

# MD31L-News

Caring for our Community  
&  
Loving our Lions Pride

EDITION IV  
STORM RECOVERY

## UPDATES

To our knowledge, all lions in District 31L are safe.  
Clubs we have not been able to reach: Marion & East Gastonia


## HELP NEEDED

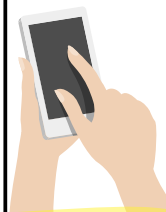


Lion and Council Chair George Suggs needs lots of help with manpower in the relief efforts that he is running out of his business' warehouse, Milkco, located in Asheville. Thank you to Lion PDG Bob Roland and his wife for help. Let's see if we can gather more help.

Please contact George if you are able to help.

[district directory: President/Secretary of the Sand Hill Lions Club].

 220 Deaverview Rd, Asheville, NC 28806



PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE  
of your lions' and community's  
needs so that we can be there to  
support you!

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## IMPORTANT!

In these hard times, we are working to support our community members and lions effected by Hurricane Helene. In being good stewards of funds raised by the public to go to support the public and to maintain the trust of the public, we must remember as we help our communities rebuild that the Lions International Constitution does not permit public funds to be used benefit a lions club member.

In supporting the rebuilding of Western North Carolina, this is why donations are being delivered to local churches, food banks, and the like so that donated items are available to all community members. Lions effected by the disaster may benefit if the items are made public and not exclusively to Lions. Additionally, all contributions to the community must be tangible. For example, gift cards may not be passed out to those effected by the disaster. Lions may make personal monetary donations to another lion.

**IF YOU WISH TO HELP A FELLOW LION WHO HAS EXPERIENCED GREAT LOSS, CONSIDER ASKING A LOCAL CHURCH OR OTHER CHARITY ENTITY OF LEADING A FUNDRAISER THAT YOU WILL ASSIST WITH; HOWEVER, FUNDS CANNOT BE RAISED FOR A FELLOW LIONS WHILE USING THE LIONS CLUB NAME.**



The support Western North Carolina Relief efforts through donations to North Carolina Lions Foundation is unreal! The support is incredible with Lions and community members from all over the country showering our community with love. As of October 24th, NCLF has received at least \$80k in donations and packages of donations brought from NCLF's Amazon Wish-List are arriving like it is Christmas at Santa's workshop. Additionally, there are at least two more truckloads of donations expected to be delivered by Lions from out of state in the coming weeks including the group of lions from Maryland that collected and drove down donations just a couple of weekends ago. NCLF is continuing to reach out to each club located in the affected areas, inquire their needs, and deliver supplies to them based on their needs from donated items and using donated disaster relief funds to the Foundation. Since, the beginning of the relief efforts weeks ago, NCLF continues to make between four or five trips up the mountain per week.

District 31L has directly received \$4,500 in donations from Lions Clubs across the country including from NC, NY, NH, and more. The \$15k grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation has officially closed. The money was spent to purchase food from MDI that was delivered to affected areas.



Visit the NCLF website: <https://nclf.org>  
and click on "DONATE TODAY"  
You will be redirected to the Zeffy page  
Be sure to note that donation is for Western  
NC Disaster Relief

Donations can be made out to and mailed to  
NCLF at PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford NC 28673-  
note in memo Disaster Relief.

