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# **5NW Disaster Relief Project**

In 2024 and 2025 portions of North Dakota within District 5NW experienced 10 major wildfires that impacted nearly 1.2 million acres and 7 communities requiring evacuations of dozens of farm steads and more than 100 rural firefighters to respond. The area continues to experience severe drought making future wildfires highly probable. In 2011 the Little Missouri, Missouri, Souris, and Knife rivers experienced major flood events that impacted 6 communities, requiring the evacuation of 27,243 residents and the mobilization of 3,000 National Guard troops. In 2009 the Cannonball river experienced major flooding that affected the city of Mott and all 657 residents. In 2014 three communities in District 5NW suffered severe tornado damage that affected dozens of community members. In 2019, 2020, and 2024 apartment building fires resulted in dozens of families losing everything they owned. Fires, wildfires, and tornadoes occur every year and major flooding events occur every decade in the portions of North Dakota served by District 5NW.

During the 2011 flood in Bis-

marck, ND the Mandan and Dacotah Mandan Lions Clubs provided food and water for volunteers that were filling and delivering sandbags. Following that experience a disaster response trailer was purchased by the Mandan Lions Club and we recently discovered that the Mandan Lions Club has been working with a group previously called Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Times of Crisis as ND Lions Emergency Relief since the 2019 apartment fires in Mandan. Your 5NW leadership believes that effective sustainable relief efforts require a district wide plan with all 5NW Lions Clubs involved.

District 5NW plans to refurbish and properly equip the trailer purchased by the Mandan Lions Club, purchase nonperishable disaster response supplies on a list compiled by our advisory committee, establish a disaster relief fund for rapid response, establish a text/email system so any responding lions club can call on other Lions within 50 miles to assist in the response, and establish a disaster relief advisory committee. Four members of the committee with experience as Volunteer Firefighter, Senior Firefighter/Medic, Department Of Interior Wildland/Prescribed Firefighter, Member of Northern Rockies Type 1 Incident Management Team, Logistics Section Chief with Disaster Management, full time AEMT, manager of city Ambulance Services, board member of Emergency Medical Services for Children in ND, Volunteer Ambulance Service Squad Leader, Fire Chief, and Mayor of a City affected by floods and a tornado have been appointed so far. We are working on a plan to combine the Mandan Lions Club projects and the proposed district 5NW project to make the trailer(s), supplies, and funds available to all Lions clubs in District 5NW plus offer assistance to clubs in 5NE upon request.

The number of estimated beneficiaries is 3,100 each year and the timeline to implement the project is to be fully operational by October 1, 2025 and continue the project for at least 10 years.

The District 5NW disaster relief committee and members of the ND Lions Emergency Relief project have established relationships and communication with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services,

local officials, and other relief organizations such as Red Cross, Salvation Army and Great Plains Food

Lions and LCIF will be recognized for this project by the logos on the disaster relief trailer(s), disaster relief committee access to news media, monthly talk radio segments, and use as a parade float by clubs in district 5NW.

Thank you to all the District 5NW clubs that have contributed to the District 5NW Disaster Relief fund with special thanks to the Minot Magic City Lions for their \$2,500 contribution that allowed us to meet the LCIF Disaster Preparedness grant matching requirement! Thanks again to the Mandan Lions for making the Disaster Relief Trailer available to all our clubs, and thank you LIons Rick, LeAnne, Jodi, and Troy for sharing your time and expertise!

If our plans stay on schedule we will have a fully functional Disaster Relief Program before another disaster strikes.



The 2025-2026 Lions International President A.P. Singh of Kolkata India is a practicing chartered accountant and has family business interests in automobile dealerships and has three children.

A Lion since 1984 and a member of the Calcutta Vikas Lions Club, IP Singh has held many positions within the association, including district governor and council chairperson. He has served as GMT international coordinator for four years and as a member on a number of ad hoc board committees. He was chairperson for the 2017 DGE seminar in Chicago, USA, and has served as faculty at more than 50 ALLIs/RLLIs, RLLIs, FDIs and LCIP certification programs. He has also served as multi-national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, CA leader for Campaign 100, member of the LCIF Steering Committee and as chairperson of the National SightFirst Committee of India. President Singh has

participated in and presented seminars at Area Forums in all constitutional areas. He was the co-chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the ISAAME Forum in Kolkata, India.

