

HISTORICAL MILESTONES

- 1934 – North Carolina State Association for the Blind created in a meeting held at the Vance Hotel in Statesville, North Carolina.
- 1935 – North Carolina Commission for the Blind established. Began operation July 1.
- 1937 – Association President Neil Hester conducts first attempt to raise funds from all North Carolina Lions Clubs. Raised a total of \$126.00.
- 1946 – Sam Alford, State White Cane Director, establishes first White Cane Drive using a quota system for all North Carolina Lions Clubs. Raised in excess of \$19,000.00.
- 1951 – Support for Eye Bank begun.
- 1960 – First Glaucoma Screening clinics conducted.
- 1966 – Property purchased on Lake Norman for the construction of Camp Dogwood.
- 1967 – North Carolina Association for the Blind offices separated from the State Commission for the Blind offices and moved to the corner of Peace and Blount Streets in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 1967 – Katherine Charles, first Executive Secretary, employed.
- 1968 – First building constructed on Camp Dogwood property and summer camp began.
- 1969 – Belk Dormitory completed at Camp Dogwood.
- 1969 – North Carolina Association for the Blind offices moved to Gateway Plaza Shopping Center, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 1971 – Executive Director Robert Spencer employed.
- 1971 – First duplex unit completed at Camp Dogwood.
- 1972 – Mike Thompson employed as first full-time Camp Director.
- 1972 – Second duplex unit completed with funds raised in District 31-C.
- 1974 – Name changed to North Carolina Lions Association for the Blind.
- 1974 – 31-B Dorm completed at Camp Dogwood. Later re-named Shaw Brown Dormitory.

- 1980 – Melvin Walker employed as second full-time Camp Manager for Camp Dogwood.
- 1982 – Addition completed to the Camp Dogwood Administration Building which included the large Coleman Cates Meeting Room.
- 1984 – John L. Stickley Building completed at Camp Dogwood.
- 1986 – Name changed to North Carolina Lions Foundation. Offices moved from Raleigh to Sherrills Ford, North Carolina.
- 1986 – State Lions Office re-located from Forest City to Sherrills Ford and combined with Foundation Offices.
- 1987 – Clarence and Lola Belle White Dormitory completed at Camp Dogwood.
- 1992 – Melvin Walker retires as Camp Manager.
- 1994 – Sharon Weddington employed as Camp Program Manager.
- 1995 – Steve Walker hired as Executive Director.
- 2003 – Sandy Lazenby hired as Camp Director.
- 2004 – Belk dormitory torn down and construction started on new building.
- 2005 – New dormitory completed and named Wanda Lineberger Dormitory.
- 2007 – Shaw Brown dormitory torn down and construction started on new building.