pass out emergency awareness packages and pamphlets at this and other community outreach events.

#### International :

• Twin Program with another Lions Club in Sri Lanka

#### Environmental :

- We do clean-up on Road 32 several times annually.
- We maintain a robust trail maintenance schedule, several times annually in local trails such as Piney Run Park and Morgan Run.
- We perform trail clean-up and inspection locally at Freedom Park twice a month, all year long.
- We perform trail clean-up at multiple locations in Liberty Reservoir once a month all year long.

#### **Developmental :**

- We offer opportunities for members to grow into leadership positions.
- Social media team to collaborate, learn, and mentor one another in technology, marketing, and digital outreach.
- Speakers at meetings geared toward pertinent community concerns and provides for Members to network with these influential and helpful leaders.
- Developing projects to attract the next generation of Lion members by forming groups geared toward community service interests of younger adults and their children (trail clean-ups, Christmas tree projects)

## Social :

• We host social events for our members annually : family picnics, trivia nights, and outings in local establishments.

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