



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



## News Letter August 2013

Congratulations to De Grendel who was the only Club to make a donation to LCIF during July. I look forward to a better response from our District.

As stated previously all grants throughout the World including our District comes from LCIF.

We in District 410A have received far more than we have given LCIF.

All donations can come from Clubs Project Account and also be earmarked towards a Melvin Jones Presentation.

### **Please use donation for :-**

***Area of Greatest Need \* Disaster Relief \* Humanitarian Needs \* Sight - Programs \* Youth Programs \* Memory / Honour \* Measles Initiative***

A donation is also a requirement for a Club Excellence Award.

### Message from LCIF Chairperson :-

Dear Lions,

Did you know that up to 80 percent of global blindness is preventable? Lions and LCIF are working hard to reduce that number and I am happy to say that we are making a difference.

An example of this is our efforts and partnerships aimed at eliminating onchocerciasis (river blindness), a disease that can lead to blindness. Last month, I was able to join former U.S. President and Lion Jimmy Carter at a special celebration in Colombia. Through the work of LCIF and Lions, The Carter Centre, the Colombian government and other dedicated people and organizations, Colombia became the first of six countries in the Americas to [eliminate river blindness](#). I am so proud of our role in this achievement.



It is through the [Sight First](#) program that LCIF helps Lions deliver services that target diseases such as river blindness, cataract and trachoma; build or expand facilities; train professionals; and build awareness about eye health in underserved communities. LCIF also supports many services for the visually impaired, including education and rehabilitation. Just last week, LCIF's Sight First Advisory Committee approved 32 Sight First grants for a total of US\$7.5 million. These projects will help Lions in Belize, the United States, Brazil, Nepal and other countries complete diverse sight-saving projects.

I was recently able to see a great example of a project in the United States at the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision in Illinois. There, dedicated staff and doctors help people with low vision obtain tools, technology, training and support. An LCIF grant helped expand a portion of the institute, and it was inspiring to hear the stories of the people who have been helped.

From helping a country eliminate a blinding disease to helping a person with reduced vision realize that they can still read, you are making a difference. And LCIF is here to help you make that difference.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

### **Generous Commitment to LCIF during Convention**

In a surprise announcement, Board Appointee and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal and her husband, Lion Abhey Oswal, committed US\$5 million to Lions Clubs International Foundation on stage during the annual Lions Clubs International Convention.

"My husband has always supported me...he wanted to pledge something for society, for humanitarian causes. So he pledged US\$5 million to be spread globally," said PDG Oswal of India. "I feel this is the best Foundation. I have seen it working...I have felt it with my heart and soul. That is why I am so passionate about LCIF, because I have seen the success stories. Today, it was a very big deal for all of us. Let us try to make this world a beautiful world and let us create a difference in society."




In addition to this incredible commitment, Lions in attendance generously made donations at the Foundation booth. LCIF relies on the generosity of individuals to carry out worldwide efforts to restore sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and address humanitarian needs



Remember - One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

How about a personal donation to LCIF.



Donors contributing <b>US\$20</b> receive a bronze Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.	Donors contributing <b>US\$50</b> receive a silver Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.	Donors contributing <b>US\$100</b> receive a gold Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made.
		

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## **DONATIONS FROM District 410 A**

**TO: International Association of Lions Clubs**

**FNB. Branch 201409 Account 50260087653**

Remember to inform Sandy & Me your donation that we may confirm that it has been recorded at LCIF.

Do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance regarding LCIF

Best Regards

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