

Why I became a Lion:

Well let's see, I think most of us provide a service of one kind or another. I've spent a career providing a service, that of selling insurance. People need insurance and so I provide a service. I use this analogy because the motto of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world, is "WE SERVE". These days I continue to be of service to my fellow men & women.

We do many things as Lions, and we generally don't expect anything in return. We are volunteers. We may be called upon to collect books for children, reading to them, teaching them to read. We may be asked to help someone who needs eyeglasses, or hearing aids, who without help, would go without. We collect used eye glasses and make them like new again, and send them overseas to help our fellow men and women in other countries.

Sight and hearing are Lions two focus areas along with much more. We have taken the blind, with the help of skippers, who volunteer their time, out in boats and teach them to fish. The kids love it, and we love the satisfaction that it gives us as Lions. Then there are the projects that we do where we raise funds to be able to provide more services. If you have a particular skill or just a keen interest, we can use you.

If you have a leadership calling, we can use you. I have been a Lion for almost ten years, and I can honestly say, I love it. As I write this during Christmas week, I think about the little boy, child of a family that we helped, upon seeing the food and gifts that we provided, turned to his dad, and said, "daddy we get to eat tonight". Another boy of another family came up to one of our volunteers and said, " Mr. this is the best Christmas I've ever had".

Have I convinced you yet? Do you have what it takes to be a Lion? You know what? I believe you do. And so, to answer why I became a Lion, ***Because I was asked!***

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