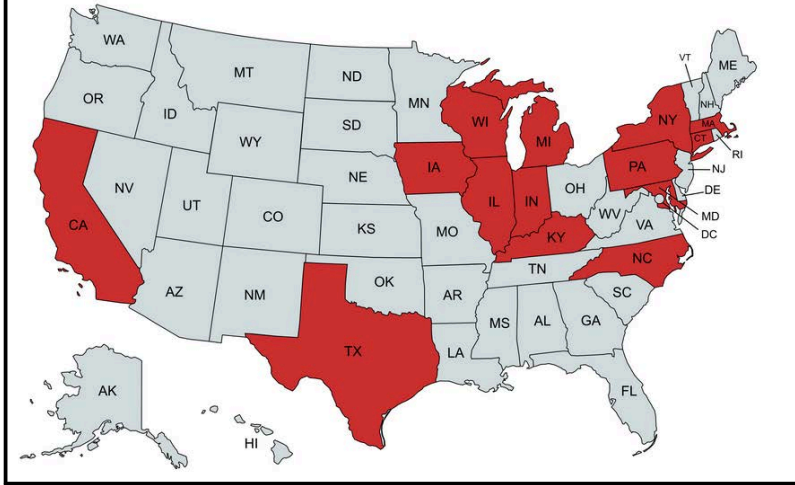
*Donate Supplies  
from our*



Link to NC Lions  
Foundation Inc/  
Camp Dogwood for the  
Blind and Visually  
Impaired's Amazon wish  
list for Western NC  
Disaster Relief

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16WZ84ZQA5215/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_exfbclid=lwY2xjawGA31hleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHTl3J9J\\_uMhuYhcXdeoRk8b1ok9GKDsMnZcCyKJE3IkAbWjOa6invl\\_EJw\\_aem\\_KreCBpG1caG-SlUsVwXvlg](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16WZ84ZQA5215/ref=hz_ls_biz_exfbclid=lwY2xjawGA31hleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHTl3J9J_uMhuYhcXdeoRk8b1ok9GKDsMnZcCyKJE3IkAbWjOa6invl_EJw_aem_KreCBpG1caG-SlUsVwXvlg)

Here is a map of lions and leos that have assisted in NC relief efforts or have reached out about assisting of which we know of so far. With so many donations coming in via Amazon packages, it is hard to ensure that this list of states is complete.



### RECOVERY RELIEF CATCH UP PICTURES



Delivery to the Presbyterian Church in Asheville.



Thank you to the many clubs in District 31L and across the state who assisted the relief efforts in all ways: financial contributions, donation of supplies, hosting supply drives, volunteering on site in the mountains, volunteering for collection location sites, and more!!!



Delivery to Pregnancy Care Center

### NEW RECOVERY SUPPLY DONATIONS & DELIVERIES



Delivery Monday, October 21st from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Newington, Connecticut

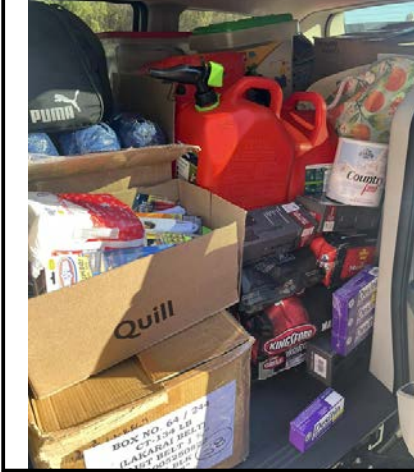
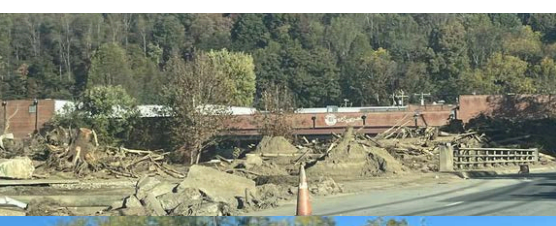


Delivery Monday, October 21st pallet of brooms from a Lion's broom supplier, NexStep





Delivery Tuesday, October 22nd from New Hope Baptist in Torrington, Connecticut



**Wednesday, October 23rd:**  
After a long trip driving donations down from Connecticut, members from New Hope Baptist Church along with the North Carolina Lions Foundation deliver the church's donations to Grovestone Baptist Church and Old Fort Methodist Church.



**Thursday, October 24th:**  
The First Vice President of North Carolina Lions Foundation, PDG Allen Swaim picked up donations received by NCLF and headed to deliver supplies to one of the rural cut off communities nestled in the North Carolina Mountains, Green Mountain. Earlier in the week, the town and the tragedy that Hurricane Helene placed on the town was featured on a 60-Minutes Television Program. The Lions quickly responded with this delivery of construction and other supplies to repair what is left of this little town.







