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Canton Lions Forms CantonCT Lions Charities to Accept Tax-Exempt Donations

Canton, Conn. – November X, 2014 – The Canton Lions Club has formed a new, tax-exempt entity, CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc. The new entity has just been granted IRC Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status which permits donors to deduct their donations from their federal income tax.

“Tax exempt status has been a long-standing goal of the Canton Lions Club,” said Carol A. Barlow, president of the Canton Lions Club. “Thanks to the efforts of our Board of Directors, and particularly Michael Donoghue, Esq., corporations as well as individuals can take a charitable tax deduction for any charitable donation made to the CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc. This will enable our club to expand our service to our community, which is the reason we are here. We couldn’t be more pleased.”

The Canton Lions Club has been active in the Farmington Valley since 1951. The club has long standing partnerships with organizations such as FOCUS, Feeding Children Everywhere, the Canton Fire Department, and the North Canton Volunteer Fire Association to deliver a broad range of services for people in need. This year, the club spearheaded an effort to pack 63,000 meals for needy families and conducted a free pediatric eye screening to that used the latest technology to identify eye diseases in pre-school children in time for these diseases to be treated successfully.

Attorney Donoghue explained that events run by CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc. should result in an increase in the amount of funds going to charitable causes in Canton and beyond. This is because any purchases of goods for sale for charitable fund-raising activities are exempt from state sales tax, and any income received from sales of these goods is also exempt from federal income tax.

“We are particularly pleased to announce that matching donations offered by many businesses are now available for contributions to the CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc.,” said Attorney Donoghue. “We encourage anyone who wishes to donate to the CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc., to send their donations to:

CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc.
P.O. Box 363
Canton, CT 06019”

For more information about the Canton Lions Club and CantonCT Lions Charities, Inc., please visit www.cantonctlions.org.