

# COPPELL LIONS CLUB

*Serving The Community of Coppell  
and the World Since 1983.*

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## *Letter from the President*

During the past thirty-four years, The Coppell Lions Club has provided thousands of food baskets and thousands of dollars of scholarships. We have also helped countless CISD students with vision care needs. Our local Club and Lions Club International are dedicated to serving anywhere and everywhere, from a global focus to the local community. In addition to the service projects highlighted in this brochure, we continue to expand our projects/programs. We operate a Fill The Pantry Milk Program for Metrocrest Services. We also have a Friendly Visitor Program at local nursing homes and a game shelf for blind and visually impaired at the Coppell Library. We sponsor a Leo Club, a high school service club based on Lions principles designed to give students an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills while engaging in community service. Our Leos learn leadership today, to prepare for leadership tomorrow! Each and every member of our club is proud of our legacy of service to our local community, our country, and around the globe. No matter where – we serve!

You might wonder how it is possible for our club to support and continue to grow our service projects during the past thirty-four years. Beyond the dedication of our members, it is the community wide support of our two major fundraisers and financial sponsorship by the local merchants/businesses. Without this support and financial sponsorship, we would be very limited in what we could do...and more important, should be doing, to help those in need. Please consider partnering with us to continue funding these programs. Your financial support will show the community that your organization values and supports community service, and that you are vested in the ongoing work of the Coppell Lions Club.

Thank you for taking time to review our club's story of service to the community, and I hope we can count on your financial support during the coming year.

Yours in service,

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## *The Story of Coppell Lions Club*

In 2017, Lions Club International celebrates 100 years of global service to those in need, in fact, ***“where there's a need, there's a Lion!”*** is now the official motto of the Lions. The Coppell Lions Club has lived this motto since it was chartered by its founding members over thirty years ago. In fact, three of those charter members are still active in our club!

At that time Coppell was just a Dallas bedroom community of six thousand people, but from day one members of the Coppell Lions Club served those in our community who were in need, specifically with focus on the youth and the elderly. Simple things like taking weekly meals to an elderly shut-in, providing food baskets to needy families during the Christmas holiday, or helping with a utility bill for a family struggling with unemployment. Within a few short years the Coppell Lions, working with the Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, provided a vision clinic, free of charge, to any CISD student who needed glasses but couldn't afford to buy them. A few years later, a scholarship program was established to help CISD students attend college.

As Coppell grew, the Coppell Lions expanded and grew their service projects, and now, in our thirty-fourth year of service to the Coppell Community our club has twelve ongoing service projects plus numerous events that enhance the quality of life in Coppell. A proud history of service to the citizens of Coppell and a lasting commitment to our community because ***“where there's a need, there's a Lion!”***



## Vision Care

### Student Vision Screening & Glasses

At the beginning of the school year, the Coppell Lions Club offers free eye exams to all students in need within the CISD school district. Where glasses are needed, we provide them free of charge! Better vision means helping these kids over a big hurdle and better preparing them to excel. Recently the Lions Club launched a new program, KidSight USA, that is designed to safeguard the vision of children ages six months to six years. Using SPOT Vision Screeners, state of the art technology, users can quickly and easily detect vision issues. Our club plans to partner with local preschools and daycare centers to provide the screening. The first few years of a child's life are critical to a child's vision!

### Recycled Eyeglasses

Each year the Coppell Lions Club collects hundreds of pairs of donated eyeglasses from 14 different locations around the city. We then ship the glasses to recycling centers where they are re-packaged, processed and repurposed for people to use around the world. Along with the recycled glasses initiative, Coppell Lions Club donations help to sponsor eye care clinics across the globe, which provide free eye surgeries for thousands of people who could never otherwise afford them.

