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Fellow Lions

As we start the last quarter of this fiscal year I note from the latest Report from LCIF that only 11 Clubs have donated something to LCIF. The Total being only \$ 3573-33 which is far less than the same period last year \$ 12720-88 .

Last year we were the top District but at the moment we are lagging behind by more than about \$ 800

I ask all to see what we can do over the next few months till end of this fiscal year, to achieve almost \$15,000-00 that we donated to LCIF last year.



### Making Measles History

In November 2013, one of the strongest typhoons ever to make land devastated parts of the Philippines. Tens of thousands became homeless overnight and thousands more lost their lives. Lions around the world responded with generosity, raising more than US\$1 million in the first two weeks following the disaster. **Yet there is another disaster that takes place each day that may not make headlines, but it takes the life of 335 children every day – more than 122,000 a year.** And it's completely preventable. This disaster is measles – and Lions have vowed to continue the fight against it. Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known to humankind, and people who aren't protected have a high risk of infection. When one person has measles, 90 percent of the people they come into close contact with will become infected, if they are not vaccinated or have not previously contracted the disease

**For US\$1**, a child can be vaccinated against measles making it one of the most cost-effective health interventions available. Vaccines have the power not only to save but also transform lives by protecting against disease – giving children a chance to grow up healthy, go to school, and improve their lives. In many parts of the world, parents do not have access to immunization services that could protect their children from measles. Factors such as poverty, poor health systems, and a lack of information can make it difficult for families to secure preventative vaccinations for their children

Through our partnership with GAVI Alliance, Lions have committed to raising US\$30 million by our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 towards the fight to eliminate measles. The funds raised by Lions will be matched through the GAVI Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Through our joint efforts with GAVI and other partners, we will help immunize more than 114 million children and increase access to quality immunization services to benefit children throughout the world.

**World Immunization Week is April 23-30, 2014.** Throughout the month, Lions in measles priority countries will be out in their communities encouraging their neighbours to participate in vaccination events and serving as volunteers at vaccination centers. Lions are essential partners in immunization campaigns throughout the world helping to make measles history and the results are remarkable. Since 2010, Lions have helped to contribute to the vaccination of 200 million children against measles.

In celebration of World Immunization Week, Lions mobilization efforts around the world to eliminate measles, all donations for measles during the month of April will be matched dollar for dollar by Lion Aruna Oswal and her family, up to a total gift of US\$500,000. This means that during the month of April, your contribution will save four times the number of children from the potentially devastating effects of measles.

In honour of World Immunization Week and Lions commitment to making measles history, consider making a donation to LCIF to help eliminate measles.

### **Lions Disaster Relief Programs**

LCIF's commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings, when we awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota, USA. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid—and LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims. This grassroots model has proven effective in tragedies around the world, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami, September 11th and the Haiti earthquake. Lions know that disaster can affect anyone's community, whether it's halfway around the world or right at home. That's why in the last 10 years, LCIF has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster relief programs worldwide.

Thanks to the support Lions provide to LCIF on an on-going basis, Emergency Grants are available to provide for basic immediate needs including food, water, clothing and medicine. We have learned from experience that when a disaster victim receives aid quickly, it provides strength needed to survive the shock and loss and even a little hope for the future. To date, more than 3,000 emergency grants have been awarded. . At the heart of LCIF's disaster relief programs are the individuals and families your donations reach.

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Looking forward to receiving your donation so as to catch up to last year figure

.Here are the banking details for our District

Remember to inform Sandy & I  
that we may follow up with LCIF :-

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