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Our Mission

To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.



A Lion from Puerto Rico delivers water and supplies to a grateful family in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

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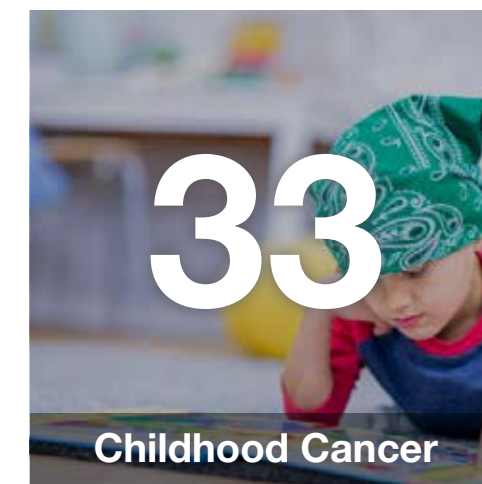
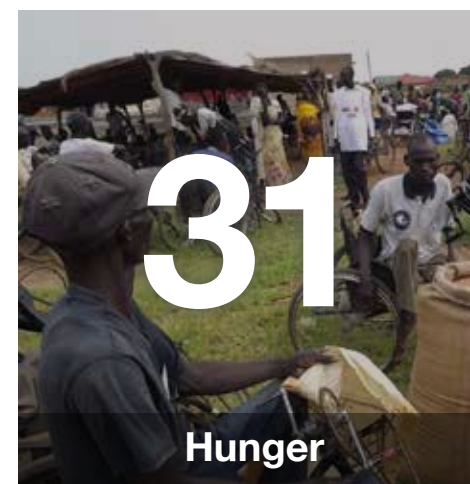
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LCIF Global Causes



“Lions, my year as chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation, our foundation, had profound impact on me.”



While I've been humbled and inspired by Lions since joining our incredible organization in 1978, my year as Foundation chair opened my eyes far wider to the world of good Lions do with funding and guidance from LCIF. Twelve months spent crossing the globe and visiting grant projects beautifully illustrated how together, we can.

My year as chairman began with trying times, as disaster struck several areas around the world. Unexpectedly, what I saw most clearly was not the devastation. It was Lions doing what they do best – serving those in need. In Houston, Texas, USA, Lions immediately created an action plan to

help their neighbors who lost their homes, cars, precious keepsakes and photographs, everything. I saw Lions in Japan distribute blankets, food, and water after mudslides destroyed entire communities, bringing just a small bit of comfort to their neighbors. As the year continued, I shared Lions' joy when learning our foundation raised US\$30 million for measles and rubella vaccination – and that Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance matched that funding, enabling the vaccination of 49.5 million children. I saw Lions Quest expand to new locations, covering important topics, such as gender equity and drug prevention.

Patients in Ethiopia and Uganda regained their vision – and their independence – after great strides were made against blinding trachoma.

A particularly exciting milestone was celebrating our foundation's 50th anniversary. Lions around the world celebrated 50 years of humanitarian service by hosting birthday parties. Tens of thousands of people participated in a five-month contest shining a spotlight on the grants LCIF has funded, the service we have empowered, and the world citizens whose futures and lives depend on our work.

“Twelve months spent crossing the globe and visiting grant projects beautifully illustrated how together, we can.”

With our most ambitious fundraising effort underway, LCIF will be able to do even more. Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service enables Lions to increase our service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes to include childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

To my global Lions family, thank you for the privilege of stewarding our foundation. The honor of serving such dedicated individuals immensely enhanced my life and added to my joy in being part of this incredible service organization. I look forward to LCIF's next 50 years of helping Lions create brighter futures for humanity worldwide.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
2017-2018 Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Celebrating

50 Years of Impact!

More than US\$1 billion contributed to global humanitarian aid since 1968.

This Year Alone...

Humanitarian Efforts

2,726,000 lives changed

US\$15,423,511 in humanitarian grants

Vision

57,899,910 people provided eye care services

US\$10 million+ in SightFirst grants

Youth

754,000 kids introduced to Lions Quest

Expansion of Lions Quest into 7 new countries

US\$2,278,492 in youth grants

Disaster Relief

672,000 people helped

US\$9,349,023 in disaster grants

Measles

Mobilized more than US\$61 million in partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Procured 110 million vaccine doses

Funded nearly US\$1 million in Lions' global measles efforts



In our first 50 years, LCIF...

Happy Birthday, LCIF!

For five decades, LCIF has supported efforts of Lions clubs and partners throughout the world with palpable impact. The lives and communities changed through service, over this many years, is certainly something worthy of a yearlong celebration!

