



## ELKHART LIONS 2018-2019 SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. **EAP (Eyeglass Assistance Program)** – Elkhart Lions Club member, Dr. David Britzke, and other Elkhart Eye Professionals provide vision exams and glasses for low income students and adults. In 2018-2019, 109 individuals (69 students and 40 adults) were approved to receive exams and glasses.
2. **ETHOS SCIENCE 2 GO BUS PROJECT** - The Elkhart Lions Club gave \$15,000.00 to sponsor upgrades to the technology on the ETHOS Science 2 Go Bus.
3. **Dictionary Project –1300-1400+** dictionaries are given to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and JAG students in the Elkhart Schools at a cost of over \$3500.00. The dictionaries are used at school and at home.
4. **Youth Arts 2018** – The club helped sponsor Youth Art 2018 in conjunction with the Midwest Museum of Art and National Youth Month.
5. **Youth baseball** - The club sponsored a team in The Osolo Little League
6. **SchoolSight** – The Elkhart Lions helped with the Eye Screenings of 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in 15 public schools. From August, 2018-March, 2019, 5,236 students were screened – **33%** were referred for further testing. **KidSight** – Eye screenings of preschool students. **Head Start** students (419) were screened in the fall. **17%** were referred. Spring screening is conducted in private preschools. 470 preschool and daycare students were screened. **Totals** for both projects –**6,125** students screened from August, 2018, to May, 2019.
7. **Eyeglass collection** – Many members participate by collecting used eyeglasses.
8. **Eyeglass Wash-a-Thons**-Members joined with other lions from our area to wash and recycle over 3000+ pairs of glasses at each wash-a-thon. All together, 18,430 pairs of glasses were recycled from Nov., 2018 to June, 2019, to use in the Eye Glass Mission to Mexico.
9. **Eyeglass Recycling** – Donated eyeglasses have their **prescriptions read and labeled**; glasses are **repaired, sorted, filed** and **boxed** according to prescriptions to be transported to Mexico for the Eyeglass Mission.
10. **Christmas Giving** – Members contributed money and the club matched funds to support the **Mosaic Program** (adopt 2 clients) and **Salvation Army Adopt a Family**
11. **Eyeglass Mission to Mexico** - Several members spent one week in Sept., 2018, in Mexico fitting and distributing eyeglasses to clients. The next mission trip will be in Oct., 2019.
12. **Scholarships** - Money is donated to the Elkhart Dollars for Scholars Fund every year.
13. **Recycling** – Members collect water bottles, medicine bottles and caps, can tabs, and Box Tops for Education. The club collected **over 200 lbs of recyclable plastic** and partnering with the Garden Club turned it into **four park benches** for use in Elkhart. One will be placed in **Walker Park**, one at the **Train Depot**, one at the Elkhart Lions **flagpole** on Main Street, and the fourth one at the **playground at McNaughton Park**.
14. The Elkhart Lions contributed \$200 to fund a year-end picnic for low vision students and their families in Elkhart County.
15. **State Projects.** The club supports **(\$1000@)** the five state projects - Leader Dog, Cancer Control, School for the Blind, Eye and Tissue Bank, and Speech and Hearing.

### FUNDRAISING

16. **Newspaper Sales** – Many members participate by selling ads in *The Lion Tales* and the papers are distributed in December. This is the main fundraiser generating funds for the club's service projects.
17. **Flags From The Heart** – Dedicated flags are flown in Central Park in downtown Elkhart over the Memorial Day weekend. 137 dedicated flags were flown in 2019.
18. **Spring and Fall Chicken BBQ** – Many members participate by selling tickets and working the BBQ.
19. **Rhapsody Art and Music Festival** –Water, hot dogs, soda and popcorn were sold from the concession trailer. Many members participated by working 2-3 hour shifts over three days in June.
20. **Pie Sales.** Pies are sold at Elkhart Municipal Band concerts to raise funds for service projects

### PAST PROJECT

**Loop The Lerner** – The Elkhart Lions Club contributed \$10,000.00 to help wire the Lerner Theatre and Crystal Ballroom to help hearing aid users with amplification. **Centennial Project**