



### **YOU CAN HELP OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS – through the LIONS CLUB**

As members of the Chippewa community, it would be hard not to notice the wonderful activities which surround us all year long. Two of these events are The Annual July 4 Parade and the Annual Polar Bear Jump, sponsored by the Chippewa Lake Lions Club, which has been in existence for 65 years. What you may not know about is the work done all year by the Lions Club and Foundation to help families and organizations in need, from the proceeds of our fundraising. The Lions have spent \$54,000 in the last year to help others.

An Important and confidential program is the Lions Club/ Foundation "Food for the Holidays" effort. This program has been in existence for over 20 years. Last year 80 families in the area were beneficiaries. As the holiday season approaches, our members obtain input from individuals, churches, schools, and community outreach programs to identify families which are in food crisis. The Lions purchase food gift cards to provide help to them. Initially started as a grocery basket, which was funded, boxed and delivered for each family by Lions, it has evolved into a more efficient and effective provision of a gift card to each family. During non-holiday times, the Lions help support the Church at the Lake Food Pantry, to help ease the burden.

Each year, we are contacted by our local supporters to find out how to donate to this effort. This year, we want to spread awareness on how everyone can help us with this program. It is your opportunity to provide a holiday gift to those in need in your community.

Last year's cost to provide this much needed effort was over \$8000. We are reaching out to our community to help us deliver again this year. Inflationary pressures have hit us all, but especially those who are already food insecure. Those with children, the aged, those with illnesses or job loss are particularly impacted. Additionally, extra benefits provided during the past few years have come to an end. Unfortunately, food insecurity and hunger have not.

Many in our community support the Lions Club through the Polar Bear fundraiser. Others prefer a direct donation to a specific cause, such as the "Food for the Holidays" program. We welcome any help you can give in whatever program makes the most sense for you. Your "Food for the Holidays" Program donation is tax deductible. We are preparing for a greater need this holiday season. Now is your chance to donate directly in time for the holidays. Every dollar received will go to those in need. Our club is all volunteer, and a 501 (c) (3) public charity.

You can make a difference for someone this holiday- just go to the website to place your donation...<https://chippewalakelions.com/> ... or write a check to ...Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation and mail to....

Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation  
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Thank you in advance for your kindness and support. WE ARE CHIPPEWA.....