June 13, 2018 marked LCIF's 50th anniversary and to commemorate such a milestone, the organization embarked on a series of events leading to up to its golden anniversary with the future in mind. This past year was filled with excitement for the next fifty years and humility and gratitude, as Lions worldwide reflected on the Foundation's first half-century of funding such compassionate, impactful service.

Celebrating Around the Globe

Every birthday deserves a good party! Worldwide, Constitutional Area Lion and Leo forums hosted LCIF birthday parties. Events included inspiring speeches by Lion leaders, presentations of Melvin Jones Fellows, and inspirational videos. Time out from busy agendas was filled with cake and camaraderie, setting a celebratory tone and helping Lions make deeper personal connections with LCIF.

Additionally, LCIF50.org launched with uplifting photos, videos, and stories to illustrate what LCIF accomplished in its first 50 years. Many site visitors participated in a five-month contest series, Together We Can, which dove into LCIF's rich history. Among 23,000 entries, 65 lucky winners received an exclusive LCIF 50th anniversary medal and the chance to be recognized at the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention.



Granted more than **US\$1 billion** to empower Lions service creating positive global impact.

Provided nearly **400,000** eye screenings to Special Olympics athletes, ensuring care for an often marginalized group of people.

Provided **9.1 million** cataract surgeries, restoring independence to those who once were blind or visually impaired.

Created positive learning environments for **16+ million** youth in **100+ countries**, teaching them how to make positive life decisions.

Awarded **US\$118 million** in disaster relief, and **4,600+** grants, providing hope and dignity to victims of disaster.

Helped immunize **100 million** children against measles and rubella.



This isn't just a fundraising effort—

Campaign 100 aims to build a deeply rooted culture of philanthropy fitting of the world's largest service organization to ensure Lions have resources to increase their service impact and expand their global causes.

INCREASE SERVICE IMPACT

Reduce Global Vision Impairment
Empower Youth Worldwide
Provide Disaster Relief

FIGHT GLOBAL DIABETES

Reduce Prevalence
Improve Quality of Life

EXPAND OUR GLOBAL CAUSES

Fight Childhood Cancer
Combat World Hunger
Protect Environmental Health

Launching Historic Campaign 100

On July 3, 2018, Past International Presidents Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and J. Frank Moore III, campaign chair and vice-chair, respectively, proudly announced Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service at the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention.

The third, and most ambitious, fundraising campaign in Foundation history, Campaign 100 runs through June 2021 and seeks to raise US\$300 million for Lions projects that will deliver help and hope globally to hundreds of millions of displaced, disabled, or otherwise disadvantaged people for generations. As the needs of the world change, Lions and LCIF must change to answer them. Campaign 100 also hopes to transform LCIF into an organization that sustainably raises US\$100,000,000 each year.

Progress Towards a Brighter Future

For fiscal year 2017-2018, LCIF targeted a fundraising goal of US\$50 million, representing an ambitious 30 percent increase over the prior year benchmark. The goal was met and exceeded.

Generous support from Lions, partners, and others yielded donations and pledges of US\$50,278,399. Additionally, lead and major gifts and pledges reached historically high levels in the fiscal year. With 59 lead gifts/pledges (US\$100,000+) and 43 major gifts/pledges (US\$25,000+), totaling US\$14,768,744, announced at the campaign's official kickoff at LCI's 2018 International Convention, a positive tone was set for Campaign 100. In fact, Campaign 100 launched with more lead and major gifts than LCIF's last capital campaign, the highly successful Campaign SightFirst II, received overall.

Throughout this report, explore progress in Lions' historical focus areas, as well as in diabetes, Lions' new signature cause, and in their new focus areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. Begin your journey on page 17.

Campaign 100: Supporting a World in Need

Why 100?

To mark more than 100 years of service, LCIF looks toward the next century of service. Success requires participation from each and every Lion – 100 percent of Lions worldwide. When every one of our 1.4 million Lions gives the equivalent of US\$100 each year, LCIF will realize an ambitious goal of raising US\$100 million annually to impact the lives of hundreds of millions of people and ensure 100 years from now, the world will be a better place.

Giving and Doing

Lions are asked to reframe their understanding of service to include both doing – performing selfless acts of kindness – and giving financially to LCIF. More than simply helping Campaign 100 reach its financial goals, this mindset will help ensure Lions have abundant grant funding to support critical projects for the next 100 years, and beyond.

Campaign 100 Recognition



Campaign 100 Donor Pin

Donors receive this pin after cumulative campaign donations reach US\$100. Additional pins are also available as your donations increase.

Across the globe, challenges are great.

HUNGER | Each night, 820+ million people go to bed hungry. LCIF will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry, expanding resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages globally.