**His theme for this year is:** Lead to serve, serve to lead.

#### How Clubs can help the Texas Flood Recovery Effort

Donate to the Lions International Club Foundation

When you make your donation do NOT restrict it to just the Texas flood. LCIF will know the best way to allocate the money donated. In the past clubs have specified a disaster and the money donated was more than what was needed. This means that money is being held that can not be used.

**Empowering Service Fund** 

A donation to LCIF and all the

causes the foundation supports.

**Disaster Relief Fund** 

A donation lo LCIF specifically reserved for d isaster relief.

Taken from the Lions Global Forum Facebook page



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Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by last weekend's flooding in Central Texas. If you or your club would like to donate to the relief efforts, please consider one of these charities.

If you wish to donate to Kerrville:
Make checks payable to:
Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation
(and write 2025 Flood Relief in the memo line)
Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation (501c 3)
P.O. Box 290972
Kerrville, TX 78029
Or donate online at
https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign\_id=
F3XLLEAGWTWCG

If you wish to donate to the San Angelo:
Make checks payable to:
San Angelo Area Foundation
222 S. Irving
San Angelo, TX 76903
Or donate online at
https://saaf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund
?funit\_id=1625

We will post more information on relief efforts as it becomes available.

#### The following is an excerpt from Lions Magazine Lions Are Spreading Joy and Feeling It, Too by Jenny Maxse

Most people join a Lions club to make a difference and help their communities. But here's the thing — they end up finding so much more than they ever expected. So, what exactly makes being a Lion so special? We took a peek at our latest member satisfaction survey to uncover what our members love about being Lions.

- $\cdot$  95% feel they are making a difference.
- $\cdot$  92% enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun
- $\cdot$  91% have a sense of belonging.
- · 86% realize personal growth and development.
- $\cdot$  80% feel their self-esteem and self-worth are enhanced.

While the data is pretty incredible, we didn't stop there. We also talked with numerous members to better understand the joy of being a Lion. Here are just a few of our favorites:



Terrence "Tebo" Richards
Thistletown Lions Club

Toronto, Canada

Why He Joined: Tebo witnessed the power of Lions at work — people of all walks of life changing the community one service project at a time — and wanted to be part of it.

What He Found: Tebo discovered that helping others has the power to lion his own spirits. "If I'm feeling a bit down or depressed and I go out and do something to put smiles on people's

faces, it gives me a warm feeling in my heart knowing **I'm making a** difference as a Lion."

# How does Lions International help when disaster strikes?

**Global Statistics:** 90% of all natural disasters are water-related.

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.

Annual economic losses are estimated at US\$250B-US\$300B.

**Disaster Preparedness Grant:** The Disaster Preparedness Grant supports districts in partnering with local authorities and community organizations to plan and prepare for future relief efforts following natural disasters. Grants range from US\$5,000 to US\$15,000

**Emergency Grant:** The Emergency Grant funds Lion-led service activities that support immediate and short-term relief efforts to victims of natural disasters. Grants range from US\$5,000 to US\$15,000

**Major Catastrophe Grants:** Major Catastrophe Grants support long-term reconstruction projects following large-scale disasters with significant international impact. These grants are awarded at the discretion of the international president and the LCIF chairperson and cannot be applied for by districts. They provide substantial funding to address the most severe catastrophes.

### ND Lion deadline is the 5th of the month

#### Dear Lions of North Dakota

As we open the door to a brand-new Lions year, I am honored and humbled to introduce myself as your new 5NE District Governor. My name is Paula Swanson, and it is with great pride and heartfelt enthusiasm that I step into this role to serve alongside each of you—our dedicated Lions, Leos, and community partners.

I couldn't begin a new year without first thanking our outgoing leadership team and all the members that have helped serve our district over the past few years. They have set us up for some great success and the momentum that we are feeling is incredible. To our Past District Governor Kirk Tingum, I would like to say thank you for everything that you have done and

will continue to do for the Lions of ND.

This year, our focus is simple but powerful: Unity in Service. Whether you're feeding the hungry, mentoring our youth, protecting our environment, or supporting those in need, your service changes lives. You are the heartbeat of this district, and together, we are unstoppable.

