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Club Events and News

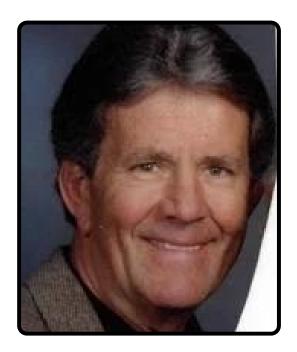


YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND A SISTERING LIONS CLUBS MEETING OR EVENT AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR. THIS **HELPS WITH COMMERODERATY AND GROWTH.**

Club Anniversaries

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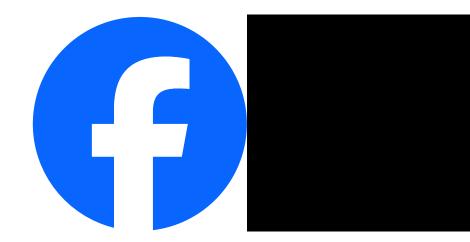
Thomas "Tom" Hinds, age 84, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on November 15, 2025. Tom was born in Salem, Indiana and graduated from Ball State University. He worked for Price Waterhouse Accounting firm. Tom and his wife Marilyn, who is also a Lion, moved to Ocala when they retired. They were both very active members of the Ocala Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Award in recognition of their efforts. Tom also encouraged many friends to become members. Tom will be missed for his caring and commitment to helping others.

Memorial donations can be made to <u>The Michael J. Fox</u> Parkinson's Foundation.



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Alachua Lions Club



The Lions Club was excited today to provide much needed coats to Alachua Elementary today with the help of the Alachua Police Dept



Our Lions were out in force today at the Just Between Friends sale giving FREE eye screenings for kids!





Cedar Key Lions Club

Cedar Key Lions delivered 16 cans of powdered infant formula to the Tri County Resource Center in Chiefland. Infant formula is in high demand and short supply in the communities we serve. The decision to gift them to the Tri County Resources was made after checking in with the local food pantry in Cedar Key, who deferred the donation to Tri County as their need was higher. The Tri County Resource Center has been working closely with the Lions Club of Cedar Key for the last few years, connecting resident who are in need of Eye Exams and Glasses to the Cedar Key Lions program that provides the service for underserved families for free. The two organizations missions align perfectly to aid our communities, and the collaboration has enhanced the outreach ability for both the Tri County Resource Center and the Cedar Key Lions club to assist more people each year.

In the photo from Left to Right are, Robert Belair, Beverly Goodman, Susan Leach, and Donna Bushnell









The Century Lions Club proudly hosted their Century Lions Cross Country 5K Run/Walk on October 11, and this year's event was a tremendous success. Participation more than doubled compared to 2024, reflecting the growing community support for both the club and its mission. Runners and walkers of all ages came out to enjoy the course, promote healthy living, and support the Lions' ongoing service initiatives. The Century Lions Club extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who registered, volunteered, and cheered—your involvement made this year's 5K the best one yet!





Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club

FALLING WATERS LIONS CLUB OF CHIPLEY

4th Annual Blankets with a Soul



Drop-Off Locations

A-Plus Insurance Boxcar Coffee Westpoint Outlet Fla Choppas Barbershop

Keith Lawton

850.260.9830

chipleyfallingwaterslionsclub@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/FWLionsClubChipley



Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club





Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club

A NIGHT YOU'LL NEVER SEE COMING!



Join us for an unforgettable, eye-opening evening as we step into the world of those who live with vision loss every day. This unique event raises awareness and supports Lions vision programs.

February 5, 2026 6:00 PM CST

New Life Fellowship Church Fellowship Hall 695 5th St, Chipley



\$35 per person \$60 per couple \$180 table of 6

Contact:
Brittny Young
for tickets and info
lionbrittny@gmail.com
850.832.6777

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO DINE IN THE DARK?





Authentic Life Church Food Pantry · Follow

November 24 at 12:50 PM · 🚱

Thank you Crawfordville Lions Club for your thoughtful and generous donation to our food pantry!

If you're looking to donate non perishable items we always welcome donations!

Our pantry serves anywhere from 40-80 families each month. This is not your average drive thru food distribution! It's a "choice pantry" each visitor is able to choose what they can use and we offer prayer before they leave!

We pray we can contine to help families within wakulla county who needed a little help getting dinner on the table in 2026!.