YOUTH | Two-thirds of children report being victims of bullying. LCIF will serve youth through improved access to quality education, vital health services, inclusive social and recreational opportunities, and positive youth development programs.

CHILDHOOD CANCER | Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer. LCIF will strengthen medical and social services, increasing global life expectancy of children living with cancer, and enhancing quality of life for them and their families.



DISASTER RELIEF | Our planet is currently experiencing a steady rise in natural disasters, robbing innocent people of homes, jobs and lives. LCIF will be deeply engaged in disaster relief efforts and in preparing for natural disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

ENVIRONMENT | By 2025, half the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas. LCIF will protect the environmental health of our global communities, generating long-term, positive ecological and humanitarian impact.



HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS | 245 people die each day from measles, prevented easily by safe and inexpensive vaccines. LCIF will sponsor and deliver programs that address the distinct needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, the disabled, females, orphans and others disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors.

DIABETES | 425 million people are living with diabetes; this number may soar to nearly 630 million by 2045. LCIF will be a major part of the response to the diabetes global epidemic through multi-faceted, comprehensive health initiatives.

VISION | 253 million individuals are blind or visually impaired; global trends suggest the amount of people who are blind may triple by 2050. LCIF will lead the charge to reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve overall quality of life by providing services to people who are blind or visually impaired.

lionsclubs.org/campaign100

How You Can Support Campaign 100

Donate US\$100 per Year per Lion

Only US\$8/month or US\$2/week
Make your one time or recurring donation at lionsclubs.org/donate

Make a Pledge

US\$1,000+ can be paid over 3 years
US\$25,000+ can be paid over 5 years
Contact campaign100@lionsclubs.org to make your pledge.

Become a Model Club

Achieve an average per-member donation of US\$750+ between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2022. You have five years to achieve model club status—sign up today!

Become a 100 | 100 Club

Clubs with 100% of individual members contributing US\$100+ in a given year

Lions Share Program



LCIF Grants Awarded / 2017-2018

Grant Types 2017-2018 Totals

Matching Grants are for larger-scale humanitarian projects that help communities gain access to education, technology, health care, safe places for children to play, and many other life-changing improvements.

Lions Quest Grants allow schools to establish and expand the Lions Quest curriculum.

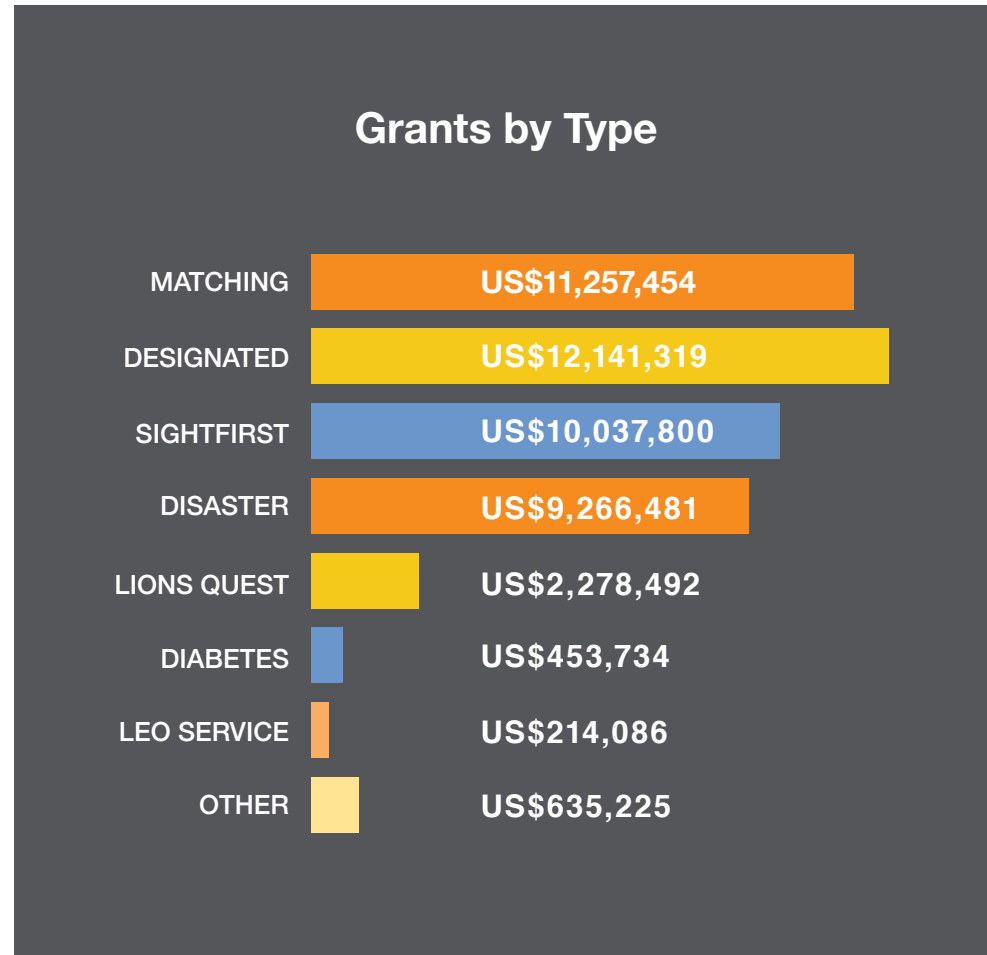
Diabetes Grants allow implementation of projects that raise awareness of diabetes, expand access to care, and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

