



# North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament ADOPT-A-FISHERMAN



The North Carolina Lions began sponsoring the VIP Fishing Tournament in 1983 to offer recreation, independent living skills, education and fun for the state's visually impaired population. The three-day event is popular and allows Lions to serve along side the visually impaired.

*People come to the Outer Banks to enjoy the beautiful and mysterious Atlantic Ocean. The Carolina blue water, shimmering with silver white waves illuminated by the golden sun, lures people to the coast. For us blind, it is the smell of the salt air, the spray on our faces, and the outpouring of love from a community whose heart is as big as this boundless ocean. Fishing only tells part of the story. We are well fed, and housed for three days, and we learn skills and share ideas that help us live more independently. We go home realizing we can be confident in our ability to overcome our disabilities. The VIP Fishing Tournament teaches us that the only true disabling condition is giving up. The people of the Outer Banks teach us that we can enjoy a rich and productive life. It is difficult to describe the profound benefit that this tournament has on us. Lions statewide join with one of the most generous communities in the country to brighten the lives of those of us who live in darkness.*

- *Angelo Sennesso*

Plans are underway to expand this tournament nationally. Anyone interested in learning more about offering this program in their state and sending their winners to North Carolina for a national tournament should call Executive Director Gwen White at (252) 411-4966.

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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

Yes, I'd like to make a tax deductible contribution and adopt \_\_\_\_\_ blind fisherman. Please find enclosed my sponsorship at \$25 each in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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I am making my contribution by (circle one)  Check

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