We have seen the Lions of 5NE in action over the past month, helping in Enderlin as they recover from the tornadoes that tore through their city. Lions Clubs International Foundation has already sent a check for \$8000.00 to help with recovery efforts. Many area clubs have visited and brought with them food, donations, and chain saws to help with the cleanup efforts.

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I come into this role inspired by the passion I've witnessed across our clubs. Your creativity, commitment, and compassion continue to inspire not only me but everyone who encounters our mission. As District Governor, I will do everything I can to support you, uplift your voices, and help amplify your impact.

Let this be a year where we dream big, serve boldly, and grow stronger. Let's celebrate our victories and learn from our challenges. Let's tell our stories, welcome new members, and ignite new ideas. The world needs Lions more than ever—and I

know that across North Dakota and District 5NE, we are ready to lead with heart.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

Here's to a roaring new year filled with

service, strength, and solidarity! In service and friendship, Paula Swanson District Governor, 5NE

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#### 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we step into this new Lions year together, I am honored to serve as your District Governor. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue the proud legacy of Lionism, leading by serving, and serving to lead.

This year brings fresh opportunities to grow, connect, and impact more lives. I am grateful and excited to work with our District Team. Lions International asks the incoming District Governor to submit their goals for the upcoming Lions year. Last October a cross section of lions in our district met in Beulah for the purpose of developing a District Strategic Plan. Every Lion present was given the opportunity to identify things that our District could improve. The information in the session drove the goals that I submitted for our

District. Here are the 25/26 goals for our District.

- Improve communication and marketing skills within the district
- Improve Lions Comradery and Spirit
   Provide Clubs with Leadership, Mar-
- Provide Clubs with Leadership, Marketing & AI development opportunities
- Provide guidance to new and identified vulnerable clubs with appropriate mentorship, skills and resources to be successful
- Teach current Lions the skills needed to recruit new members and retain current members.

Give the clubs the resources to hold community impact events which can be used as membership drives

• Grow the number of Lions in our District by starting traditional, starting specialty clubs, and improve current Lions

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retention.

If these goals seem ambitious to you, you're right! This isn't something that a District Governor could even dream of doing alone. Fortunately for me, I have a Dream Team of Lions willing to serve on the District Board. Together we have committed to the Lions of District 5NW to give you the tools to make your club, and our District, the very best it can be. We Serve! DG Karen daSilva

#### Lions International's Goal: Mission 1.5: Growing to Serve More

Lions Clubs International launched Mission 1.5 with a bold and unifying goal: to grow our global membership to 1.5 million Lions by July 1, 2027. This initiative recognizes that the world needs

Lions now more than ever. As humanitarian challenges grow, so must our capacity to respond.

Mission 1.5 builds on over a century of service and encourages every Lion to take an active role in expanding our reach. By inviting new members and building vibrant clubs, we ensure that more hands and hearts are ready to serve. Mission 1.5 isn't just about numbers—it's about impact, legacy, and leading into the future.

#### Service Focus

#### MONTH FOCUS

July Disaster Preparedness

August World Youth Day September Peace Poster &

October Diabetes Awareness

November Lions International Foundation

December Hunger

January Childhood Cancer

February Membership

March Environment

April Vision

May Humanitarian

June ND Lions Foundation

# MONTHLY SERVICE FOCUS

Every act of service—big or small—makes a difference.

Our Monthly Service Focus is an invitation to clubs across the district to try something new, share what works, and inspire one another.



Don't forget to take pictures during your service activities—they tell the story of your



Report your service through MyLion or your usual tracking method



Share your success stories with the district newsletter team

You can use this service focus calendar as a guide for planning your service projects throughout the years month the District Service Chair, for that focus

Each month the District Service Chair, for that focus. will be publishing news and service ideas relating to

the designated focus.

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#### Lake Metigoshe.



On June 9, Lake Metigoshe Lions held their charter night during which Past District Governor, Lion Lynn Grabow inducted the 2025-2026 Lion Officers: Mary Grosgebauer President, Trudy Marum 1st V. P., Paul Olson 2nd V. P., Cory Miller 3rd V. P., Margie Borkowski Secretary, Jim Borkowski-Treasurer, Cedric Jacobson-Asst. Treasurer, Meg Fleck/Ken Hanson-Tail Twister, Betty Tratebas-Lion Tamer, Terry Espe LCIF and Trudy Marum/Sue Jacobson- Public Relations. Thank you all for your leadership.

