

PROGRAMS

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local and global communities. LCIF's programs preserve sight, combat disabilities, promote health, serve youth and provide disaster relief. LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 10,268 grants totaling more than US\$729 million to assist Lions clubs and districts carry out ambitious humanitarian projects. The 1.35 million Lions around the world share a great spirit of giving and a dedication to improving lives, making LCIF a global leader in humanitarian service. In fact, LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner, according to a Financial Times independent survey.

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

Some of LCIF's program impacts:

Sight

- Awarded 1005 SightFirst grants in 102 countries for a total of more than US\$255 million
- Restored sight to 7.68 million people through cataract surgeries
- Prevented serious vision loss for 30 million
- Provided 148 million treatments for river blindness
- Provided vision screening for more than 250,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through Opening Eyes
- Built or expanded 315 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Trained 659,000 eye care specialists
- Conducted 14 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids

Humanitarian

- Awarded more than 3,000 emergency grants totaling more than US\$25 million
- Raised more than US\$200 million for Campaign SightFirst II, making it the greatest fundraising effort in LCIF's history
- Engaged more than 12 million students in the youth development program Lions Quest



We Save Sight.

Since 1925, aiding the blind and visually impaired has been at the forefront of Lions Clubs International's mission. LCIF has supported this work through the SightFirst Program and other sight initiatives.

The SightFirst Program

SightFirst has helped restore sight to more than 30 million people around the world since its inception in 1990. With the goal of combating all avoidable causes of blindness, SightFirst has provided millions of sight-restoring surgeries, created or improved hundreds of eye care centers and trained thousands of eye care professionals.

SightFirst initiatives:

Lions-WHO Childhood Blindness Initiative

In 2002, Lions and the World Health Organization joined together to address the problem of childhood blindness by establishing need-based Lions eye care centers around the globe. To date, 35 centers have delivered eye care services for 121 million children.

SightFirst China Action Project

Since 1997, LCIF has partnered with the Chinese Ministry of Health and the China Disabled Persons' Federation on SightFirst China Action (SFCA). To date, SFCA has restored sight to 5.3 million people.

River Blindness Initiatives

SightFirst has supported more than 137 million treatments of river blindness in Africa and Latin America. LCIF forged a partnership with The Carter Center in 1999 to expand its efforts. As a result, experts foresee eradication of river blindness in Latin America by 2012.

Trachoma Initiatives

Together, Lions and LCIF provide support through medication, surgery, training of healthcare workers and health education for people who have or are at risk for trachoma. Working with other NGOs, Lions have developed a comprehensive long-term plan for eliminating trachoma by 2020.

Restoring Sight for Daniel

Ninety-year-old Daniel Tumbo lived in a remote village in Kenya and had been blind for nearly 10 years. With eye care virtually inaccessible and unaware his vision could be restored, Daniel was resigned to his fate. But a neighbor convinced him to visit a Lions outreach camp, where he was told his eyes could be operated on at the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

After receiving cataract surgery, Daniel was a new person. Back in his village, he told his neighbors that he had "gone to Nairobi as luggage but came back as a human being." He was able to see his four children and saw two of his grandchildren for the first time. For him, sight is life.



SightFirst has become one of the world's most effective and efficient public health initiatives, saving the sight of millions of people for an astonishing average of US\$6 per person.

Other LCIF sight initiatives:

Sight For Kids

A partnership of LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, this program has provided 14 million vision screenings and eye health education programs for children throughout South Asia.

Pediatric Cataract Initiative

The Bausch + Lomb Early Vision Institute and LCIF are partnering to identify, fund and promote innovative methods of treating pediatric cataract for the long-term benefit of children, their families and communities.

Johnson & Johnson
Vision Care



Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly toward a project for someone in need; all administrative costs are paid for through interest earned on the investments.

We Support Youth.

Supporting the development of young people is one of the most essential components to ensuring a healthier and happier future. Lions and LCIF have a strong commitment to providing positive opportunities for youth.

Lions Quest

Lions Quest is a school-based life-skills program for children from kindergarten to 12th grade that has been offered by Lions since 1984. Uniting home, school and community, the program teaches responsible decision-making, effective communication and drug prevention. More than 12 million students in 64 countries have taken part in Lions Quest, and more than 500,000 educators and other adults have been trained to implement the program in schools and community settings.

Skills for the Future for Marvin

Marvin Hoffman, a ninth-grade student at Martin Niemoller School in Reinstadt, Germany, deals with the same challenges that millions of teenagers around the world face every day. With bullying and unresolved conflicts occurring among students, his school did not always create a constructive and safe learning environment that all students deserve.

The school began working with local Lions five years ago to implement Lions Quest, and has since seen remarkable improvements. Students in Marvin's class used skills they learned through Lions Quest to diffuse a bullying situation with students from another school. "Lions Quest has taught me to talk to my teacher about problems I face. And that it's okay to confide in others," said Marvin.



We Give Hope.

LCIF supports many humanitarian endeavors, with programs ranging from providing access to clean drinking water to aiding disaster relief efforts. Lions develop projects that address the needs of their local and global communities.

Disaster Relief

To enable Lions to help their communities following a natural disaster, LCIF awards Emergency Grants and Major Catastrophe Grants for immediate relief and long-term reconstruction projects. LCIF and Lions have provided aid to countries around the globe following major catastrophes, including the China earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, the South Asia tsunami and the Haiti earthquake.

Hope for Immacula

"The Lions helped us regain our hope," said Immacula Simeon, victim of the devastating Haiti earthquake. "We were sleeping under sheets which were protecting us from the sun and the wind. We didn't have much money, no food and no water. It was very hard. And then the Lions Clubs arrived and everything changed."

Lions are mobilizing more than US\$6 million to provide relief for the people of Haiti. Immacula's family was among the 2,500 people given shelter in three Lions tent cities in Port-au-Prince, and LCIF is building homes for 600 families. New projects are underway, such as the rebuilding of the National Nurses School of Port-au-Prince and partnering with HumiTerra International to construct a medical center to bring together medical expertise, training and medical supplies to the people of Haiti. LCIF is dedicated to providing hope and relief to Haitians like Immacula for years to come.



Other ways LCIF serves those in need:

Diabetes Treatment/Prevention

In 1999, LCIF established diabetes prevention and control as a part of the Core 4 grant program. Since beginning these efforts, LCIF has approved 102 diabetes-related grants totaling more than US\$7 million.

Measles Initiative

More than 41 million children will benefit from a new LCIF/Measles Initiative partnership program to fight measles and childhood blindness. Pilot vaccination programs are taking place in four African countries.

We Empower the Disabled.

LCIF supports programs that improve education, provide job training and opportunities, increase independence and provide support for emotional and physical well-being for the disabled.

Lions Clubs International-Special Olympics Opening Eyes

Since this partnership between LCIF and the Special Olympics began in 2001, more than 211,000 vision screenings have been provided and more than 99,000 Special Olympic athletes have received free prescription eyeglasses.

Affordable Hearing Aid Project

This United States-based pilot program makes high-quality, affordable hearing aids available to Lions clubs who then provide them to low-income people. LCIF has partnered with Rexton, Inc., a leading manufacturer of hearing aids, to provide behind-the-ear hearing aids to Lions clubs.



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