



Lions Clubs International
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As we start the new fiscal year humanitarian service is at the heart of LCIF and Lions work.

Working together, Lions identify the most crucial needs, and LCIF supports them in humanitarian efforts that transform lives of people around the world. LCIF is proud of all that Lions are able to accomplish worldwide.

Herewith some of the amazing achievements LCIF and Lions have done during the past year.

Providing Life Skills for Students

LCIF's [Lions Quest](#) program has impacted more than 13 million students around the world through social and emotional learning. As a renowned program for positive life skills for youth, our partners are taking notice – NoVo Foundation recently [provided a US\\$300,000 grant](#) to support Lions Quest.

Lions Quest is also revising its printed curriculum. The resulting curriculum products will be more modern and relevant to issues facing today's youth, like bullying and career readiness. The revised program is scheduled to be ready in 2015.



Partnering to End Measles

At last year's convention, LCIF [partnered with the GAVI Alliance](#) and committed to raising US\$30 million for measles vaccinations by our 100th anniversary in 2017. During the month of April, Lions had some exciting measles activities.

World Immunization Week this year was a big success around the world. And in just April, [Lions raised US\\$1.3 million for measles vaccinations](#) with support from Abhey and Past District Governor and Board Appointee Aruna Oswal. Lions were on the ground in local communities, educating people about measles, supporting vaccination campaigns and spreading awareness.



Saving Sight and Preventing Blindness

Lions and LCIF are committed to saving sight and preventing blindness where needed most. In China, blinding trachoma has affected eye health for many people. Through [LCIF SightFirst grants](#), our Foundation is supporting the effort towards elimination of trachoma as a public health concern by 2016.

The fight against trachoma and other eye diseases expands around the world. In May 2014, Lions Clubs International leadership and the Lions of Georgia (USA) joined former U.S. President and Lion Jimmy Carter in a signing ceremony to commemorate an [expansion of the Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative](#) addressing the major causes of preventable blindness in Ethiopia, Uganda, Mali and Niger. This partnership also helped celebrate the [elimination of river blindness in Colombia](#) last year, a major milestone.



Meeting Humanitarian Needs Globally

Numerous disaster relief grants have been awarded throughout the world to address flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides and other natural disasters. One notable disaster was [Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines](#). LCIF quickly mobilized tents, water filtration units and millions in donations to support those affected. And, Lions remain on the ground assisting their communities by rebuilding homes.

In addition to disaster relief, LCIF provided many grants for Lions' projects to support local communities. Projects that provided needed hospital equipment, built centres for blind and disabled community members, purchased mobile health units, constructed schools for children in developing countries and more changed the lives of approximately 6.73 million people in the past year!



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

I have heard it said “ Why should we send donations to LCIF as we have needs here in our own district “ **Since 1983 we in our District 410A have received in emergency grants \$ 85,000 This is far more than we have donated** “and hopefully we never have a major disaster, so I look forward to all Clubs in our district being part of the pride.

A note from the Chairman :--

Dear Lions

This past year has been an amazing one. As Chairperson of [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#), I had the honor of visiting some of your LCIF grant projects around the world. And, I saw that you are changing many lives. The world is a better place because of your efforts to make a difference. I would like to share with you some accomplishments in each of LCIF's service areas, written below.

Without you, there would be more children at risk for bullying in schools; more people would lose their vision due to diseases like trachoma; more children would die each year from measles; and there would be less support for people in need following disasters. Together, we can continue meeting needs around the world.

Thank you for your support of our Foundation.

Sincerely,
Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Best Regards *PDG · Wolsley DC - LCIF 410A*