

MIRACLE WORKERS, WE ARE!!!

“He who has health has hope and he who has hope has everything.” an old Arabic Proverb. Several Lions have asked the question “How would I describe in five words or less.” My answer is “Miracle Workers.” If they ask me what I meant, I would then tell what we do. “I helped cure River Blindness.” “I saved 100 children from dying from measles, yesterday.” “I provided disaster relief for 180 people after a fire in Carolina Forest.” “I sent at least \$10,000.00 in relief funds to Katrina and tsunami victims.” These open the doors for more questions and we all know that we have more than enough answer from the local, state, national and international levels to talk for hours.

I have had Lions ask why do we do so many things, why not just glasses? My response is although our focus should vision care there are other areas of need in our communities, areas that give “hope.” The Little River Club specializes in wheel chair ramps. If one senior or disabled veteran’s life is improved by the ramp, the “hope” is there for not only that one person but other family members and friends. The Florence Evening Club has a Christmas shopping spree for under privileged children at Walmart. Most Lions do not live in poverty so we do not know how just having a new coat and being able to buy a simple gift for our mother can improve one’s self-esteem. The family that is on the receiving end of a Thanksgiving meal, the family that receives assistance with utilities, or the underprivileged neighborhood that has a Scout troop or ball team sponsored by a Lions Club will have their lives changed by a kindness act of a Lion or group of Lions. Each of these brings “hope” to the less fortunate people. If you want living proof of this fact, just PID Jay Patel to tell you the story of the little Indian boy that received help from some Lions.

We, as Lions, are very fortunate to live “good” lives and have reaped many “riches” that most do not have or may never enjoy. We need to keep on doing the good things we do, both the vision and non-vision related. The real miracle we bring is HOPE and when there is hope the people we serve help provide their own miracles.

Let’s keep on being good Lions.

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