#thankfulgratefulblessed

#BlessedToBeABlessing

#GodistheCEO



Crestview Lions Club



🖀 Introducing Our First Vlog & Blog Series! 🖀

The Crestview Lions Club is proud to launch the very first in our new series of vlogs and blogs through the Crestview Lions Foundation!

In this inaugural episode, we sit down with Edward Mitchell Jr. — Lions Club member, cofounder of Dinner at Dad's, and the driving force behind Crestview's first-ever Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic.

Edward shares his passion for service, what inspired him to bring RAM to our community, and how this project will change lives by providing free medical, dental, and vision care to those in need.

Stay tuned as we highlight more stories of service, compassion, and community impact through our upcoming episodes!

← Watch the full interview now on our Crestview Lions Foundation website and follow us for future updates! https://crestviewlionsfoundation.com/vlog-1bring-hope-home/





Crestview Lions Club







Crestview Lions Club



👦 Welcome to the Pride, Lion Diane Williams! 🎉

Please join us in congratulating and warmly welcoming our newest member, Diane Williams, to the Crestview Lions Club! We're excited to grow alongside her and look forward to the passion and energy she'll bring to our service projects and our community.

A special thank you to Lion Christopher Howard for sponsoring her and sparking her interest in becoming a Lion.

Welcome to the Pride, Lion Diane! We're glad you're here!











Crestview Lions Club



Merry Grinch-mas, Crestview!

The Crestview Lions Club had an amazing time today at the Crestview Holiday Market on Main Street! We even snapped a photo with The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who themselves!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello, and shared the holiday cheer. Your support helps us continue serving our community all year long.

Wishing you all a wonderfully Merry Grinch-Miss!

- Crestview Lions Club



Congratulations to our Gun Raffle Winner — Chris Hoover!

A huge Lion-sized thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraiser. Your generosity helps the Crestview Lions Club provide vision assistance, hearing services, and community projects right here at home.

Please join us in congratulating Chris Hoover on winning the raffle! Also thank AA Tactical for being shuch a great community parnter, your support means a lot.



Dunnellon 2 Lions Club

SANTA'S GIFT

WRAPPING SERVICE

Let us wrap your holiday gifts for donations!

All proceeds support local community service projects.

Event Dates:

- Thursday, December 11th AT 5:00PM TO 7:30PM
- Saturday, December 13th AT 5:30 TO 8:30
- Q Location:

Rainbow Lakes Estates Community Center

→ What We Offer:

- · Beautiful holiday wrapping
- Friendly volunteers
- · Help support your local Dunnellon 2 Lions Club





FWB Lioness Club

The Fort Walton Beach Lioness Club

Proudly Offers

The White House Commemorative Presidential Christmas Ornaments for 2025!



This year's ornament:



The Official 2025 White House Christmas Ornament celebrates the 150th anniversary of State Dinners at the Executive Mansion. Hand assembled, the ornament design is cut from delicate brass, etched, and printed with enamel ink and finished with 24-karat gold for the ultimate holiday shine. It features two highly recognizable plates from the White House State china collection.

The FWB Lioness Club has a wide selection of ornaments from previous years, commemorating such Presidents as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, JFK, and more!

This Hand-Crafted official ornament is priced at \$27.00, plus shipping and handling of \$7.00

Please contact Lion Mary Ogletree, <u>mecofwb@aol.com</u> or Lion Helen Key, <u>helengkey@yahoo.com</u>



Graceville Lions Club

The Graceville Lions Club held its annual Homecoming BBQ Fundraiser on Friday, October 17 in conjunction with Graceville School's Homecoming activities. The local club sold over 250 plates with funds going back into the community through the organization's eyeglass and scholarship programs. Pictured are several of the members who volunteered their time on Friday, from left, Jennifer Bryan, Reta Cordell, Sonny Fortunato, Cindy Brooks, Michael Brooks, Donna Ohaneson, Lamar Barefoot, Gary Golden, and Ron Barber.





Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club

Middleburg, Winn-Dixie and manager, David and part of his team presented the Middleburg Black Creek Lions, a \$500 donation to help those needing food thru their Local Hearts, Full Plates initiative.