SightFirst Grants fight avoidable blindness and care for those who are blind or visually impaired by building comprehensive eye care systems.

Leo Service Grants provide Leos with the opportunity to make a bigger impact with their service projects. Leos can plan larger humanitarian initiatives and are exposed to valuable leadership and life skills.

Disaster Grants allow Lions to provide immediate and continued support to victims of natural disasters through disaster preparedness grants, emergency grants, community recovery grants, and major catastrophe grants.

Designated Grants are awarded for other restricted projects and programs that are not applied for by Lions. Examples include LCIF's measles initiative, **One Shot, One Life**, and refugee assistance.

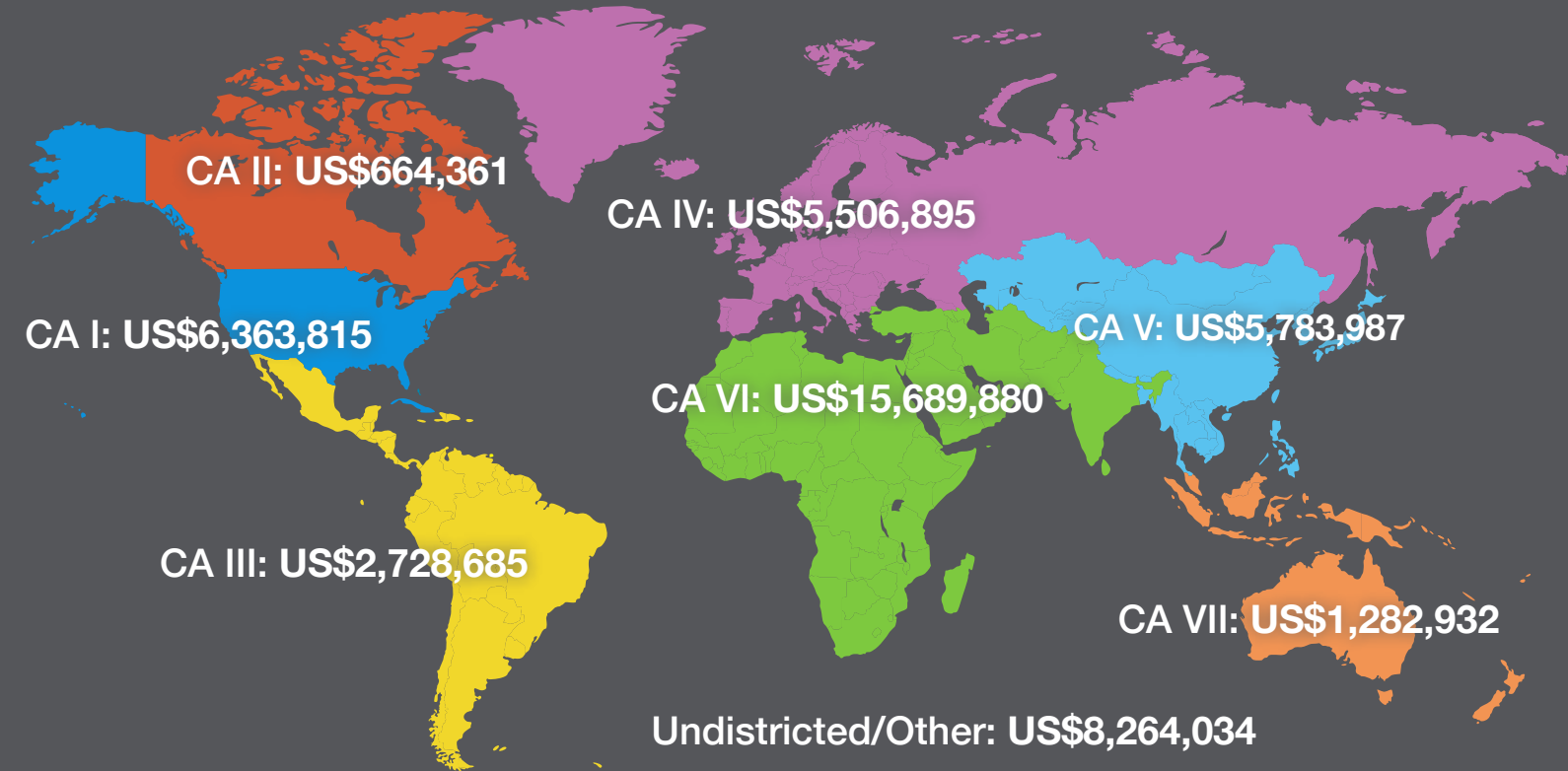


Other Grants Grants under the “other” category include the Lions Humanitarian Award; seed grants; and Board-directed grants, which include grants within LCIF's partnership with Special Olympics. Also included are International Assistance Grants, which enable Lions clubs in developed countries to partner with clubs in lesser-developed countries on projects that create positive change for communities.

New Grant Programs for 2018-2019

The District & Club Community Impact Grant Program transforms 15 percent of unrestricted club and district contributions to LCIF into grants that fund local projects.

Grants Awarded by Constitutional Area



CA I: United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda, and The Bahamas

CA II: Canada

CA III: South America, Central America, Mexico, and Islands of the Caribbean Sea

CA IV: Europe

CA V: East and Southeast Asia

CA VI: India, South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East

CA VII: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and the Islands of the South Pacific Ocean

UNDISTRICTED/OTHER: Undistricted territories and other grants (Measles, Special Olympics, The Carter Center, etc.)



Humanitarian Efforts



Two Special Olympics athletes embrace after competing together in the Bach Games.

Through humanitarian grants, LCIF provides support for programs addressing needs of at-risk, vulnerable populations and communities everywhere.

Sun, Fun, and Some Healthy Competition in Brazil

Along the sandy shores of South America's southern coastline, more than 300 Special Olympics athletes converged on São Paolo, Brazil for the debut of the organization's Beach Games, a program which gathers players of all ability levels and backgrounds to help them better understand one another through sport and competition. The Games featured soccer, bocce, swimming, and volleyball and included more than 130 Lions and 30 Leo volunteers who partnered with athletes throughout the competitions.

Together, they exhibited the finest in sportsmanship and the tenacity and will required to go for gold!

