



**Benefit blues concert for Greensburg Kansas  
Creator and Chairman: Lion Debbie Burlingame**

The small town of Loma Rica raised over \$11,000 for the folks who survived the tornado that took Greensburg off the Kansas map. A contingent of Foothill Lions (at their own expense) drove to Kansas to deliver the proceeds. We were received with open arms and grateful hearts.



Loma Rica, CA to Greensburg, KS 1,683 miles...

first stop: Wendover, Nevada

second: Little America, Wyoming



Endless hours on the road....



Eating...drinking...in Little America, WY



Third stop: Hays Kansas



Eating...drinking...in Hays Kansas



...a little sightseeing...



We are definitely not in California anymore...

Day four: Greensburg Kansas!



The path of that killer twister cut a swath wider than the entire town of Greensburg.

Many thanks to our Greensburg hostess Jackie who fed us and gave us very comfortable sleeping accommodations. After a few cocktails she confided in us that she was dreading our arrival as she thought we would be snobby and stuffy women from California. Not so much huh Jackie? We had a great time and she told us chilling stories of the day that tornado hit and the aftermath. I could've listened to her all night (and we almost did...) but we had to get up because Greensburg had arranged a CELEBRATION that next day.



It turns out we weren't the only ones there for Greensburg on Sept 11th, 2008! Lions International, Lions clubs from all around America and an organization called "New York Remembers" were all there, helping, building and donating. We were asked to be part of a parade in which the residents of Greensburg lined the streets with American flags to pay tribute to the people who came to their aid when they needed it most. It was moving and an honor to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.



Kansas Troopers and the FOOTHILL LIONS (we are not under arrest)

New York Fire Fighter and the FOOTHILL LIONS



Everyone wanted their picture taken with the Foothill Lions!!! Well, maybe it was the Foothill Lions who wanted the pictures...



Debbie presented the check (hey, you could've turned it around) and we were back on the road again! Loma Rica or Bust!

(We are standing in front of a flag that survived the attacks in New York on 9/11. The last patch was sewn on by a group of Greensburg women.)