

PRESS RELEASE

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The Lions Clubs International Foundation announces the approval of its Emergency Assistance Grant of \$10,000 to the District 50 Hawaii Lions for those impacted by the recent lava flows and mandatory evacuations.

“We are truly grateful for this Emergency Grant to purchase food items, blankets, cleaning and personal hygiene items for those temporarily displaced,” stated District Governor Blayne Hanagami. “The Lions of the Big Island, along with the support from the Lions clubs across our District, have been working with community organizers to support a recent children’s event for families forced to evacuate and sorting non perishable food donations at the Food Basket,” added Hanagami.

In addition to the recent acquisition of this emergency grant, the District 50 Lions made an additional donation of \$5,000 to complement this emergency allocation and the work of the Big Island Lions.

The ongoing and upcoming activities include: preparing food bags at the Food Basket in Hilo every Thursday; distributing food and emergency relief items in the Puna area as well as around the island where displaced families may be temporarily residing; and offering hot meals for the next 3 consecutive Saturdays for the first 300 individuals housed in the Puna shelters. “In addition to these scheduled events, we will continue to collaborate with the key organizers on larger community events as they are planned,” stated Hanagami.

For more information on the District 50 Hawaii Lions, please visit its website at “hawaiilions.org” and visit its Hawaii Lions Face Book Page.