

Vermont Lions

Who Are We?

We are your neighbors.

We are men and women of all ages and from all walks of life. We have one thing in common: we have joined the world's largest service organization to help those in need in our communities, in our state, our country and around the world.

Vermont Lions have 34 clubs in a single district that covers the entire state. We are known as District 45 in Lions Clubs International, which has 1.4 million members across the world. Key Contacts in District 45

District Officers for 2017-2018

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Contact any of these officers Or visit our website at www.vermontlions.org

Where Are We?

We have clubs in: Arlington Barre Bennington Brandon-Forest Dale Brattleboro Castleton Colchester Derby **Enosburg Falls** Essex Junction Georgia Granville, NY Heartland (So. Royalton) Jericho-Underhill Londonderry Manchester Marble Valley (Rutland) Middlebury Norshaft (N. Bennington/Shaftsbury) Norwich Orleans Pittsford Readsboro Richford Route 100 (Rochester) Springfield Strafford Swanton Trov Valley (Newfane) Vergennes Whitingham-Halifax Williston Area Windsor



What Do We Do?

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Ever since then, we have concentrated on helping those with sight and hearing impairments. We help purchase eyeglasses and hearing aids. We provide free KidSight vision screening to district youths to identify vision impairment early and prevent avoidable vision issues in adulthood. We recycle used eyeglasses, sending them to areas in need. We conduct diabetes awareness education and screening, give scholarships to our youths, and operate the Green Mountain Lions Camp for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. We build handicap access ramps, host food drives, even take senior citizens on outings. We serve our neighbors, our less fortunate, our youth, our communities and our nation

As an International organization, we participate in efforts to prevent blindness and improve vision; eradicate measles; fight pediatric cancer and diabetes; alleviate hunger; protect the environment; and provide natural disaster relief.

We are a fellowship of people who want to make a difference in the lives of those who need our help. Our clubs focus on their community's needs. The International Motto says it all:





How do I get more information?

Go to our district website at <u>www.vermontlions.org</u> or contact one of the district officers listed on this pamphlet.

Who can become a member?

Anyone over the age of 18 who wants to serve their community can be a Lion.

There is no club in my area. Can I start a club in my town?

Absolutely! A club can be started with as few as 20 caring community members. Contact the district membership chairperson for assistance.

How do I join an existing club?

Contact your local Lions club or one of their members for a membership application. Membership is by club invitation, so let them know you are interested in joining.