NC Lions Foundation Executive Director Carlton Metts and Camp Dogwood Director Tammy McLean deliver hurricane relief check of \$7,850 to Fay Kobland, President of Lake Lure Lions Club. The donors were from the Chadwick Lions Club, Chadwick, IL. Lion Alan Skoog of the Chadwick Lions Club, as he called it, a small Club in a small town was searching for a club/town of equal size in the mountains of North Carolina. Lake Lure Lions Club was the perfect match. Lake Lure area was devastated by Hurricane Helene. Lions Fay sends a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Chadwick Lions of Illinois.

## RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LOCALS

**\*NOTE: GO-FUND-ME TAKES OUT A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR DONATION, TO GIVE A 100% DONATION, REACH OUT TO THE LEAD CONTACT PERSON OF THE GIVEN PROJECTS\***



Link to Go-Fund-Me page to assist Lions PDG Larry & PCC Paulette who lost everything due to Hurricane Helene.

[www.gofundme.com/f/help-larry-and-paulette-rebuild-their-home](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-larry-and-paulette-rebuild-their-home)



The organization Clothes to Kids of Haywood County is held near and dear to the heart of the Canton Lions Club. In 2016, Lion members and sisters Kathryn, Jacqueline, Grace, and Madelyn established the "No Bear (Bare) Bottom Campaign" with the Clothes to Kids. They did not want any child to go with a 'bare bottom.' Over the years, the sisters and their family have been integral support of the Clothes to Kids through raising thousands of dollars and providing countless bags of clothing donations. Hurricane Helene destroyed the operation's building flooding it. Lion Jacqueline is now working to raise funds to restore the building and clothing supply.

The Etowah Lions Club are a staple in their community. They host the farmer's market for locals. Hurricane Helene destroyed one of the Etowah Lions Club's Farmer's Market mainstay vendors, TJ and Luis' organic farm. This family earned their livelihood from the sales from their garden, blueberry bushes, and bee hives, is now gone.



Link to Go-Fund-Me page to assist TJ and Luis in rebuilding their farm.



[www.gofundme.com/f/support-a-resilient-farm-rebuilding-efforts?attribution\\_id=sl:3059c39a-50de-4f8098d41193c537fe2d&utm\\_campaign=man\\_sharesheet\\_dash&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=copy\\_link](http://www.gofundme.com/f/support-a-resilient-farm-rebuilding-efforts?attribution_id=sl:3059c39a-50de-4f8098d41193c537fe2d&utm_campaign=man_sharesheet_dash&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)

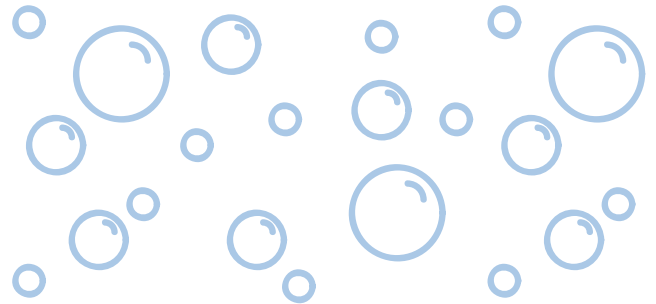


[www.facebook.com/donate/505985058877533/520940170901282/](https://www.facebook.com/donate/505985058877533/520940170901282/)





A snapshot of zone 5 clubs doing the McCune Community's laundry for two and half weeks while they were without water.



**TRICK or TREAT**

SEEKING CANDY DONATIONS FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO ENJOY THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREAT & TO BRING BACK SOME NORMALCY TO KIDS AFTER HURRICANE HELENE.

A SERVICE PROJECT OF LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31L WESTERN NC LIONS INC

**Marjorie McCune Community** Assisted and Independent Living

SHIP TO:  
MCCUNE COMMUNITY  
101 LIONS WAY  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

**Oriental Trading** **amazon**

Get your candy bags ready!!!

**HALLOWEEN**

**October 31, 2024**

101 Lions way  
Black Mountain Nc 28711

**Marjorie McCune Community @ 6p - 8p**

**Trick o' Treat Inside**

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