



We Serve. As Lions, its why we exist.

We serve in many different ways. Some of the key ways include service as “Knights of the Blind” performing vision screening, eyeglass recycling, and Lions eye banks. Other ways include diabetes screening, awareness, diabetes camps, and diabetes support groups. An we serve through youth camps and exchange.

We serve at different levels. Internationally, we serve through LCIF disaster relief grants, childhood cancer, the environment, and hunger. At the state level, we have the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, support for training the blind, and hearing aid recycling.

At the local level, my club supports the food bank, scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and the local men’s and women’s shelters, just to name a few.

The one level we seem to be missing is at the district level. As your 9NW Global Service Team coordinator, I would like to try and develop a district service project. Hopefully, the project would benefit the communities within our district, be something that fits into our Lions service goals, would fill a need within the district, and district Lions would be willing to contribute their time, talents, and treasure to.

So far I have come up with two potential projects. The first is to work at the food distribution center in Des Moines that supports the food banks in our area. The second is to purchase a trailer and stock it with equipment for cooking meals for first responders when called to a disaster. I would appreciate your thoughts about these potential projects and/or other projects you can think of.

Since I’d like to get a project running before the end of the Lions’ year, I’d appreciate feedback no later than September first. You may e-mail me at iatiger@frontiernet.net, call me at **(515) 408-8145** (leave a voice mail), or write to me at 3010 20th Ave. N., Ft. Dodge, 50501.

One final note – whenever you serve, however you serve, please make sure your service is reported to LCI. If you don’t know how to report your service, contact me and I’ll guide you through it. It is easy.

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