#### Chaffee



Chaffee Lions member Arlo Anderson, wife Doris and daughter Marsha after 25 years of volunteering at Service Dogs for America in Jud, ND was invited to attend a graduation ceremony for Eddie. He is now a full-fledged Service Dog and has been placed with a Veteran family. Arlo (left) Eddie (right)

#### Dacotah Mandan



#### Winner of TV at Membership Drive

Above is the winner of the Grand Prize of a 55" Samsung TV. Thank you to the ND Lion Foundation for giving the Dacotah Mandan Lions Club a matching grant for our Membership Drive. It was a great success. The Dacotah Mandan Lions gained two new Lions Members. Much fun was had by all!

#### Gateway.



Pictured from the left are Lion Darrell Costain, Sarah and Arlin Fisher, and Club President Dave Dougherty, with Sarah and Arlin holding the donation check from our club.

# Garden for Healing Project receives Club Donation

On June 13th at our weekly meeting, Arlin and Sarah Fisher received a donation from our club for their "Garden of Healing" project. This project provides an outdoor space for Fargo-Moorhead community members and visitors to heal from the loss of loved ones, remember and wish healing for those who are sick or struggling, and to celebrate healing of all kinds.

#### Oakes



The 53rd Annual Irrigation Days celebration in Oakes was held on June 13th through the 15th. The Oakes Lions again sponsored their annual Kids Pedal Tractor Pull. This year they had sixty-three kids in seven different age groups participate. They ranged from 4 years old to 10 years old. Each group had first, second and third place trophies awarded. All the participants received ice cream from Sweets and Stories on Main Street of Oakes. The weather was cold and overcast but no rain to dampen the event. The trailer, pedal tractor and equipment belongs to the Oakes Lions and is available for rent to other towns for their celebrations. Contact the Oakes Lions if interested.

#### Bismarck.

#### French Toast & Fellowship: The Bismarck Lions' Weekly Breakfast Tradition

Every Thursday morning, you can tell it's breakfast time at the Bismarck Dream Center the moment the sweet scent of French toast fills the air! Since the day the Dream Center opened its doors, the Bismarck Lions have been there—bright and early at 6:00 a.m.—serving up hot, delicious meals to those in need.

This weekly tradition is more than just a meal—it's a community effort. Often, you'll see Lions' family members, kids, and even volunteers completing service hours rolling up their sleeves and joining in. It's a beautiful example of neighbors helping neighbors, all fueled by kindness, teamwork, and of course, a whole lot of syrup!



#### Enderlin



Left to right: Ken Bartholomay-Sheldon Lions, Jan Victor-South Africa Lions, Zone 2 chair Crystal Dueker- Fargo Gateway, Blake Strelow-Fargo Lions, President Jane Pettinger-Fargo Lions, Tim Pettinger-Fargo Lions, President Andrew Peterson-Enderlin Lions

5NE Lions in Action: Hats off in gratitude to the Enderlin Lions for their quick action to give shelter to people, feed volunteers and help families impacted by a recent tornado in nearby rural areas. On June 24th, at the Enderlin Lions meeting, checks were presented by the

visiting Lions above. The funds covered the meals provided on Clean Up Day to over 200 local FFA members helping to pick up the debris from the fields of 16 farmers damaged just days earlier. Checks were also delivered from Lions clubs in Leonard, Devils Lake, and Davenport

for meals, clothing or needed items for families who lost everything in the disaster. Where there's a need, there is a Lion.

#### Napoleon\_



Napoleon Lions Club member Lorraine Piatz, middle back, handed out bottles of Dad's Root Beer on Sun., June 15, in honor of Father's Day. Those receiving the beverage, left to right: Roger Oldenburger, Jim Hilzendeger, Willie Piatz, Andy Piatz and Roger Martin.

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## Service Project Ideas for Disaster Relief

Note: This information was generated by Lions Virtual. Please double check the partner information prior to reaching out to these organizations.

