

# Ruidoso Noon Lions:

The Ruidoso Noon Lions Club, a service organization that began in 1969, serves Ruidoso and other communities in Lincoln County as well as the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The Club's three primary fundraisers, which are the Crafts, Guns, & Collectibles Show, the Chili Cook-Off, and the Antiques & Collectibles Show, (as well as donations from residents and merchants) provide funds (\$20,000-\$25,000) on an annual basis to support our many community service projects as described below. The Ruidoso Noon Lions Club is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations, which are always welcome, are tax deductible as allowed by state and federal regulations. Anyone interested in making a donation or becoming a member, please contact Lions Curt Dimberg (575-630-1947) or Bryson McCool (575-257-0363) or RVNLC PO Box 1130 Ruidoso, NM 88355. [www.ruidosoonions.org](http://www.ruidosoonions.org)



**Lions  
RECYCLE  
For Sight**

The Club collects used eye glasses which are shipped to a recycling plant in TX and then are provided to folks all over the world who cannot afford a pair of glasses. The Club annually collects about 1500 pairs of used eye glasses.



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  
PROGRAM**

The Club supports the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Our mile is on Airport Road.



The Club supports the Santa's Helpers Project with a donation of \$500 as well as helping to assemble gift packages for the children.



The Club provides eye exams and glasses to adults and children in Lincoln County and Mescalero who have no insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid. The Club's annual vision assistance budget is about \$2500.



The Club supports the Lincoln County Food Bank (\$1000), Roadrunner Food Bank (\$500), and Meals On Wheels (\$1000) which provide food to those in need.



The Club supports Christian Services of Lincoln County (\$1500) which provides food and supplies to people in need.



The Club annually supports the Lincoln County Humane Society and Animal Shelter with funds (\$500).



The Club annually supports the Lincoln County Head Start program with funds (\$1000) to help buy coats and shoes for children whose parents cannot afford them.



Leader Dogs for the Blind provide guide dogs to people who are blind or visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life. The Club annually supports this worthwhile cause (\$500).



The Club conducts an annual photo eye screening of preschool children (600-800 ) in Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation. About 6-8% of the children have an eye disorder, which if left undetected and untreated, could lead to learning problems and possibly blindness in the bad eye. The digital camera used by the Club cost \$8000 and picture evaluation cost \$3 per child. The Club's KidSight Program started in 1998 and has since helped Club's all over NM start their programs.



The Club provides an annual donation (\$1000) to LCIF which has provided emergency disaster grants of \$10,000 each for the Kokopelli fire and the 2008 flood in Ruidoso. LCIF recently awarded a \$150,000 grant to the NM Lions Operation KidSight Program.

# 41 Years of Service

The Club presents \$1000 scholarships to outstanding Lincoln County high school seniors. Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in 2010.



The Club makes an annual donation of \$250 to the Run for the Beach Program that provides free mammograms to women who cannot afford them.



The Club makes an annual donation of \$500 to The Nest, a home-away-from-home for abused women.



The Club annually conducts the Peace Poster Contest for students in Lincoln County and Mescalero. The Kits for each school and the money prizes for First Place and two Runner-Ups total \$500.



The Club annually donates \$500 to support The Warehouse which is an after-school community center for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.



The Club annually contributes \$500 to the NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation which assists NM children who are having problems reading and learning.



The Eating Smart summer project, sponsored by the Sierra Dove Global Association, teaches young children the importance of eating the right foods. The Club annually donates \$500 to this program.



The Club annually donates (\$1000) to and participates in the Relay For Life which is a local fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Club also donates funds for travel expenses to local folks who are undergoing cancer treatment.



The Nob Hill School Eye Power Club helps to encourage children to wear their glasses. The Club's annual donation (\$100) is used to buy prizes for children who successfully complete a two week program and become members of the Eye Power Club.



The Club annually donates \$500 to the NM Lions Eye Foundation which sponsors a screening van for Lions Clubs to use to provide free full eye exams and diabetic testing for people who cannot afford it. The Foundation also provides financial aid for eye surgeries to needy people.



Each month, the Club recognizes the Teacher of the Month and the Student of the Month from Capitan and Ruidoso High Schools. The selected students and teachers receive a Certificate of Recognition and a stipend (\$50 for teachers and \$25 for students). Annual cost of the Program is approximately \$1800.



The Club supports the Stranger Danger Program by finger printing young children. The parents are then given the card with the finger prints which they attach the child's picture and can be given to the police in case the child is ever missing.

The Club donated \$500 to the Peace Village Summer Camp which taught kids awareness of the sources of peace and violence, both in others and in ourselves, and to respect diversity, including cultural, spiritual and environmental.



The Club donated \$500 to the Lincoln County Literacy Council which needed funds to buy teaching materials for folks trying to learn English.



The Club sponsored one World War II Vet for the Honor Flight to Washington, DC, to see the World War II Memorial (\$500).