### Guide Dog Support

The Coppell Lions Club offers ongoing financial support to the Southeastern Guide Dogs and Leader Dogs for the Blind. These organizations employ the latest in canine development and behavior research, which creates and nurtures partnerships between visually impaired individuals and extraordinary guide dogs. Each year, more than 100 dogs are placed into careers benefitting people with visual impairments and veterans. Just imagine the extent to which lives are changed thanks to these programs.



## Hunger

### Feast of Sharing

Each November, the Coppell Lions Club helps kick-off the holiday season by supporting the Feast of Sharing. Hundreds of holiday meals are provided to the homeless and hungry from across local communities. This is truly a season of sharing and thankfulness, and the Coppell Lions Club wants to ensure that no one is ever forgotten.

### Christmas Food Baskets

The annual Christmas food basket distribution is a major event for the Coppell Lions Club. Each year, we partner with the youth of Coppell ISD, who donate thousands of pounds of canned food to help fill the baskets. Everything that's donated is divided and combined into over one hundred gift baskets, and the Lions Club then adds a turkey, a sack of potatoes, a bag of flour, and a bag of sugar into a basket which they then deliver to a family in need. The true spirit of giving comes alive each holiday season thanks to the faithful commitment of CISD students and Santa's elves from the Coppell Lions Club!

### Sack Summer Hunger

Having enough food during the summer months is a real concern for some students in CISD. The Coppell Lions Club teamed with the Metrocrest Services and Coppell Cares to make sure these children don't miss a single meal during the summer. This year, our club helped deliver 27,400 meals to 183 children over a ten week period. We are proud of the success of this program that our club calls, "every child eats!"

## Youth

### Texas Lions Camp

For over twenty years The Coppell Lions Club has provided volunteers and financial support to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. The Texas Lions Camp is a residential camping facility for children with physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes, and cancer. The purpose of the camp is to provide an atmosphere that helps these kids achieve maximum personal growth and develop self-esteem that they carry with them the rest of their lives. Each year, hundreds of children from across the State of Texas come together in the beautiful Texas hill country for a full week of fun, friends, and wonderful memories...all at no charge to their families.

### Pediatric Cancer

Our club will partner with the Wipe Out Kid's Cancer Foundation to provide "Buddy Bags" to children recently diagnosed with this disease. Each "Buddy Bag" is filled with personal items to ease the transition from home to hospital. Along with each bag comes the love and prayers of all of our club members!



### Diabetes Awareness

1 in 3 U. S. Children will have diabetes in their lifetime, so Lions Club International has developed a program to fight against this disease. Our goals are focused on prevention, control, and research. The Coppell Lions Club will team with other local clubs to provide free blood testing to diagnose diabetes and pre-diabetes. Our local clubs will reach out to the community in an effort to inform and hopefully, improve the health of those at risk. Lions don't stand on the sideline, we serve on the frontline!

### Sports Extravaganza

Each Autumn, the Coppell Lions Club volunteers and financially supports the Region 10 Sports Extravaganza. It is held each year for students with visual impairments. All students compete in various sporting events against those with similar challenges. The Coppell Lions have been especially involved with Goal Ball Events, a team sport designed specifically for blind or low-vision athletes, originally devised in 1946 as a means of assisting the rehabilitation of visually impaired World War II Veterans. There is a meaningful awards ceremony where each youth gets the chance to feel as incredible as we know they are.

### College Scholarships

Education is one of the Lions' Clubs hallmark areas of service in the Coppell Community. Each year, the Coppell Lions Club awards annual college scholarships to worthy high school seniors in Coppell. Since the second year of its existence in 1984, the Coppell Lions Club has granted nearly \$120,000 in scholarships. Over 90% of our scholarships have resulted in a college graduate – illustrating that investing in our youth is a smart way to insure a better future for our community.

### Christmas Toy Program

When the Christmas season rolls around, the Coppell Lions Club partners with the wonderful folks at DFW Re/Max to help Santa provide hundreds of toys, bikes, games and more for children in the Coppell Community. Christmas is a joyous time for children - all children, and the Coppell Lions Club aims to always make sure that stays true.