



## Maggie Valley Lions Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired



Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Lions Clubs are found in nearly 200 countries around the world. The **Maggie Valley Lions Club** is one of 45,000 clubs internationally. Our motto is "We Serve".

Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their service to blind and visually impaired people. This service began when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness".

Our **Maggie Valley Lions** continue to accept the challenge to help the blind and visually impaired. We do this by financially supporting Brighter Visions, the Blind Fund, and Lions Club International.

Another concrete way to extend **MV Lions** commitment to sight conservation is to provide receptacles for collecting unneeded glasses. These collected eyeglasses are recycled for distribution in developing countries year-round. Over 700,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses were provided throughout the African Continent last year! May is **Lions Recycle for Sight Month**. The MV Lions are choosing May to distribute collection boxes at numerous locations throughout Maggie Valley and the Jonathan Creek area. In just about every home one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life.

In addition, Lions also collect unneeded **hearing aids** and **cell phones**. Lions work with partner hearing care professionals to serve individuals in the United States with hearing impairment who cannot afford hearing aids. Your old cell phone can raise funds to help needy causes.

### How can you help?

Donate a pair of eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones and change someone's life. Please drop off your usable eyewear, hearing aids, and cell phones into the Lions sponsored collection box located in your Town Hall Foyer.

Please contact **Lion Bill Chamberlin** at **(321)246-3667** for questions or if your box is full and needs to be emptied.

Sincerely,

The Maggie Valley Lions Club