

Diabetes Treatment and Prevention

Diabetes prevention and control programs are funded through Core 4 grants, which can include funding for equipment, treatment and education programs.

Low Vision

Grants support the expansion of low vision services, equipment and education to those affected with the condition.

Opening Eyes

Opening Eyes is a partnership program with Special Olympics to provide vision screenings at select Special Olympics games. In 10 years, more than 150,000 athletes have been screened, and more than 44, 000 provided with prescription eyeglasses. More than 8,000 Lions have volunteered their time at the screenings.



"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

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



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AT A GLANCE

We Give Sight.

We Support Youth.

We Provide Disaster Relief.

We Combat Disability.

We Serve.



FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

One of the most important ways that Lions make a difference in their communities and the world is through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. With funding from LCIF, Lions carry out large scale humanitarian projects in their community.

Every dollar donated to the Foundation goes directly toward a grant, as administrative costs are paid by interest on investments. Lions' support of the Foundation is critical, as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF's revenue.

Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded more than 10,000 grants totaling more than US\$700 million. Together, Lions and LCIF are making a difference for millions of people. "We Serve" better together.

SIGHT INITIATIVES

Lions are known worldwide for blindness prevention. Since the SightFirst Program began in 1990, 7.6 million people have had their sight restored through cataract surgeries, 30 million people have had vision loss prevented and hundreds of millions of people have received improved eye care services. Lions and LCIF are establishing and expanding sustainable eye health care systems in underserved areas.

Through two fundraising campaigns, Lions have raised more than US\$343 million to continue and expand SightFirst Programs. Thanks to SightFirst and Lions, the battle against preventable blindness remains a priority in communities worldwide.

Childhood Blindness

Since 2001, LCIF and the World Health Organization have been collaborating to address childhood blindness throughout the world. Thirty-five need-based Lions eye care centers have been established in countries all over the globe, delivering preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative eye care services for 102 million children.

Lions Eye Health Program

The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) is a community-based education program to promote healthy vision and raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss.

SightFirst China Action

Through SightFirst China Action, 5 million cataract surgeries have been carried out in China, home to 20 percent of the world's blind from cataract. Additionally, medical staff has been trained and clinics upgraded to increase accessibility to eye care.

Sight for Kids

LCIF and Johnson & Johnson collaborated to develop Sight for Kids, a program that has provided vision screenings, follow up treatment and eye health education to more than 10 million children in Asia.

River Blindness

SightFirst has supported more than 131 million treatments for river blindness in 15 countries in Africa and Latin America in partnership with The Carter Center. As a result, experts foresee eradication in Latin America by 2012.

Trachoma

Lions and LCIF provide support for 10 million people who have trachoma through medication, surgery, training of health workers, improving hygiene and health education.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

Supporting the development of youth is a major initiative of LCIF. Lions are bettering the future of children all over the world through improved education and health.

Lions Quest

Lions Quest is a school-based life-skills program for children from kindergarten to 12th grade. More than 11 million children have taken part in a Lions Quest classroom and more than 423,000 educators have been trained to implement the program. Lions Quest teaches responsible decision-making, effective communication and drug prevention.

HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

Many of LCIF's successful humanitarian programs range from combating disability to disaster relief efforts. Lions continue to develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of their local and global community.

Disaster Relief

LCIF emergency grants enable Lions to meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing, and medical supplies. Lions often offer additional assistance through volunteering or donating supplies. When disasters occur on a larger scale, major catastrophe grants are awarded for long-term reconstruction projects. LCIF has provided funding for recent catastrophes including Haiti and China earthquakes, Hurricane Katrina and South Asia tsunami.



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