# Lions Club International Foundation





# **Session Objectives**

To Gain an understanding of:

- •LCIF's mission
- •Grant programs
- •Recognition programs



# **LCIF's Mission**

"To support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local and the world communities as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects."



#### We Deliver Humanitarian Programs

#### Four Pillars of Service

Give Sight
Provide Disaster Relief
Combat Disability
Support Youth



We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

# **LCIF Quick Facts:**

- Since 1968 to 2012 LCIF has awarded more than 11,000 grants, bringing the total amount to over US\$ 811 million.
- Named the Number 1 non-governmental organization in the **world**



#### How Does LCIF Help?

- Helps Lions respond to major humanitarian concerns
- Enables Lions-to-help-Lions...especially in times of disaster and catastrophe
- Funds projects too big for districts/clubs
- Develops grant-making initiatives to help Lions better serve

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#### Why should Lions Support LCIF?

- We are changing the world
- Grassroots presence = quick response
- We are saving the sight of 30 million people
- Giving measles vaccinations to 157 million children
- Giving disaster relief to 5 million people annually
- Teaching life skills to 12 million youth



# **Contribute to LCIF?**

**Effective**: - Every dollar donated goes to projects

- Administrative expenses paid from interest income

**Efficient:** - Administrative expenses less than 11%

Leverage: - Grants typically matched with local funding

**<u>Need</u>**: - Grants often exceed donations

## **Donations to LCIF**

**CAN BE GIVEN FROM CLUBS PROJECT FUND** 



#### One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative

- Joined Measles Initiative in 2010
  - Vaccinated 41 million children in 2010-2011 with partners
  - Lions locally assisted with promotion, outreach and organizing
- Gates Foundation Challenge Grant:
  - The Gates Foundation gives US\$1 for every US\$2 from Lions, up to US\$5 million
  - Lions and the Gates Foundation will provide a total of US\$15 million



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## One Shot, One Life: Continuation 2012-2013



- As of August 27, LCIF has raised US\$7.25 million
- Need your help to complete the second half of Lions commitment
- Vaccination campaigns taking place in the next few months that need our immediate assistance
- Help us save 157 million children this year

#### One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative

- 450 children die daily
- Measles can cause severe complications, including brain damage, hearing loss and blindness
- Can be prevented through a safe and inexpensive vaccination
- Costs less than US\$1
- Leading cause of vaccinepreventable deaths





## **Grant Programs**

#### **Standard Grants**

- Initiates/expands Lions humanitarian projects
- The Most common grant -Matching funds up to US\$ 75,000
- Example mobile health units, medical/eye clinics, etc.

#### SightFirst Grants

• Fight preventable/reversible blindness with sustainable eye care service projects.





# 7,840,000

The number of cataract surgeries performed as part of the SightFirst program, bringing sight to millions of people worldwide/



#### **Give Sight**

# SightFirst is the flagship blindness prevention program of LCIF

- Awarded 1,051 grants totaling US\$274 million to 102 countries
- SightFirst has:
  - Saved the sight of more than 27 million people
  - Prevented vision loss for more than 30 million people
  - Improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions

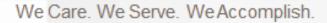
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#### Provide Disaster Relief

Provides emergency aid, such as water, food, shelter and first aid

- Response to Past Disasters:
  - Japan earthquake and tsunami
  - Hurricane Katrina
  - Sichuan (China) Earthquake
  - Haiti Earthquake
  - Superstorm Sandy





## **Grant Programs**

## Core 4 Grants

- Up to US\$ 200,000 to target 4 areas:
  - Preserving sight
  - Combating disability
  - Promoting health
  - Serving youth
- LCIF provides either 25% or 75% of cost.



## **Grant Programs**

### **Emergency Grants**

- Up to US\$10,000 for natural disaster relief (tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, etc.)
- Must affect 100+ people
- For immediate needs: food, water, clothing
- More than US\$ 2 million yearly awarded in emergency grants



# **Criteria for a Grant Application**

- Addresses a humanitarian need
- Serves a large population
- Cost effective
- Beyond local Club fund-raising capability
- Strong Lions' identity/involvement
- Endorsed by district cabinet

# **Impact of Contributions**

## Contributing Member (US\$ 20)

Treat 20 people for river blindness

## Silver Contributing Member (US\$ 50)

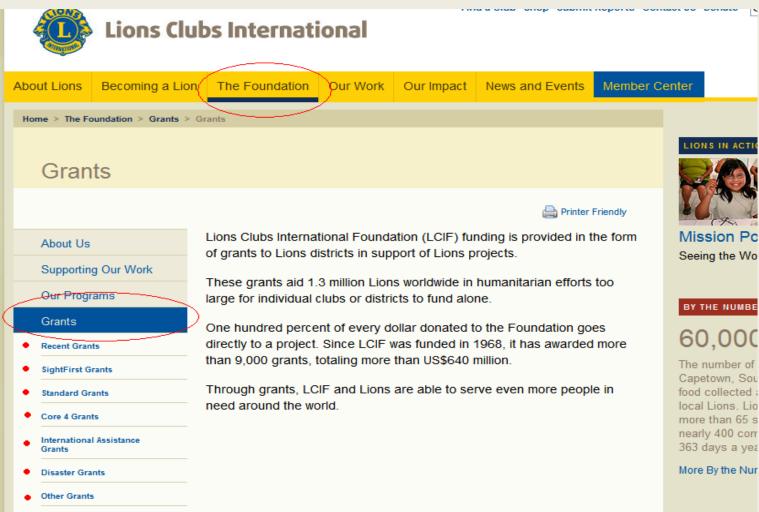
Cataract surgery for 2 blind people in Vietnam

#### Gold Contributing Member (US\$ 100)

- Improve vision in 1,000 children by distributing recycled eyeglasses
- Melvin Jones Fellow (US\$ 1000)
- Train 2 eye doctors in developing countries to do cataract surgery



#### For more information:



- 1. Go to http://www.lionsclub.org
- 2. Click on 'The Foundation' near the top of the web page.
- 3. Click on 'Grants' on the left side of the web page.





Together with your donation - Lions Clubs International Foundation will now be able to help more people than ever before.. in

"Building a stronger foundation, creating a better world."

#### Enriching Lives

## WE ARE COMPASSIONATE AND CARING enriching lives in communities all over the world!