#### Service Ideas (Low to High Effort)

- 1. Easy & Ongoing Support
- Emergency supplies restocking at shelters: coordinate with partners to resupply kits (blankets, hygiene kits, water) using your disaster trailer.
  - Volunteer phone outreach: call storm-impacted households after events to check on needs and share relief info.
- **Community preparedness workshops:** host short, accessible events at libraries or community centers on creating emergency plans, firstaid, and supply kits.

#### 2. Medium-Effort Programs

- Sandbag & flood-prep events: provide sandbag filling and distribution operations—use your trailer to transport sandbags and tools.
- Temporary shelter setup drills: with Salvation Army or Red Cross, simulate pop-up shelters to test logistics and build local readiness.
- Community cleanup & debris removal: mobilize volunteers to clear storm debris in neighborhoods, especially after windstorms or ice damage.

#### 3. High-Impact Operations (Using Disaster Trailer)

- Mobile supply depot: deploy the trailer to deliver critical supplies (food, water, hygiene) post-storm, serving remote towns.
- **Mobile warming/cooling station:** outfit trailer with generators and heating/cooling for extreme weather.

Possible Activity	Partner	Role in Service Project
First-aid & recovery station:	Red Cross	equip trailer as a basic medical aid station during or after disasters.
Emergency kit stocking & distribution	Salvation Army	Host kits in worship centers; use trailer for transport
Shelter setup drills	Red Cross	Provide expertise, staff, supplies
Community sandbagging	Both	Utilize local centers as hubs

#### **Partners & Contact Info**

#### The Salvation Army — North Dakota Locations

- \*\*Bismarck Worship & Service Center\*\* 601 S Washington St, Bismarck, ND 58502 Phone: (701) 223-1889 · Officer: Capt. Brian Hoscheit
- \*\*Fargo Worship & Service Center\*\* 304 Roberts St, Fargo, ND 58102 Phone: (701) 232-5565
- \*\*Grand Forks Worship & Service Center\*\* 1600 University Ave, Grand Forks, ND 58203 Phone: (701) 775-2597
  - \*\*Jamestown Worship & Service Center\*\* 320 1st Ave N, Jamestown, ND 58402 Phone: (701) 252ô0290
- Minot Thrift Store 1933 S Broadway, Minot, ND 58701 Phone: (701) 839-1859
- Williston Thrift Store (No address listed, but service present)
- Devils Lake Corps 411 4th St, Devils Lake, ND 58301 Phone: (701) 662-6069

#### **American Red Cross — North Dakota Offiices**

#### Western ND (regional/Minot)

• 2021 4th Ave NW, Minot, ND 58703

Phone: (701) 368-4035 (local & Bismarck as well)

#### Eastern ND (Fargo & mid-state)

• 2602 12th St N, Fargo, ND 58102 Phone: (701) 364-1800; Fax: (701) 364-1805; Toll-free: (800) 252-6746

#### **Bismarck office (serves mid-state)**

• 1720 Burnt Boat Dr, Suite 107, Bismarck, ND 58503 Phone: (701) 364-1800 (same as Fargo)

#### **Key Contacts**

- Regional Exec (W. ND): Kimberly Vosseteig
- Disaster Program Manager: Nita Ritzke (Western) & Christopher Schenk (Eastern)



#### **Lions on Talk Radio**

marketing Lions as Knights of the Blind on AM 1100, AM 1270, and AM 550 in June. If you want to hear past programs you can find them at lionsdistrict5nw. com. Thank you Lion Dennis for highlighting the Mandant Lions eveglass recycling and low vision machine service projects and

We had the privilege of Lion Robert for telling us about the New Salem Lions projects to collect eyeglasses, support the Eye Bank, and paying for eye exams and glasses for those in need. July's focus is Disaster Relief so we will be featuring the new 5NW Disaster Relief project with appearances by our advisory committee members.

#### Celebrate

#### Horace Lions donate to Enderlin/ **Sheldon Fire and Rescue**

Horace Lions Harley and Kevin presented the Enderlin/Sheldon Fire and Rescue a check for financial aid following the devastating tornado that destroyed so much in the area.

#### WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION

We know Helen Keller asked Lions to become the Knights of the Blind Did you know she was also born deaf?

