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Frostburg Lions seeking old cell phones

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club is seeking old, used and damaged cell phones.

The group recycles the old cell phones, raising funds to continue purchasing eye glasses for Frostburg residents in need. "We really need old cell phones," said Lions President Bill Munck.

"We have to continue funding eye glasses purchases for Frostburg area resident, and this is one of our fund raising tools."

Frostburg Lions collect, pack and ship to recyclers, old cell phones, computer ink cartridges, and copier toners to help fund the more than two dozen projects and programs that they sponsor.

From vision screening for elementary school children in Frostburg, to two youth awards at Mountain Ridge High School, the Frostburg Lions Club is helping to fund program and projects that benefit the commu-

nity.

Frostburg Lions estimate there are more than 12,000 old cell phones laying around in Frostburg. "We want to keep them from the landfill," said Munck, "and raise funds with them."

Lions are paid for every cell phone they recycle. New techniques called "above ground mining" are used to extract the materials, and elements from the phones for reuse. All phones

are 100 percent recycled and recycled in the U.S.

Lions also accept computer ink cartridges, toner cartridges as well. All are recycled, and kept from landfills, where they can take as much as 400 years to degrade. "We need the community's help," said Lions Vice President Tina Gormley. "This is a "no pain" way to help out Lions," referring to the current economic times.

Donations to help finance

Lions program are down some 30 percent over past years. "You can donate old stuff, cell phones and ink cartridges, and still have money for gas," she said. "Helping out Lions at the same time."

Old cell phones, working or not, computer ink cartridges and copies toners can be dropped off at First United Bank, Frostburg, and the Hotel Gunter, Main Street. Larger quantities can be picked up by Lions by calling 301-687-0212.