

Aurora Carillon Lions Club Activity 2020-2025

numbers reflect activity in Fiscal year July 1-June 30

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Category: Feed My Starving Children

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
FMSC	2021-ongoing	Monthly	Lions and other community guests package meals to provide meals worldwide	Addresses world hunger, especially among children

Category: Local Food Pantries

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora	2020--ongoing	Bag collection, egg cartons	Reusing plastic bags to benefit others, egg cartons for distribution by dozen	Addresses hunger needs locally reusing bags reduces waste
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, Aurora	2022-23 • Rolls for bowls 2025	As planned February	Donation Donated toilet paper	Addresses hunger needs locally
Northern Illinois Food Bank	2022	November Toured Geneva Facility	Donation	Awareness of food distribution in wide area.

Category: Walkathon

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Walkathon in Carillon community	2022	September	Community Walkers—Move Your feet for Food	Interfaith Food Pantry, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry
Walkathon in Carillon community	2023	September	Community Walkers—Moving Feet to Defeat Cancer	Waterford Cancer Resource Center (Rush Copley Foundation)
Walkathon in Carillon community	2024	September	Community Walkers—Get On Your Feet to Defeat Cancer	Cal's Angels Pediatric Cancer Foundation—"Get On Your Feet to Defeat Cancer"
Walkathon Carillon	2025	September	Community walkers	Loaves & Fishes, Marie Wilkinson, Interfaith Food Pantries.

Category: Local Service

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Wreath placement	2021--on	Veterans Day	Lion member created wreath to place at downtown Aurora memorial	Honor/Memorialize Veterans
Veterans' lunch	2022-on	November near Veterans' Day	Lunch for Veterans at clubhouse In 2024, 2025 Scout presented colors and led pledge	Honor Veterans
US Flag received	2024	One time	Community member donated US flag that had flown over US capital. ACLC purchased pole and stand to display flag in clubhouse	Carillon community US patriotism
Flag outdoor placement	2022-ongoing	Memorial Day till July 4th	US flags placed at Carillon entrance and at clubhouse	Honor USA

Bookmobile	2021-ongoing	Weekly	Aurora Public Library bookmobile to clubhouse parking area	Library access to residents
Pearl Harbor Luncheon	2021-on	December	Naval League support	Aurora ROTC program
Medication take back	2021-ongoing	Ongoing –accepted at meetings	Unused medications/pill bottles taken to local drop off	Safe disposal of medications
Lions Retina-Hearing Mobile Unit	2023, 2025	Screenings available in mobile unit in May	Vision and hearing screening	Community service
Hesed House	2021-on	December collection of gift cards	Gift cards of varying amounts collected	Hesed House homeless residents
Fox Valley Parks & Fox River clean up	2021-on	Spring clean up	Environmental service project/trash pick up	Riverbank & FV Parks clean up

Category: Social	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Kane County Cougars Baseball games	2022-on	One or two games as scheduled	Social gathering	ACLC—play ball!
Movie Music	2020-21	December/Valentine Holiday music	Zoom event during Covid-19	
Wolves Hockey	2024	April or as planned	Social gathering	ACLC social interaction
Theater Events	2024	Local theater events as planned	Social gatherings	ACLC and guests build community interaction/fun
• Streetcar Named Desire	2024	April		
• Million Dollar Quartet	2024	August		
• Putnam County Spelling Bee	2025	April		
Neighbors Night Out	2023-on	August at Carillon gazebo	Community gathering with local police/fire presence	Community interaction
Charter Luncheon	2021	ACLC October meeting	Dist. 1J Governor inducted Charter members, installed officers	ACLC community building
New member luncheon	2023	ACLC October meeting	Recognized 14 members joined since 2021. Dist. 1J Southeast chair present	ACLC members
Christkindlmarket, Aurora	2023-on	December, as planned	Social gathering	Time to bundle up to stay warm!
Super Bowl Charity Pool Squares – 3 grids	2021	February	Proceeds to charities and 50/50 with winners	
Super Bowl Charity Pool – 3 grids	2022	February	Proceeds to charities and 50/50 with winners	Waterford Cancer Center, Mutual Ground, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, Interfaith Food Pantry
Super Bowl Charity Pool – 3 grids	2023	February	Proceeds to charities and 50/50 with winners	Interfaith Food Pantry, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry
Super Bowl Charity Pool – 4 grids	2024	February	Proceeds to charities and 50/50 with winners	Food for Health, Dominican Literacy Program
Super Bowl Charity Pool – 4 grids	2025	February	Proceeds to charities and 50/50 with winners	Mutual Ground, Family Counseling Center of Aurora, Spectrios Institute (low vision care)

Category: Candy Day	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Candy Day at Jewel	2021--on	Fall, as schedule allows (separate donation fall Oct. 25 as Jewel not available	Donation as collected	Lions of Illinois Foundation
Candy available at Carillon Art Show	2021-on	Spring	ACLC presence at Carillon community event	LIF