There is a 1 ½ year old boy in 5NE also born deaf. He has gone through the process of obtaining cochlear implants; however, he will need some help with continued costs for therapies, appointments, and other necessary resources that regular insurance does not cover. Therefore, the Ellendale Lions are challenging all North Dakota Lions clubs to donate to the Medina Child Fund.

> Send donations to: **Medina Treasurer Bruce Rau** 5772 40th ST SE

It will be monitored by the president and treasurer of the Medina Lions. We ROAR in service to others

#### **Foundation Surpasses \$700K**

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota board of directors is pleased to announce, due to the generosity of North Dakota Lions Clubs and individual Lions, the Foundation's investment accounts at the end of June 2025 exceeded \$700,000 for the first time in history. The Foundation's total investments stood at \$705,877. Your Foundation during FY 2024-2025 was able to award 14 Vision and Traditional grants to ND Lions Clubs totaling \$14,530.

PDG Steve Johnson, LFND Treasurer and Grant Coordinator







**Mandan Dykshoorn Park** 511 Main Street

**Burgers in the Park** 

**Honoring Veterans with a FREE MEAL!** Tuesday, July 29th, 2025









Annual Dacotah Mandan Lions **Mandan Municipal Golf Course** 1002 7th St. SW, Mandan, ND

Friday, September 12th, 2025

Registration 12:00 pm, Shotgun start 1:00 pm \$75.00 per person / \$300.00 per team

Includes golf cart/hamburger meal/Wings & Ring

**Funds Raised Go to Local Causes: Pediatric Cancer Mandan Lewis and Clark Playground Help Kids Attend Camp Maverick Diabetic Camp** 



Team Prizes: \$300-\$200-\$100 Longest Drive in the Fairway Longest Putt/Closest to the Pin Medora Prize

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#### Feature Article



L-PDG Lynn Grabow C-DG Karen daSilva R-PDG Mark Koller

#### **Every Lion is a Servant Hero** why not dress like one?

The Global Service Teams across American met In Las Vegas at the end of June to fine tune our plans and goals to achieve Mission 1.5. This year's theme was Servant

Lions International champions service leadership. The Servant Hero initiative celebrates everyday Lions as modern-day heroes, inspiring others through creativity, compassion, and community impact.

#### **How to Create Your Own Servant Hero (Lions Edition)**

- · Log on to lionsvirtual.org
- · Choose Create Avatar
- · Click "Make Me a Servant Hero" -
- · Upload a photo of yourself -
- · Choose your type of service (e.g., vision care, feeding programs, youth mentoring) or your personal motto
- · Receive Your Hero Identity Get a custom superhero image -Includes Hero Name, Powers, Symbol, and Costume (Leo/Lions logo integrated!)



How to Create Your Own Servant Hero (Lions Edition).

ND Lion deadline is the 5th of the month. Any questions contact the newsletter editor at kdasilva@bis.midco.net



The prompt I used was: make us Mission 1.5 Servant Heros. Courage. Compassion. Community.

Theme: Growing through Service. Smooth out the wrinkles. (why not? HAHA)

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#### **Celebrating Lions of the Year**

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Liza Stremick and Vision Therapist Sarah Halladay — our Lions of the Year!

These two incredible women have gone above and beyond this year, taking the lead on Lion Club's vision assistance program with dedication and heart. Thanks to their efforts, Minot Lions Club was able to give \$7,750 in support for eye exams and glasses!

Dr. Stremick and Sarah are thrilled to be a part of the Lions Club — beyond grateful for the opportunities and the impact it continues to make in our commu-

#### **WELCOME TO THE PRIDE!**

District 5NW is Roaring with Excitement! We are thrilled to announce the formation of **TWO NEW LIONS CLUBS** in our district:

> Mouse River Loop Lions Club Dakota Diabetes Champions Lions Club

These passionate groups of service-minded leaders have officially joined the global Lions movement—and we couldn't be prouder! Their dedication to community service, health initiatives, and humanitarian outreach will be making a big impact in our District.

#### Stay tuned for your invitation to their **Charter Night Celebrations — coming soon!**

These milestone events will be a chance to honor their formation, celebrate their service journey, and welcome them into our Lions family with all the pride they deserve.

Let's give a loud and proud District 5NW WELCOME to our newest Lions! Together, We Serve.