Gulf Breeze Lions Club

Building Confidence, Skills, Community, and our Club

November was a busy and exciting month for our newly formed club. We conducted 31 drawings for our \$500-A-DAY-GIVEAWAY Fundraising raffle starting on Halloween and ending at the Lion exhibit at the Gulf Breeze Zoo on November 30th. It has been a tremendous amount of work, and we have learned a lot of lessons along the way, but it has been very rewarding. We have been able to build our presence in the community by conducting our drawings at local business establishments and organizations on Facebook Live. Our Facebook page has gotten over 21,500 views and we gained over 160 followers in the last 30 days.

Most importantly, we have added 3 new members to our club this past month. Please welcome Lions Gayle Piret, Charles Collins and Joy Enneking to our club! We have also raised money for our General Fund/Activities Account. The support from the local community has been amazing and much appreciated. Many of the local businesses donated some amazing 2nd & 3rd chance prizes to our raffle drawings, making it even more fun and exciting.

In addition to these recent activities, we have also been able to establish 5 eyeglass collection locations in the community since our club formed in April of this year.

As we look ahead to the coming months, the Gulf Breeze, FL Lions Club remains committed to strengthening our club and serving the needs of our community. We extend our gratitude to every member, volunteer, business, and supporter who helped make November a success. Your continued participation and generosity keep our mission strong. Together, we carry forward the proud tradition of Lionism in Gulf Breeze.

WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.













On Friday October 31st, the High Springs Lions Club hosted SCARYOKE! A night of karaoke and a costume contest! Lots of ghouls and goblins were in attendance...and a lot of 'who are yous' as well.

Winners were determined by attendee votes.

First prize: Marge and Homer Simpson

Second prize: Uncle Fester Third prize: Holy Hottie

All proceeds were donated to our local children's charities. Great turnout and an amazing time was enjoyed by all!!



























On Saturday November 1st, our club members, Katie and Delbert hosted a charity bike ride for children in need of Christmas cheer! A total of \$2220 was raised for The Dream Machine.

On Tuesday November 18th, a check in the amount of \$620 was presented to Fort White Thrift store. These funds were raised through our most recent yard sale and our Coins for Kids in-house program.

The High Springs Lions Club has partnered with this local community charity hub, for the past three years.

This years donations were ear marked for blessing boxes to provide food for those in need.

The High Springs Lions Club is both honored and blessed to be part of these local charity organizations.









On Thursday November 27th, the High Springs Lions Club hosted their annual community Thanksgiving dinner! Lots of homemade goodies were enjoyed Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravies and stuffing were among the delicious offerings! We had an amazing turnout of approximately 80 plus attendees. The weather was perfect! A couple of our musically talented members surprised us with an impromptu set outdoors! What an awesome day! Looking forward to next years event already!



























































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Interlachen Lions Club



Jacksonville Arlington Lions Club



The Arlington Lions Club visited The Carpenter's Shop Center and conducted eye screenings for over 100 children!

The Lions Club's mission is to help individuals receive eyeglasses, vision treatment, and now even hearing aid assistance—and we're so grateful for their partnership in serving our community.

A huge thank you to the Arlington Lions Club and Jax River City Lions Club for your heart to serve and make a lasting difference!







Jax Beaches Lions Club

WE ARE LIONS CLUB Jax Beaches







Jax Beaches Lions Club

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Our Lion Susan was out with Newagehippy in Neptune Beach, FL, and the results were incredible:

In just 3 hours, they collected:

127 pairs of eyeglasses 🤩

4 sets of hearing aids 🤊

Thank you to Susan and everyone who stopped by and helped to give these items a second life!





Lion Nick Mendler is dropping off the collected low vision aids to Dr. Jordan at the Brooks Rehab Low Vision Center.





Lions Club table at the Icemen game!





JACKSONVILLE RIVERSIDE/ARGYLE WEST

The North Augusta Lions Club was proud to support the inaugural North Augusta Beautification Foundation Wine Walk. Thank you to our sister club Riverside Argyle Westside Lions Club for

joining us.











Recently, I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker at Live Oak Lions Club 75th Anniversary. I was so excited to see the "original" charter being displayed. So many times, the original charter is misplaced and there is really no way to produce a new one. It's truly one of a kind.

I was also happy to see all Lions proudly wearing their yellow Lions vests. This makes me very happy when I visit clubs, and I see a sea of yellow.