LCIF is a proud funding partner of Special Olympics, mobilizing more than US\$25 million for our partnership, Mission: Inclusion,

which funds a number of joint initiatives. One such initiative is Opening Eyes, which ensures people who have intellectual disabilities are cared for, are heard, and are creating positive social change.



Zachariah flashes a big smile as he discovers the sound of thunder.

Sensory Courtyard Awakens Children's Abilities

Lions of District 38-O used a US\$75,000 grant from LCIF to create an oasis within a school administration building in Fremont, Nebraska, USA.

Home to a hobbit house, a fossil garden, a tree swing, and a controlled multisensory environment known as a "Snoezelen Room," The Sensory Courtyard is a sanctuary for children with numerous special needs – kids who might otherwise be unable to explore their world safely and comfortably. For Lion Mary Robinson, the courtyard's concept developer and biggest champion, the initiative was – and remains – a labor of love.

Designed to engage all five senses of children whose special needs limit their ability to fully experience more traditional places of recreation, The Sensory Courtyard encourages

exploring new textures, promotes positive attitudes and inclusion, and enriches educational and motor skills development. The courtyard also raises community awareness of the broad spectrum of special needs.

Backed by LCIF and with the support of fellow Lions, Mary Robinson developed and delivered The Sensory Courtyard enabling three-year-old Ayden Crom to enjoy what other kids his age love most – play time. Due to tactile-defensiveness, Ayden's body interprets the sensation of touch with fear, pain, or discomfort. Ultimately, his involuntary responses to touch kept Ayden from meeting key developmental milestones. The Sensory Courtyard has helped Ayden and many others reach milestones they may not otherwise have achieved. In fact, Ayden is now ready for preschool.

From Mayhem to Monkey Bars in Poland

Once wrought with unsightly, overgrown foliage, weeds and dangerous playground equipment, Korczak's Gardens is now a beautiful, safe place for children of a nearby orphanage. Members from across Poland, including the Gdansk Gedania Lions and Lions Club Meinerzhagen/Kierspe, empowered by an LCIF matching grant, raised tens of thousands of dollars to fund the project. Crews cleared land,

installed a synthetic surface designed for safe play, and paved a new path so those in wheelchairs can also access and enjoy the grounds. More than 100 children with disabilities now have a grassy play area filled with slides, swings, picnic tables, and creative playground pieces where they take part in fun, therapeutic activities made possible by local Lions and LCIF's financial commitment of US\$40,366. This is the mark of a truly collaborative effort to transform such a deserving community.



