

About Our Foundation

In August 1969, the Lions Clubs of Northern Virginia received calls for help from fellow Lions in Nelson County, Virginia as they tried to help neighbors and relatives who lost food, clothing, and in some cases everything they owned as Hurricane Camille settled in the mountains west of Charlottesville, Virginia.

The clubs organized drives for contributions of materials, clothing, blankets, food, and medicine, but all this took precious time during which large numbers of people suffered. The inability to respond quickly in a natural disaster prompted District leaders to lay the groundwork for a statewide foundation operated by all of the Lions Districts in Virginia. By the summer of 1972 the State Corporation Commission had approved the Articles of Incorporation and the Lions of Virginia Foundation was officially born.

Since that time, LOVF has provided humanitarian services statewide. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors composed of the Past District Governors that have served in the preceding two years; current International Officers; the six elected District LOVF chairpersons; and the Past Presidents of the Foundation. All board members are active members of Virginia Lions Clubs and serve on a volunteer basis.

If you would like more information on the Lions of Virginia Foundation or would like to apply for a grant award, please contact your respective District Governor, elected District LOVF chairperson, or any other member of the LOVF Board of Directors.

or

Visit our website: www.lovf.org



Virginians Helping Virginians Through



*Emergency Aid and
Statewide Humanitarian Efforts for
Greater Service through Lionism*

*The Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc. is a
public non-profit 501(c)(3).
Your contributions may be tax deductible.*

LIONS OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) was created in 1972. Since that time, LOVF has provided humanitarian services statewide. The Foundation has lived up to the Lions motto "We Serve" by helping people in need and by implementing programs throughout the state of Virginia.

Grants Funded **126**

Funds Distributed **~\$1,000,000**

How To Contribute

There are several ways to contribute to the Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc. Please choose the option that best suits your giving wishes:

- A **General Contribution** to Lions of Virginia Foundation
- By honoring a special individual with the **Distinguished Humanitarian Award** (*Cost is \$750 which may be spread over 3 payments*)
- By honoring a Distinguished Humanitarian recipient with a **Progressive Award** (*Cost is \$750 and recipient must already be a Distinguished Humanitarian*)
- A **Designated Contribution to the Special Needs Equipment Fund** (*These contributions may not be applied to the Distinguished Humanitarian or Progressive Awards*)
- A bequest or trust

Contributions should be mailed to:
Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc.
5004 Colonial Avenue, SW
Roanoke, VA 24018-3916

Or given to your District LOVF Chairperson



We Serve

Our proud history of sharing the love of Virginia includes:

- **Humanitarian Services** that provide equipment for those visually and hearing impaired through the **Lions Special Needs Equipment Program**
- **Disaster and emergency relief** following hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods, as well as the construction of community centers and purchasing mobile homes for those affected by disasters in Virginia
- **Youth assistance** by providing matching grants and loans for youth camps and exchange programs
- Partial funding for large **Community Projects** not able to be sustained by individual Lions Clubs
- Funding for **Statewide Initiatives** such as Prevent Blindness's construction sight

LOVF support of our current grant project adds 33 school systems, 244 schools and 34,000 students to the more than 350,000 children already receiving our certified screenings each year.