Category: Non-Profits

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry	2021-2022	As decided, not scheduled	Donation	Local hunger needs
	2022-2024	As decided, not scheduled	Donation	Local hunger needs
	2021-on	Collect usable plastic grocery bags	Bags used to distribute food	Local Food Pantry recipients
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	2021-ongoing	As decided, not scheduled	Donation	Local hunger needs
Waterford Cancer Resource Center	2021-23	As decided, not scheduled	Donation	Resource needs for cancer patients
Mutual Ground	2021-22	As decided, not scheduled	donation	Aid to domestic violence victims
Northern Illinois Food Bank	2022	Following tour/presentation	donation	Area hunger needs
Loaves & Fishes	2023	Following tour/presentation	donation	Local hunger needs
Feed My Starving Children	2023	Following tour/presentation	donation	Worldwide hunger needs, especially children
Leader Dog LIF	2023	Following presentation	donation	Lions dog training program
Food for Health	2023	Following presentation	donation	Those experiencing serious illnesses
Dominican Literacy Center	2023	Following presentation	donation	Education Help for local immigrants
Wayside Cross. Aurora	2021--on	Clothing drive spring, fall	Large quantity of clothing collected	Help local needs for clothing
Michael J Fox Foundation	2025	Onetime	Donation	Parkinson's Research
Ronald McDonald House	2025	Presentation	Club will collect pop tabs	Funds used to provide housing for families with children hospitalized in Winfield IL

Category: Lions International LCIF

and Illinois (LIF)	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Sneakers.org	2023	October	sneakers given to LIF	LIF –proceeds from Sneakers.org
Campaign 100	2022	One time support	donation \$100	LCIF
Eye glasses, contacts, hearing aid batteries, cartridges, pop tabs etc	2021--on	Ongoing		LIF
Hawaii Disaster	2023	One time	funds collected from members	Maui disaster relief
Hurricane Relief	2024	One time	Funds collection to support victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton in SE USA	LCIF
SE District Forum Regional Meeting	2024	October at Traversos restaurant	District/regional meeting	LCIF Disaster Relief
Poinsettia Sale	2024	December	floral sale	Leader Dog/Loaves and Fishes
California Fire Relief	2025	One time	Funds collected from members	LCIF CA Fires
Texas Flood Relief	2025	One time	Funds collected	LCIF Disaster relief

Category: Miscellaneous

	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Holiday Door hangars	2021-22	December	Door hangars/candy cane placed on all doors in Carillon Stonegate	Community awareness of ACLC
Bookmarks ACLC information	2023	Candy Days, Art Fair	Given to interested persons	Community awareness of ACLC

Lions Logowear	2022-on	Ongoing	Order Lions clothing as desired	ACLC pride

Category: Monthly Meetings	Year	Frequency	Result	Beneficiary
Programs/Tours/Speakers (many)				
Open to community)				

Waterford Place Cancer Resource Center	2021	February	Speaker shared information/ donation	Cancer patient resources
Kane County Recycling	2021	April	ACLC members shared recycling information	Community environment improvement
Interfaith Food Pantry	2021	July	Facility tour/donation	Awareness of local food scarcity
Aurora East HS ROTC	2022	April	Community awareness of ROTC	ROTC donation
Zone Chair speaks about Caption Call	2022	September/November	Caption Call service	Community awareness
Mutual Ground	2023	March	Awareness of local domestic violence/abuse	Donation Mutual Ground
Loaves and Fishes	2023	July	Awareness of L & F mission	Donation to Loaves & Fishes
Leader Dog Program—Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement	2023	August	Community Educating-- leader dog training	Donation to International Foundation Leader Dogs for the Blind
Food For Health	2024	February	Educating teens to help those with food needs	Donation to Food for Health
Dominican Literacy Center	2024	March	English Language development	Donation to Dominican Literacy
Feed My Starving Children	2024	April	Awareness of help for worldwide hunger needs	Donation to FMSC
Community Policing	2024	May	Information about calling police/911	Donation to dispatch
Mooseheart	2024	September	Overview of community, school operations	donation to Mooseheart
Rightsizing—Honoring Aging	2025	January	Tips to effectively downsize	
Aurora Family Counseling Service	2025	April	Awareness of local counseling services	Recipient of Superbowl donation
District Governor Jeff Cholewa & leader dog Cosmos	2025	April	Welcome Cosmos & Jeff	
Spectrios Institute for low vision	2025	May	low vision assistance options	Recipient of Superbowl charity donation
Ronald McDonald House presentation	2025	September	Collect pop tabs	Tabs recycled for funds to RMCD house families
Leader Dog visit	2025	August	2 ACLC members attended "Dinner in the Dark" event in Rochester MI.	Support Leader Dog program
Act of Kindness project	2025	Fall	Promote Mental Health awareness	Mental Health of everyone