



Disaster Relief

July is California Lions Project Care -Disaster Relief- Service Month



July is a great month for disaster relief service because it falls at the start of wildfire, hurricane, heat emergency, and storm seasons across many areas. Lions can focus on **preparedness, response readiness, and community resilience** before disasters happen.

Ready-to-Go July Disaster Relief Service Projects

1. Wildfire Preparedness Kits

Assemble and distribute kits containing:

- Flashlights
- Batteries
- N95 masks
- Emergency contact cards
- Bottled water
- First-aid supplies

Partner with local fire departments for distribution and education.

2. Extreme Heat Safety Outreach

Support seniors, unhoused individuals, and vulnerable populations by distributing:

- Cooling towels
- Reusable water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Heat safety information

Combine with wellness checks on seniors living alone.

3. Family Emergency Plan Workshops

Host a community workshop teaching families:

- How to create an evacuation plan
- Emergency communication strategies
- Go-bag preparation
- Pet evacuation planning

Provide printable planning templates.

4. Build "Go Bags" for At-Risk Families

Create ready-to-grab emergency backpacks containing:

- Hygiene items
- Snacks
- Water
- Flashlight
- Blanket
- Emergency information sheets

Donate through schools, shelters, or social service agencies.

5. Emergency Alert Sign-Up Campaign Help

community members enroll in:

- Local emergency notification systems
- FEMA alerts
- County evacuation alerts
- Weather warning apps

A simple service project with significant impact.

6. Blood Drive Partnership

Summer often brings blood shortages. Partner with local blood banks to:

- Host a blood drive
- Recruit donors
- Provide refreshments
- Promote participation through social media

7. Guide Dog, Service Animal & Large Animal Rescue Awareness

Many families forget emergency planning for pets. Create and distribute:

- Pet evacuation checklists
- Pet emergency kits
- Pet ID tags
- Emergency pet carrier donations **Guide Dog, Service Animal & Large Animal Rescue Awareness**

Partner with organizations that provide guide dogs, service animals, and local large animal rescue services to educate the public about the vital roles these animals play in supporting people and protecting communities. Invite organizations to share demonstrations, success stories, and information about training, disaster response, and volunteer opportunities. Highlight how guide and service animals promote independence for individuals with disabilities, while large animal rescue teams help protect horses, livestock, and other animals during wildfires, floods, and other emergencies. This project raises awareness, builds community partnerships, and showcases the many ways compassionate service benefits both people and animals.

8. Comfort Kits for Disaster Survivors

Assemble kits with:

- Blankets
- Stuffed animals
- Coloring books
- Personal care items
- Comfort notes from Lions and Leos

These can be stored for future disaster response.

9. Community Cleanup & Hazard Reduction Day

Reduce disaster risks by:

- Clearing brush
- Removing debris
- Cleaning storm drains
- Trimming vegetation
- Beautifying public spaces

Supports both disaster mitigation and environmental service.

10. Senior Emergency Contact Program

Help seniors:

- Create emergency contact cards
- Prepare medication lists
- Build emergency information packets
- Store critical information in accessible locations

11. Become Disaster Ready

One of the greatest ways Lions can strengthen their ability to serve during emergencies is by becoming personally prepared. Consider joining your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to receive hands-on training in disaster preparedness, basic first aid, fire safety, search and rescue, damage assessment, and emergency communications. CERT training equips volunteers with valuable skills that complement the Lions mission of service, enabling members to respond safely, support first responders, and provide meaningful assistance when disasters impact their communities. By preparing ourselves today, we are better equipped to help others tomorrow and continue serving when our communities need us most.

- Participate and invite your family, friends, and community to join the **California Lions Move Be-Cause** event!



- Visit the event page, choose the cause that matters to you, and move your way—walk, roll, run, ride, or cheer others on.

Move with purpose. Move Be-Cause.

- Time invested in movement counts as reportable service!

• Disaster Preparedness through California Lions Foundation grants to clubs represents Disaster Relief cause.

13. Search club and district grant opportunities at [California Lions Foundation](#) High-Visibility July Challenge

"30 Days of Preparedness"

Challenge your club to complete one preparedness activity each week:

Week 1 – Emergency Kit Drive

Week 2 – Heat Relief Outreach

Week 3 – Blood Drive or Donation Campaign

Week 4 – Community Preparedness Workshop

Social Media Message

Disaster relief begins before disaster strikes.

This July, California Lions are helping communities prepare, respond, and recover through emergency preparedness, heat safety, blood drives, comfort kits, and community resilience projects. Together, we can help our neighbors be ready when it matters most.

Prepared Today. Ready To

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