Local children share the honor of cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of their new park in Poland.

Humanitarian Efforts



One resident focuses on his tissue box project.

Restoring Dignity in South Korea

After social welfare facility Angels Haven was closed in the Eunpyeong District of Seoul due to unsafe conditions, its residents, many with intellectual disabilities and severe handicaps, were forced to share small apartments with up to 14 men in each for more than four years. Some apartments were no larger than 50 square meters and with only one toilet. This, by any measure, is unacceptable and Lions of Korea took action to

restore the dignity of the 50+ men who previously called Angels Haven home and rely on such an environment to thrive. Supported by an LCIF grant of US\$100,000, Lions of Korea partnered with Angels Haven, Seoul City, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and Eunpyeong County to build a safe, clean, modern building equipped with private spaces and designated areas for exercise, treatment, and social gatherings. Now, these men are living with dignity in a safe community of which everyone can be proud.

Lions of Korea took action to restore the dignity of the 50+ men who previously called Angels Haven home.



Three residents and a staff member of the new home work together during a creative arts activity enjoying their community space.

New Ambulance and More Help Thailand Residents

A network of 18 hospitals in Nakhon Sawan Province in Thailand serves more than 1.3 million people. At the center of this network is the Sawanpracharak Hospital which had only two ambulances. Moreover, due to lack of equipment, infants in the same hospitals had slim chances of survival from life-threatening breathing issues, which were complications of premature birth. The Lions Clubs of Siquare Nakhon Sawan and Sukhothai in Thailand recognized that proper medical equipment saves lives, and that minutes — even seconds — in response time can mean the difference between death and survival.



In response to these solvable problems, they came together to raise funds and submit a grant request to LCIF for US\$79,750 to purchase an additional ambulance, increasing response capacity by 50 percent,

and proper medical equipment to improve care for their most vulnerable newborns. Their initiative and LCIF's commitment to Lions service are saving lives.



LCIF provides financial and volunteer support to reduce measles deaths worldwide by increasing access to measles immunization where it's needed most.

LCIF Mobilizes US\$61 Million to Stop Measles

Measles is an agonizing disease, which takes the lives of too many children. Those who survive often endure permanent negative repercussions such as brain damage, blindness, loss of hearing, and more. This terrible disease must be stopped. So, in partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, LCIF set out to raise US\$30 million and subsequently unlock an additional US\$30 million from the Gavi Matching Fund to stop it for good.

Rewind to 2013, when LCIF made this commitment to protect the lives of tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries. Lions responded with vigor. This dollar-for-dollar match proved to motivate the Lions community more than ever imagined.

Now, fast forward to December 2017. Thanks to Lions and other generous LCIF donors, it was in this month the organization completed its goal, raising US\$30 million, bringing the total funds generated to more than US\$61 million (US\$31 million from the Gavi Matching Fund).

Primary supporters of the Matching Fund include the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. LCIF is proud to have played a role in mobilizing such critical resources to make a long life an achievable reality for more than 49 million young people who are now fully immunized and safeguarded against a debilitating, deadly disease.



A brave young man smiles as he receives his measles vaccination.

Protecting Children from Measles and Rubella in Indonesia

Measles and rubella are far too prevalent in Indonesia, with thousands of cases of the viruses reported annually. When not life-threatening, measles is often detrimentally life-altering. Rubella can be equally brutal, causing devastating miscarriages and birth defects among its victims.

With funding from LCIF, Lions of Multiple District 307, in Indonesia, joined the country's government in a massive measles and rubella (MR) immunization campaign. The goal? Immunize at least 95 percent of Indonesian children against measles and rubella—roughly 70 million.

In phase one of the two-part project, more than 100 percent of the goal was reached; the second phase marches on. To advocate for the children who would benefit from the life-saving MR vaccinations, Lions are reaching school administrators and parents through social media, websites, radio, seminars, and other touchpoints. Lions are also conducting personal visits with religious leaders, local governments, and school officials—yet another example of Lions doing whatever it takes to make an impact!

Hurricane Strikes in Puerto Rico, LCIF Responds

September 16, 2017. Some consider it the worst day in Puerto Rico’s history, and for millions it was the just the beginning of an enduring struggle. Only days after the island was hit by Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria wreaked unprecedented havoc on Puerto Rico. Lions immediately began mobilizing to help storm victims. One hundred seventy-five mile-per-hour winds left a trail of death and devastation, flooding, downed powerlines, and impassable roads. Amid crumbled homes obliterated buisnesses, and once-fertile fields from which crops had been ripped, Lions beat paths to their fellow residents to ensure their safety.

