

RIVER HILLS / LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUB

VISION & HEARING PROGRAM

KIDSIGHT (Marc Robboy, Administrator – rhlwkidsight1@gmail.com)

River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions conduct vision screenings of students using Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners, which detect refractive errors and vision misalignment quickly and easily. Vision screening is accomplished annually at schools in the Clover, York, and Rock Hill School Districts. When a student is identified with a particular ocular condition such as, but not limited to, myopia, hyperopia, or astigmatism; the school nurse is advised to notify the parents that a comprehensive eye examination is recommended. This vision screening program is guided by the fact that 80% of a child's learning and development requires healthy, corrected vision.

During the past year, over 14,000 students were screened by our volunteers, and over 2,000 of them were identified as needing a more complete eye exam.

VISION ASSISTANCE (Dave Hunt, Administrator – hunt@live.com)

Eye Exams and Glasses for Children

When a student is identified with poor vision and the parents are financially unable to afford an eye exam and glasses, the school nurse provides them a River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Club Vision Referral Form to apply for financial assistance. The nurse then submits the completed Vision Referral Form to the River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Vision Assistance Program Administrator for consideration.

If the application for assistance is approved, the school nurse is requested to notify the student's parents to schedule an appointment directly with Poole Optometric in Clover. We subsequently notify Dr. Poole's office that River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Club will pay for the eye exam and glasses for the student.

During the past year, 10 students received financial assistance for their vision needs.

Eye Exams and Glasses for Adults

Adults work through Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) or PATH in York to obtain a River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Club Vision Assistance Application Form. The completed application is then submitted to the River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Vision Assistance Program Administrator for consideration. If approved, the applicant is notified to contact Poole Optometric in Clover for an appointment, and we inform Dr. Poole's office that River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions will pay for the eye exam and glasses for the applicant.

During the past year, 35 adults received financial assistance for their vision needs.

Collection of Used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

Used eyeglasses are collected from donation boxes in the following locations:

- Sweet Repeat
- Lake Wylie Public Library
- York Public Library
- Walmart Vision Center
- CSD YMCA
- Community Church of Lake Wylie
- Poole Optometric in Clover

In addition, used eyeglasses are collected at several schools within the Clover School District.

Used eyeglasses are inspected, packaged, and shipped to South Carolina Lions Vision Services in Columbia for processing and distribution for charitable purposes.

During the past year, over 2,500 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected by our volunteers.

HEARING ASSISTANCE (Lloyd Viets, Administrator – loviets@gmail.com)

Audiograms and Hearing Aids

Individuals work through Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) or PATH in York to obtain a River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Club Hearing Assistance Application Form. The completed application is then submitted to the Hearing Assistance Program Administrator for consideration. If approved, we refer the applicant to contact SoundAdvice in Fort Mill to schedule an appointment for a free audiogram to determine the severity of hearing loss in each ear.

If hearing aids are needed, SoundAdvice will program and fit the aid(s) to the applicant. The applicant is asked to pay a \$50 per ear co-payment to SoundAdvice, and they will be required to sign a River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Hearing Aid Return Agreement which allows them to keep the aids on permanent loan. When the aid(s) are no longer needed, they are to be returned to the River Hills / Lake Wylie Lions Club.

During the past year, assistance was provided for 5 individuals and 3 received hearing aids.

Collection of Used Hearing Aids

Used hearing aids may also be donated to the eyeglass collection boxes in the following locations:

- Sweet Repeat
- Lake Wylie Public Library
- York Public Library
- Walmart Vision Center
- CSD YMCA
- Community Church of Lake Wylie
- Poole Optometric in Clover

Used hearing aids are submitted to SoundAdvice for refurbishment and potential reuse.

During the past year, 2 used hearing aids were collected and refurbished.