Attendance Awards were given to long time Lions. Lion Edward Howell for his 50 years of honorable service. Lion Bob Dawson for 30 years of honorable service. Lion Gerald Herring received an appreciation award for his many laughable years of being the club's Tail Twister.

An Appreciation Award was presented to the Live Oak Shop for the years of Ms. Tiny offering her back room for the twice-a-month meetings.

The Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Director, Marie Knapp, was in attendance to offer her appreciation to the Live Oak Lions for their very important involvement in the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

I was honored to see several of the Leo members in attendance at this celebration. Live Oak Lions Club has been very instrumental in giving guidance to these young Leos.

You can't forget Lion Cheryl Nolte, who was present and taking all the wonderful pictures you see in this article.

However, as a District Governor, I am sure this club will go on for many years because these Lions have what it takes to help the community and the younger generation. They understand the importance of being Lions and I am honored to be their District Governor.

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RayCooke School's Leo Club



Bob Dawson received a 30 year service award.



Gerald Herring was given a special award for 50 years of service as a Lion.



Edward Howell was given a special award for 50 years of service as a Lion.

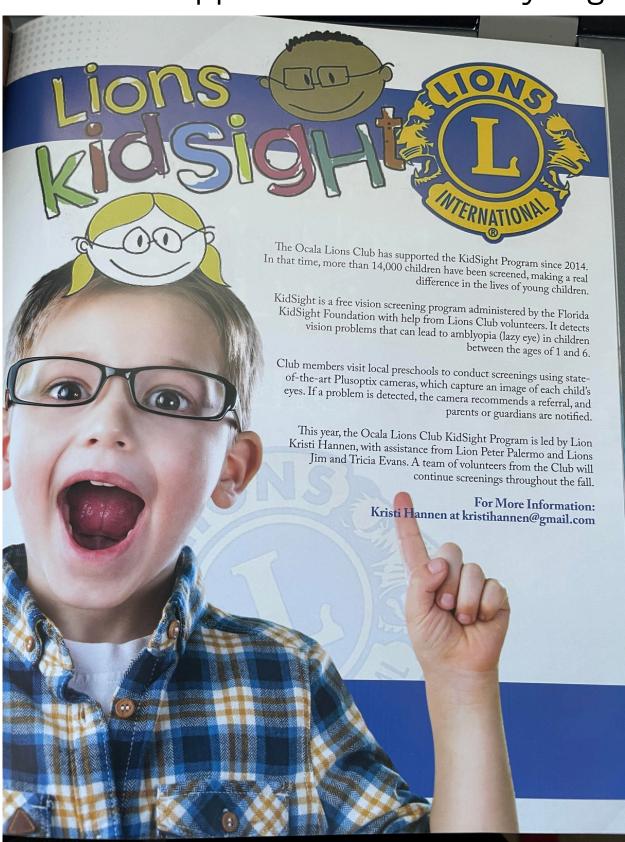






Ocala Lions Club

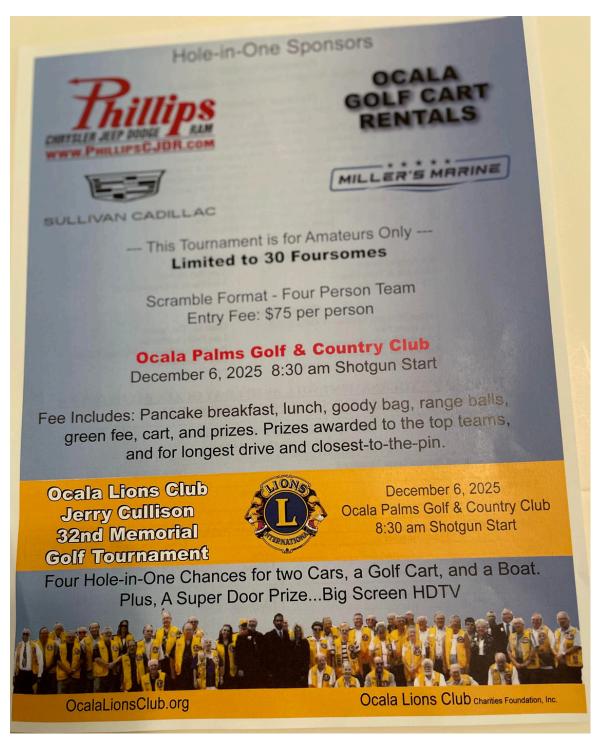
An article that appeared in the Charity Register.