The leadership of Lions in Districts 51-C, -E, and -O, with the immediate support of a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant from LCIF, and support from Islamic Relief USA, ensured the distribution of nourishing food, helping more than 6,000 people each day maintain their strength for the long days, weeks, and months ahead.

Past Council Chairperson, Lion Miriam Vazquez was among these resilient leaders. Despite the storm’s personal impact, she, like others, has persevered throughout the acute and long-term phases of recovery, which continue, and characterizes the spirit of Lions, poetically: “The Lions are gonna work very hard to help this community come back together. So, I think that’s the spirit that we have to continue to do to help and show others how to help others.”



Lions delivering food and water to storm victims.



PDG Moyer in Pennsylvania.

One Force Meets Another

Hurricane Harvey, a ferocious force of nature, made its way ashore the central Gulf Coast of Texas in August 2017. With winds of 125 miles per hour and unprecedented rains, devastating floods quickly washed inland from the coast. More than 17,000 people needed to be rescued and 30,000 people were displaced from the storm.

LCIF, another force, responded with a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant. Lions got to work, using the funds to distribute essentials such as food, water, and clothing to those who lost everything.

Lion and Past District Governor Paul Moyer raised US\$4,000 for LCIF’s Hurricane Harvey disaster relief. He raised the money at his gas station in Pennsylvania, by donating two cents for every gallon purchased. He sold more than 200,000 gallons of gas during that five-week period, helping customers feel good about giving back - with many even donating more. Getting creative with fundraising and thinking of new ways to raise money can make a big impact.

LCIF is deeply engaged in disaster relief efforts, preparing for natural disasters and responding when and where they strike. In fact, the first grant awarded by the Foundation was to Lions in South Dakota, USA, in the wake of the Black Hills Flood of 1972, one of the deadliest water events in U.S. history. More than 40 years later, LCIF continues to support short-term relief and long-term recovery of communities around the world through grants empowering Lions to help victims emerge from what are surely some of their darkest days.

Moving Mexico from Rattled to Recovered

September 2017 was also a sad and challenging time in Mexico’s history. First, the worst earthquake in a century hits Mexico’s Pacific coast—an 8.1 magnitude beast followed by multiple aftershocks, none measuring below 5.0 on the Richter scale. Just 11 days later, disaster strikes inland when a 7.1 magnitude quake punished the country even further.

As seen time and time again, major catastrophic events call for swift and solid support. LCIF quickly responded with a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for immediate relief to the Lions of Mexico on the heels of the country’s deadliest quake since 1985. Invoking the “We Serve” motto, Lions put the funds to use, packing and distributing life-sustaining relief kits brimming with food and water, clothing, blankets, and household items. Further demonstrating the meaning of true compassion and care, the same Lions included messages of hope and encouragement in each of the kits.

Rattled, but not broken, Lions remain focused on helping victims in their communities, throughout Mexico, recover and rebuild.



Lions of Mexico distributing food and toiletries to victims who lost their homes in the earthquake.



Community drug distributor, Blessing Confidence Udo, in Aninri, Enugu State of Nigeria measures a child for the correct dose of medication.

Lions save sight in many ways. LCIF supports their sight-saving efforts through programs like SightFirst, which helps Lions build comprehensive eye care systems in underserved communities, and care for those who are blind or visually impaired.

Seeing a Brighter Future

Struggling in school and falling behind her classmates, North Carolina, USA, first grader Shaniya was originally thought to have a learning disability – potentially dyslexia. A vision screening by Lions, made possible with a US\$3,600 LCIF grant, and resources from the Western Harnett and Broadway Lions Clubs, and Wells Fargo Bank, identified what her pediatrician had failed to diagnose. Shaniya had a severe vision problem.

An exam by a doctor of optometry resulted in a hefty prescription for corrective lenses – assistance Shaniya likely needed from birth.

“If it weren’t for screenings Lions provide, Shaniya, and kids like her, would fall through the cracks,” said Lisa Parke, D.O. “LCIF and Lions changed this little girl’s life forever.”

District Governor Vince Schimmoller, of the West Harnett Lions Club, explained, “We want to help find small issues that might become bigger problems down the road. With research and funding from LCIF, we were able to purchase the special vision-screening equipment and help give Shaniya a brighter future.”

