

## What is a Lion?

Lions are people from all walks of life who work together to answer the needs that challenge our communities.

Our motto is **WE SERVE**, but it is more than just a motto-it is a philosophy. Our main mission is to end preventable blindness by diagnosing and treating eye disease and diabetes. We also focus on the needs of our friends and neighbors in East Haddam. Lions provides us with the opportunity to give back something right here in our own community.

This June we elected a new Board of Directors, and we are eagerly planning FUNdraisers and service projects for the coming year. Did you know that all of the profits raised by the Club are returned to the community through service projects, direct donations to community organizations and foundations supported by the Lions International? Last year funds were distributed to the Red Cross, Bethsaida (a woman's shelter), the East Haddam Food and Fuel Banks, East Haddam Youth and Family Services, East Haddam Safe Halloween, East Haddam Little League, both Town Libraries, East Haddam Land Trust, East Haddam Senior Housing, Music on the River, Peace Poster Contest, Project Graduation, Scholarships, Camp Rising Sun ( children with cancer), CLERF-Conn. Lions Eye Research Foundation, Fidelco Guide Dogs, CRIS Radio (CT radio info system), District 23C Diabetes, and the Low Vision Center of Eastern CT.

Please take the time to look through our web pages to learn about us. If you are looking for a way to help and support your community, consider the **East Haddam Community Lions Club**. We have seen new and old friendships grow as members find ways to become a "A *Beacon of Hope*". You too can help make a difference in someone's life this year.

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