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Mobilizing Support for Ebola Victims

In recent months, we have all watched as an outbreak of Ebola has gripped West Africa. The outbreak has taken more than 5,000 lives, and it is estimated that more than 4,000 children have been orphaned. A lack of health education and growing food shortages in these countries are proving to be a disastrous combination. Lions, I am appealing to you to join me in offering support.



. Please consider making a donation to LCIF's Ebola Aid campaign and bring hope to Ebola victims, their families and those affected by the outbreak

Groot Schuur Club put out a challenge to the Clubs in Zone One to match their donation of R 500 for the Ebola campaign. All the Clubs in the Zone Pledged the R 500.

I hereby put out the same challenge for the rest of the Clubs in the other Zones to match and donate R 500 for Ebola Campaign.

In March our District donated \$ 216 to LCIF, with my challenge above see how we can improve on our donations to LCIF this month. Presently only 16 Clubs have donated thus far this year ???

LCIF Provides Emergency/Disaster Relief Grants in March 2015



When natural disasters strike, Lions are there to offer help and support. In times of need, Lions are able to rely

on disaster relief grants and funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

In March 2015, LCIF provided 12 emergency and disaster relief grants totaling US\$113,600. Emergency Grants provide up to US\$10,000 for districts impacted by a natural disaster that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and tsunamis. Lions district governors may apply for disaster relief funds to help meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. LCIF typically awards more than US\$2 million in Emergency Grant funding each year.

A Note from Barry Palmer Chairperson LCIF Foundation:

. Lions and LCIF Are Committed to Saving Sight



Barry Palmer & Lion Jimmy Carter

As Chairperson of your Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I have the privilege of traveling the globe to see the amazing work you Lions are doing. Every day, you provide disaster relief, empower our young people and serve our communities. You also remain committed to saving sight. Whether you are conducting vision screenings, distributing eyeglasses or medicine, you are giving the gift of sight.

Together with LCIF and partners like The Carter Center, Lions have helped to restore sight to 7.7 million people through cataract surgeries; prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million; provided over 271 million treatments for river blindness; built or expanded 660 eye care hospitals and clinics; and trained 681,000 eye care specialists and eye health workers. **Congratulations, Lions!** As we celebrate these achievements, know that there is still much work to be done. With your **contribution**, LCIF will be able to support Lions all over the world who continue making a positive impact in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Thank you for commitment to saving and restoring sight.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions every Dollar (Rand) donation counts no matter how big or small in helping where the need is most required.

Here are the banking details for our District and remember to inform Sandy that we may follow up with LCIF :-

International Association of Lions Clubs

FNB. Branch 201409 Account 50260087653

Best Regards

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