



# Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service, Inc.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Since 1955, the men and women of the Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service have served this community 24/7/365. For more than 50 years, residents of the village and town of Avon have relied on us to provide professional emergency medical service. But we need your help, too. Now, more than ever, we depend on your financial support to help us continue to meet the needs of the community.

*Some important information that you should know about us:*

## **Not-for-Profit**

Since 1955, Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service, Inc. has been serving the community as a charitable based organization. We are recognized by both the Federal and State government as a 501(c)3, not-for-profit, corporation. As such, we are able to solicit and receive TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations. For many years, this funding alone was sufficient to cover the costs associated with our operation.

## **Costs**

With the significant growth in levels of care we are able to deliver, advances in vehicle and medical equipment technology, and increases in training requirements, there have been associated increases in costs. As an example, in 1955 the cost for a new fully equipped ambulance was about \$4,500. Today, a new "mobile treatment room," or modern ambulance, can cost over \$200,000.

In addition, the cost of training a volunteer has increased significantly as medical standards have grown. We have also moved from a completely volunteer staffed agency to hiring a core of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics to fill the need when volunteers are not available.

## **Changes in Care**

When Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service, Inc. began in 1955, an ambulance was nothing more than a vehicle to transport a sick or injured person to the hospital. If the person was suffering a serious or life-threatening condition, the speed of the ride was the only care we could provide.

Care in Emergency Medicine has changed significantly since 1955. Today, we provide Paramedic level care. Our Paramedics are able to administer life-saving medications, perform surgical procedures, and provide Advance Life Support before even loading a patient into the ambulance.

## **Don't my property taxes pay for the ambulance?**

Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service, Inc. is a completely independent, not-for-profit corporation. We do not receive any funding through property taxes or municipal funding. We operate entirely on the funds we generate through billing for our service and with community donations we are able to raise.

## **Coverage**

The Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service, Inc. responds to 9-1-1 calls and most of the town fire calls and all of the village fire calls, does standbys at various school athletic events and bike-athons and festivals in the village and town of Avon. The ambulance service also provides blood pressure clinics to the public and allows the American Red Cross to use our facility to give CPR classes to community members.

## **Don't the Lions Club and the Rotary Club support the ambulance?**

Although the Avon Lions Club and the Avon Rotary Club began the ambulance service more than 50 years ago, and occasionally make contributions, these clubs do not provide ongoing financial support to us. The clubs each appoint members to serve on our board of directors, but are not involved in our operations.

## **How You Can Help**

We really need your financial help! If you are unable to make a contribution, you can help in other ways. Name us on your United Way Campaign pledge card or in your will. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to provide direct patient care, drive the ambulances or perform other support services. It's a great way to do something for yourself and your community. We provide the training and no previous emergency service or medical experience is necessary. Please take a moment and help us. Thank you!

# 2011 Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service Fund Drive Donation Request

*Your canceled check is your receipt.*

Donation Amount:

\$25     \$35     \$50     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to:*

**Avon Rotary-Lions  
Ambulance Service, Inc.**

Please provide me with information  
on volunteer opportunities.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_