Ocala Lions Club

The Ocala Lions Club Jerry Cullison 32nd Memorial Golf Tournament December 6, 2025 Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club 8:30 am Shotgun Start







LIGHT UP OCALA

What a day! Lion Gray Henschen and Lion Bob Barto helped the Silver Springs Lions unload their trailer, set up the canopy, tables, chairs and coolers. Then at 3 pm the main crew of Lions Toni Ancrum, Alan Verrier, Sandy Verrier, Susan Oliva, Pat Greaves, Helen Anderson, Patti Barto and Bob Barto supported the members of the Silver Springs Lions to cook and sell funnel cakes, drinks, and deep-fried snickers. It was a very busy evening, but well worth the effort as they share the proceeds of the evening with our club. You could not have asked for a better night with mild temperatures and great camaraderie.









A great fund raiser!!! As a club we sold over 700 this year for an all-time high. Coupled with the Dunnellon 2 Lions Club we placed an order for 903 flowers. We anticipate delivery on December 3-5 to Lion Gray Henschen's home in Ocala Palms. We can use a lot of hands to help with the unloading process.

FOR THE RECORD

48 LBS Aluminum Tabs turned into Ronald McDonald House

800 Pair Eye Glasses sorted and turn in.





Ocala 200 Lions Club

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His House for Her, Inc. · Follow

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Thank you to the Ocala 200 Lions Club for inviting us to share our mission a couple weeks ago. Thank you especially for the warm invite, Bob & Patti Barto and John Aaron. I loved hearing the Lions Prayer:

"Where Lions meet to be present, Lord, to weld our hearts in one accord. To do thy will, Lord, make us strong; to aid the weak and right the wrong."

Lions volunteer in 8 global causes—Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, the Environment, Humanitarian Need, Hunger, Vision, and Youth.

#allforher #livesurrendered #volunteersmakeadifference







The Lions Club "Pawtastic" Halloween Dog Parade is over and the weather cooperated on October 28, allowing pets and parents to participate. Our sponsors for the event included the Poms Dance and Cheer club and the SPCA. The Poms sponsored the "most colorful" costume or the costume that best showcased a cheerleader. We did not have the participation we hoped for but it was our first time for this event. The photo shows one of our participants. Our fund-raising chair Lion Norma developed a fun, interesting and new way to introduce residents to our Lions Club. Thank you to all members who participated in this event.

Director, Todd Belknap from Vets Helping Vets came to our club and shared with our members the needs and the services provided by Veterans Helping Veterans to the Marion County veteran community. They are a stand-alone, donation driven, non-profit organization. We were able to present a \$1,000.00 check to him for this important county organization.

At this writing, our services committee, led by Lion Eileen is preparing to deliver 107 Thanksgiving meals. Our club members participate in completing the meal packages with fresh produce donated by O'Steen's Market, Walmart Market as well as Sunrise Harvest. We are very fortunate to have partners, like Super Walmart and the Walmart Market as well as other local vendors such as Sunrise produce and O'Steen's market that assist us in gathering and packaging the traditional meal.

On November 19 we will complete the meals by gathering the turkeys and non-perishable goods from Super Walmart on state road 200 and deliver them to several of our school families in three different Marion County schools Dunnellon, Saddlewood and College Park Elementary, the Ritz Veterans lodge and to Vets helping Vets. This year we were able to expand our donations to meet the greater need because of the success of last years' Casino Night fundraiser.

Our current community services event is our annual Toys for Tots Christmas tree which is on display in the lobby of the Recreation Center. This year you'll find our tree decorated with candy canes instead of tags. Please bring a toy for any child ages newborn to 12 years old and leave it in the box, unwrapped and we will deliver them to Toys for Tots. If you care to, take a candy cane in exchange for the toy. The last date for donations is December 10.

We have been increasing our members these past few months and are always looking for folks that would like to participate in the services we provide to our community. If you are interested come to the Arbors Conference Center Event room at 5:00 p.m., we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, come enjoy our company and learn about our club.

If you would like further information, you may contact Bert Perkins, she is our membership chair at 909-262-8407.





Ocala OTOW Lions Club



OTOW Lions next service activity for Thanksgiving was this past week. We gathered food and put together Thanksgiving dinner for 107 needy families in the area.







