

# Families that volunteer together, grow together.

Looking for **FUN** new ways to spend time with your family?

Would you like to work with **FAMILY** members and friends to build a playground, clean up a river or collect food for a food pantry?

Do you want to show your children the importance of **VOLUNTEERING** and helping others?

Are you interested in connecting with other families to **IMPROVE** the area where you live or provide medicine to save the sight of children in Africa?

If so, join other families in a Lions club where you can make a difference in your **COMMUNITY** and in communities around the world.



## *Why volunteer through a Lions club?*

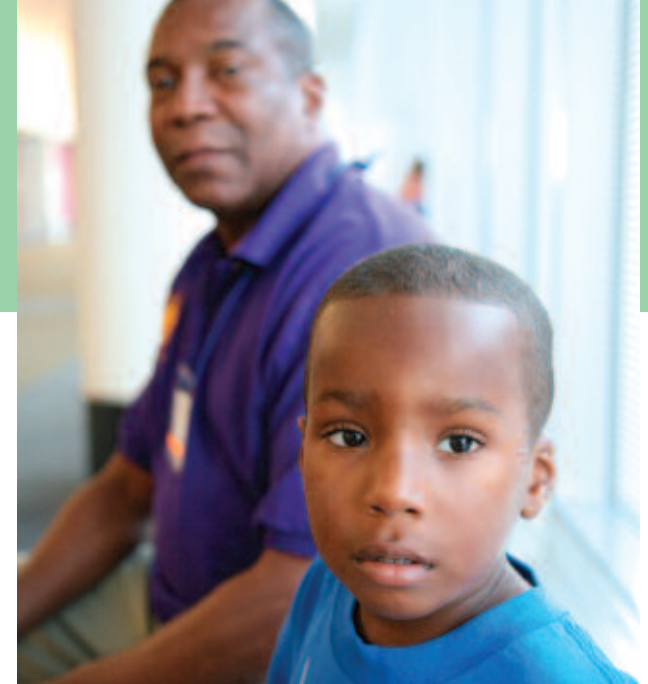
Your family can accomplish much more when you work together with others than alone.

Lions clubs offer a number of community service projects you can participate in, or you can work with other Lions to develop new programs that interest you.

## *Who are Lions?*

Today's Lions are men, women and families who have fun volunteering together and share the satisfaction that comes from helping others.

Lions are a network of 1.3 million people in 200 countries and geographic areas around the world who work together to improve our world.



## *What can my family do as Lions?*

What you do will depend on the needs of your community and the interests of your members. Your family can

- organize a bicycle safety program or a community recycling project
- participate in a Lions youth exchange program and meet Lions from around the world at international conventions
- plant trees at your park or care for a garden at a senior citizens home
- encourage children in your school to learn about peace through the Lions International Peace Poster Contest
- help young people develop life skills and positive values through school-based youth-development programs
- start a Leo club—a club for young people—at your local school to provide service learning opportunities
- collect used eyeglasses to be recycled and distributed to people in need in Bolivia or cell phones for a domestic abuse shelter.

### *What will it cost in time and money to be a Lion?*

Most Lions clubs meet once or twice a month but many have flexible formats and schedules. Since you will be volunteering with your family, this will be time spent together with your children, parents, brothers and sisters or other family members.

You can commit as much time as you wish and as your schedule allows.

There is a one-time entry fee and modest yearly dues. Lions are the first volunteer service organization to offer a reduced family dues plan. You can learn more on the Lions Clubs International Web site. Young people under the age of majority can't become official Lions members, but family clubs welcome them and provide special activities for children.



### *How can my family join a Lions club?*

Clubs are always looking for people who want to make a difference in their community. Contact your local Lions club or tell a Lion that you would like to attend a meeting or help out with a service project to learn more.

Or, join with family and friends who share your interests and want to meet needs in your community to start a Lions club. Consider starting a club at your workplace or a club of people with similar interests, such as families from your children's school or those who are active in sports or music. If your parents and family members of friends live at a retirement center, consider starting a club there—it will be a great way to get multiple generations to have fun together while helping others.

### *How can my family learn more?*

Visit the Lions Clubs International Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). There you can read about the humanitarian work of Lions around the world, learn more about joining or starting a club and use the Become a Member Link to find a club near you.

By **VOLUNTEERING** through a Lions club, your family can make life better for others while enriching your own lives. You can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** for families in your community and people around the world and create family memories that will **LAST A LIFETIME**.



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