



WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND SAVE LIVES

Lions have a strong commitment to serve others and improve the quality of life for those in need. Each day, around the world, nearly 46,000 Lions clubs and 1.35 million members conduct and support local and large-scale projects to meet the needs of their communities.

Lions are also concerned with protecting individuals living with diseases or disabilities, or those at risk whose lives can be in danger when faced with natural or other disasters. Lions Clubs International has partnered with MedicAlert Foundation® International (MedicAlert®) to protect and save lives. Working together, Lions and MedicAlert can enhance life-saving services for the following at-risk groups:

- **Children with Type 1 Diabetes**

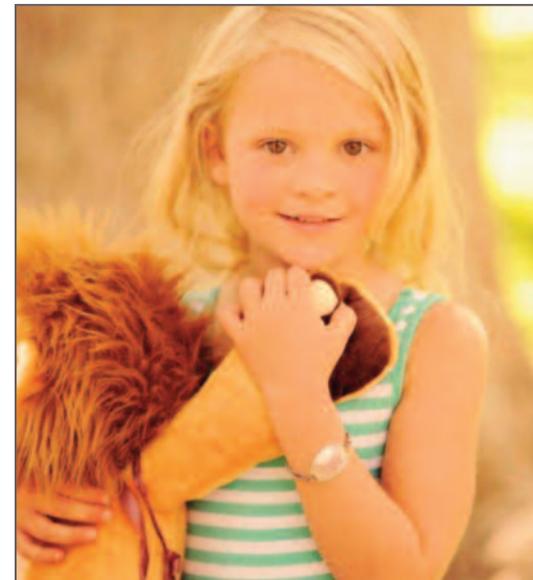
A child living with Type 1 diabetes may experience symptoms of hyperglycemia (high blood sugar) or hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), which can be life threatening. Health care personnel are trained to recognize the MedicAlert ID product and can receive vital information as well as emergency contacts for the child.

- **Populations in need of special medical attention as part of disaster preparedness**

Individuals living with life-threatening conditions can wear the MedicAlert ID product that will enable emergency personnel to quickly access vital health information in times of disaster. This can include individuals with epilepsy, heart conditions, implants, bleeding disorders, memory impairment, autism, allergies, severe asthma, diabetes or other life-threatening conditions.

- **Returning veterans/wounded military**

Many veterans return home from global military service with physical, mental and social hurdles; and they may be living with life-threatening conditions as those mentioned above. A MedicAlert ID product can alert health care professionals to these conditions, as well as two types of traumatic disorders veterans may experience, including posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).



Importance of Emergency Medical Information

Immediate access to information about an individual's disease or condition is critical in times of emergency or disaster – where seconds count. A MedicAlert ID product worn by a child or adult helps save lives. Emergency personnel and healthcare professionals are trained to look for the MedicAlert ID product, and it enables them to gain access to medical information and hidden medical conditions requiring prompt attention and treatment. Full details about vital information are held on a secure database. MedicAlert provides its services to 2.3 million members in the United States and another 1.7 million members through its affiliates worldwide. Over 5,000 emergency calls are answered, in the United States, each year by MedicAlert's dedicated team of trained staff and on-site emergency response specialists. MedicAlert "speaks for you when you can't."



MedicAlert – Worldwide Affiliates

Lions can reach at-risk groups around the world by working with established MedicAlert offices in these locations: Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Iceland, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States and Zimbabwe. Local Lions have successfully partnered with MedicAlert in many of these locations. For more information about the MedicAlert affiliates, or to explore partnership opportunities, visit: <http://www.medicalert.org/about/worldwide-locations>.

Opportunities for Service

There are many ways for Lions to partner with MedicAlert – as a district, as a club or as individuals:

- **Provide awareness about MedicAlert and its life-saving products:** through community presentations or exhibits.
- **Provide a guest speaker:** at club meetings or district conventions.
- **Distribute MedicAlert publications:** at community or Lions events.
- **Raise funds:** to procure memberships for at-risk children and adults.
- **Adopt a school or recreational camp:** to sponsor MedicAlert memberships for at-risk children with Type 1 Diabetes.
- **Work with local military/veterans associations:** to sponsor MedicAlert memberships for returning veterans/wounded military.

To learn more about MedicAlert and its worldwide affiliates, visit the MedicAlert website at www.medicalert.org.

For questions about the partnership and project opportunities, contact the LCI Health and Children's Services Department at programs@lionsclubs.org.

