



# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

## COMMITTED TO PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF WORLDWIDE

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has always been dedicated to helping communities impacted by disasters. Our long history in providing immediate and long-term disaster relief has given us extensive experience. Funds are immediately available for emergency relief efforts thanks to the ongoing support provided to LCIF by Lions and donors around the world. Together, local Lions, Lions leaders and LCIF staff assess the immediate needs and develop long-term reconstruction plans. Through the efforts of LCIF and Lions, communities affected by disasters receive the help they need and the assurance that they are not alone.

## ABOUT LCIF

LCIF is the charitable organization of Lions Clubs International (LCI) and supports the compassionate service work of Lions around the world. LCIF relies primarily on donations to help millions in need each year. Since the Foundation was established in 1968, it has awarded more than US\$729 million for 10,268 projects worldwide in the areas of restoring sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and addressing other humanitarian issues.

With an average of US\$30 million in grants awarded each year, LCIF has become a global leader in humanitarian service. This is due in part to our successful partnerships. In fact, in 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner.

## LCIF SUPPORTING DISASTERS

- In 1973, LCIF awarded its first grant ever for flood relief in South Dakota, USA.
- In the last 10 years, more than US\$50 million has been awarded for disaster relief.
- LCIF awards approximately US\$2 million for emergency grants each year to provide immediate relief to communities affected by disasters.
- LCIF sets itself apart through its long-term commitment to reconstruction efforts and the fact that 100 percent of every donation goes directly to these projects (administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments).
- Projects are carried out by Lions in the community, a vast grassroots network of 1.35 million Lions in more than 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and regions worldwide.

*“Last week the Lions supplied us with furniture. Today the Lions have brought up a fantastic truckload of goods. When you go from absolutely nothing to within a couple of weeks we’re comfortable, we’re feeling quite overwhelmed by all of that.”*

– Christine Adams, 2009 Australian bush fire victim, who benefited from the US\$214,800 in relief provided by LCIF.



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## LIONS IN ACTION

Through LCIF, Lions have helped bring stability and hope to a number of regions following devastating disasters. A few examples include:

### TORNADOES IN SOUTHERN STATES, USA, APRIL 2011

- Lions and LCIF mobilized US\$410,000 for damage in eight states, which included 16 emergency grants.
- Twenty-seven Lions clubs provided 200 families with meals and medical supplies.
- In Birmingham, Alabama, Lions established a warehouse staging area to collect and distribute donated goods.
- Lions in Alabama partnered with Vision Service Providers to provide eye exams and eye glasses to 1,500 people who lost them during the storms.

### EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI IN JAPAN, MARCH 2011

- LCIF awarded more than US\$16 million for the destructive disaster in Japan.
- With more than 107,000 Lions in Japan, Lions living in affected communities were able to determine, communicate and address the most crucial needs.
- Lions established four relief command centers in key areas; they also created an online map to help coordinate efforts and track progress.
- Working with partner organizations such as the Japan Red Cross, Lions are coordinating mid- to long-term relief plans.



*"I have regained my confidence in the future ever since the Lions became the official sponsor of the SAEH Park [Lions camp]. Thanks to the Lions, we had the material and moral support to help organize the camp. After the quake, I was completely discouraged. I thought all was lost...and today, I have new hope, and I am ready to fight for the future."*

– Yves Pheterson Georges, victim of the 2010 Haiti earthquake. LCIF remains dedicated to helping to rebuild the communities and lives of Haitians.

### EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND, FEBRUARY 2011

- Lions and LCIF raised US\$581,000 for New Zealand earthquake victims.
- With the clean drinking water supply compromised, Lions provided large quantities of bottled water.
- LCIF is supporting social services including counseling and therapeutic activities for victims, especially children.
- Lions were active in operating water stations, assisting at relief centers, delivering hot meals and providing grocery and fuel vouchers.