Orange Park Lions help fuel the latest Impact Clay Train stop at Grove Park Elementary School in their hometown!

The latest stop of the Impact Clay Train of 2025 was at Grove Park Elementary School in Orange Park on a beautiful Saturday Morning from 10 AM till noon in November. The train served with the help of over 90 volunteers who provided services for 228 folks who showed up to visit the latest "Train Stop." Some of the services and items offered included Clothing from Seeds of Love Outreach,



Medical services from the Emmanuel project, and food served by the Salvation Army. The train counts included 250 hot mails served to visitors and volunteers, 13 haircuts given, 10 patients served by the medical car, and the Lions Club performed 30 vision screenings for adults and children. The Lions who worked together to do those screenings (featured in picture from left to right): Erika Gilbert, Tricia Hammer (helping from the Jax Beaches Lions Club), Don Minor and Kitty Minor. See you all at the next Impact Clay Train on Saturday December 20th at Green Cove Springs JR. High School from 10AM till Noon. I heard that Santa and the Grinch may be there.









Orange Park Lions add 3 new members and receive a special membership award

The Lions Club of Orange Park continues to grow. At a recent November meeting 3 new members were added to their Club for the 2nd year in a row. The club now has the highest grown percentage in the area. They recently received an award from the District Governor Suzie Rodgers signed by Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira for their 100%-member retention in the past year. 3 New members: Brian Homminga, Kaleb Boone, and Krionnie Gates were sworn in by the District 1st Vice Governor George Niles. Also taking part in the ceremonies were President Carl Crosby, sponsor Lelon Vencil, sponsor Kezia Check, and stand in sponsor Mike Poweleit. The potluck dinner at the meeting was enjoyed by all.



Back row (Carl Crosby, Lelon Vencil, Kezia Check, Mike Poweleit, 1VDG George Niles) Front row (Kaleb Bone, Krionnie Gates, and Brien Homminga)



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District Governor Suzie Rodgers presenting Club President Carl Crosby award







Eye Spy Foundation

November 23 at 5:24 PM · 🚱

What an incredible Saturday at Riverside Park for the 2025 Vision Is Priceless Strides for Sight Walk & Festival! On the Eye Spy Foundation had a blast running the Sensory Games Station and connecting with so many families, advocates, and community partners.

Huge appreciation to our amazing friends who helped make the day a success:

Orange Park Lions Clubfor providing on-site vision screenings

Jacksonville Arlington Lions Club & for sharing resources with families

Q UF Health Jacksonville for volunteering and supporting vision care in our region

And of course—major cheers to the Vision Is Priceless staff for hosting such an impactful event for the Jacksonville community. 💸

Together, we're strengthening vision health, accessibility, and support across Northeast Florida.













St Augustine Lions Club





St Gerard Campus · Follow November 22 at 9:26 AM · ❖

A huge thank you to the St. Augustine Lions Club for blessing St. Gerard with a generous donation yesterday.

Your support helps our moms and babies continue to grow, thrive, and feel the love of this community. We are so grateful!

@lionsclubs

#staugustine #stgerardcampus #communitylove #gratefulhearts #thankyou





Tallahassee Lions Club





Turkey Creek Lions Club



Catholic Charities Gainesville · Follow

November 5 at 10:35 AM · 🕙

Yesterday was a truly remarkable day for our community! Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Queen of Peace Catholic Community Gainesville, FL who donated an astonishing 1200 pounds of food, and the Turkey Creek Lions Club, who contributed 370 pounds of food, we were able to provide essential food items to a staggering 117 families in need. We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion of these two organizations, whose selfless acts have made a tangible difference in the lives of so many. Their contributions have not only filled empty plates, but have also brought hope and joy to those who needed it most. We are honored to have partners like the Queen of Peace Community and the Turkey Creek Lions Club, who share our commitment to serving our community and making a positive impact. Thank you again for your unwavering support!





Yulee Nassau County Lions Club



We are so excited to participate in this wonderful community event sponsored by the Community Stewards of Yulee. For the third year, Community Stewards of Yulee are hosting a holiday light decorating contest, "Light Up Yulee" and are encouraging homeowners and businesses west of the Shave Bridge to Tributary (just west of I-95) and on US 17 south and north to the County line to decorate their properties for the holiday season.