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## EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI, JANUARY 2010

- LCIF mobilized more than US\$6 million for immediate relief and long-term reconstruction.
- Three Lions' "tent cities" were established in Port-au-Prince, supplying approximately 2,500 individuals with food, security and basic aid.
- LCIF is building homes with clean water, sanitation facilities and furniture for 600 families.
- In partnership with HumaniTerra International, LCIF is helping to rebuild, equip and operate the National Nurses School of Port-au-Prince so that students can become nurses and begin helping their fellow citizens.

## EARTHQUAKE IN SICHUAN PROVINCE, CHINA, MAY 2008

- LCIF awarded US\$3 million for immediate and long-term earthquake relief.
- As part of a two-phase project to construct more than 150 homes, 80 homes were formally presented to families during a ceremony in October 2009.
- Chinese Lions and villagers rebuilt the homes together, as well as three new schools.
- A village in the Yunnan province is being constructed, which includes 180 homes, a school and hospital.
- In total, more than 35,000 villagers will benefit.

# PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF

## HURRICANE KATRINA IN THE GULF STATES, USA, AUGUST 2005

- Lions mobilized US\$5 million for immediate and long-term reconstruction that benefited an estimated 3 million people in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Funds helped rebuild and equip schools, rebuild or establish Lion eye clinics and eye banks, provide assistive and rehabilitative devices for disabled, repair Lions camps and numerous other projects.
- A new health clinic was created at Chalmette High School in Louisiana, where daily 50 to 60 students, as well as local community members, receive free health services. Lions also helped construct a library for the community.

## TSUNAMI IN SOUTH ASIA, DECEMBER 2004

- LCIF awarded more than US\$15 million for reconstruction efforts in Thailand, India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.
- Lions rebuilt more than 4,000 homes and constructed community and health centers, schools and orphanages.

*"I am so proud of the Lions village project. We've never done a project of this magnitude before, but we are able to because of LCIF. It is important that local Lions were the leaders on this project because they know the problems of the people who were affected by the tsunami. Lions have provided hope and a new life to the people, and that makes me so proud."*

– Dr. Wallapa Wisawasukchol, Bangkok Pungamitr Lions Club member and Secretary of Multiple District 310, Thailand, referring to Lions villages constructed for victims of the 2004 South Asia tsunami.

**"To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects." –LCIF Mission Statement**

When disaster strikes, LCIF and Lions are among the first there to lend a hand. We stay for as long as it takes to finish the work, and help give disaster victims their lives back. From September 11th to the 2009 Australian bush fires to the relief provided to flood victims in South Dakota more than four decades ago, LCIF gives some comfort to those who have lost everything. But, we need your support to be ready for the next disaster, and to give victims perhaps the most important gift we can: hope for the future.

## MAKE A DONATION

By making a donation to the LCIF disaster fund, you ensure that people impacted by natural disasters receive the help they need. Making a contribution for a disaster is simple and involves the same process as when donating to any other LCIF initiative. There are several ways to make a donation to LCIF disaster relief:

- Donate online at [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate).
- Mail LCIF a U.S. dollar check drawn on a U.S. financial institution.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account.
- Complete a direct wire transfer.

Contact the LCIF Donor Processing Department at [donations@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donations@lionsclubs.org) or 630-203-3836 with questions.

## DONATIONS AT ANY AMOUNT CAN BRING RELIEF:

- **\$25 - \$50** – Can provide water, food rations, clothing and shoes to keep a family or several individuals fed, protected and sustained for at least one week or more.
- **\$100 - \$250** – Can provide first aid and medical supplies for one shift of emergency first aid for the backlog of injured.
- **\$500 - \$1,000** – Can help provide a portion of the funds to be used in rebuilding homes and community infrastructure. LCIF establishes long-term plans to provide shelter for individuals displaced or left homeless following disasters.
- **\$5,000+** – Can help provide a portion of funds necessary for long-term rebuilding efforts that include the construction of schools, clinics and hospitals that will serve the community for many years. Following disasters, LCIF has built entire Lions villages to house, educate and assist those who lost everything.



Please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) to read stories and testimonials from LCIF disaster relief recipients, learn more about the Foundation's disaster aid efforts and find the latest updates on our disaster work.

**We Care.  
We Serve.  
We Accomplish.**



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