Achieving Impossible Goals in Nigeria

Since 1994, LCIF has partnered with The Carter Center (TCC), over the years funding the fight against trachoma and onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness, with more than US\$59 million in grants.

Once deemed impossible, eliminating river blindness in parts of Nigeria is moving toward reality. With coordinated efforts among LCIF, TCC, pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co., and Nigeria’s government, disease transmission has been interrupted in the Plateau and Nasarawa states of Nigeria, ushering in a more promising future for people of a country in which river blindness is most-endemic among the world’s nations.

The hard work must continue, as river blindness still infects many people in other Nigerian states and other parts of Africa.

Ukraine Orphanage Magnifies Reading



In Ukraine, 27 orphanages are designated for children with disabilities, blindness, or low vision. While most facilities can fulfill basic needs, many don’t have the means to provide vision-challenged youngsters with specialized equipment they need to develop scholastically. Reading and schoolwork become challenging, often rendering them defeated and developmentally delayed. With a US\$34,000 grant from LCIF and funds collected locally, Lions of Ukraine brought hope to children with severe low vision at Ternopol

Orphanage by providing 45 electronic magnifiers. Small in size and handheld, the Aidnear Portable Digital Eyesight Aiding Device magnifies images as much as 32 times on a screen delivering full-color, high-definition, high-contrast images. Now, the children can participate in class alongside their normal-sighted peers and do well in school. Every child deserves a fair chance for success in their education and Lions in Ukraine are providing just that through their important work supporting children with low vision.



Students in a Ukraine orphanage follow along in class using their new magnifier.



A Lions Quest student proudly shows off his journal and Q-bear, the Lions Quest mascot.

LCIF serves youth through improved access to quality education, vital health services, inclusive social and recreational opportunities, and positive youth development programs. Lions Quest, the Foundation’s social and emotional learning (SEL) program, promotes a caring, safe, and participatory learning environment, helping students develop skills needed to manage emotions constructively, make responsible decisions, and set positive goals.

Gender Equity Intervention in India

Gender-based violence and inequality are sad and pervasive realities. The World Health Organization estimates 35 percent of women globally have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence. As if the wounds and psychological damage weren’t enough, in many parts of the world, abused women are shunned. Unable to find work, they have limited ability to provide for themselves and their children. Sadly, the cycle continues. Those raised in families with violence often perpetuate or experience it as adults.

Educating youth on gender equity from an early age is vital to ending the cycle, particularly in India, where the problem is endemic. In collaboration with communications and television services in India, LCIF is doing just that. Through a gender-based violence-prevention program piloted in Delhi, LCIF is helping promote positive and safe learning environments. Dosti Ka Safar (The Journey of Friendship) is based on Lions Quest lessons and designed to foster greater gender equity among 2,000 youth in and around New Delhi. The customized intervention employs teacher-led discussions, films, and the Lions Quest skills practice model, moving constructive behaviors from the classroom to the real world.

A Lions Quest Tale with a Tail!

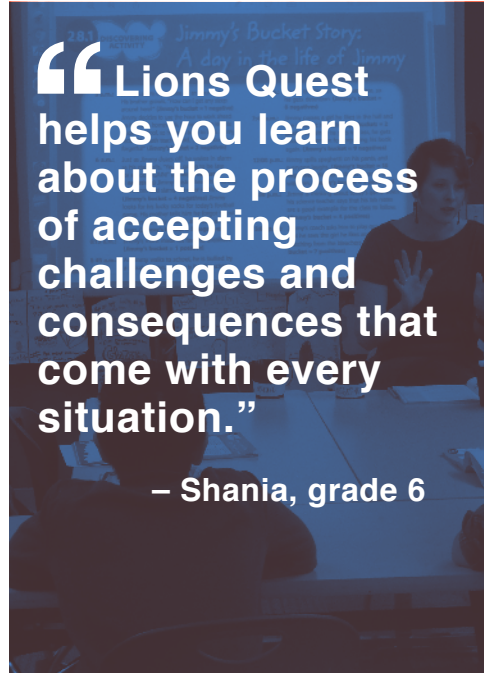
A US\$10,000 grant from LCIF helped Lions Quest make its debut in Slovakia. Interestingly, this happy tale includes an actual tail!

Lions in Slovakia used the grant to pilot Lions Quest, with funds used to translate program materials into Slovakian, as the 40 teachers being trained included both Hungarian speakers and those for whom Slovakian is their native tongue.

While most attendees completing the Lions Quest training had two legs, one had four – and a tail! Needless to say, Endy, the guide dog for the workshop’s Slovakian translator, became a friend to all and Lions Quest’s unofficial canine mascot!

Senior Lions Quest Trainer Gabor Papp said, “Endy was to Noemi [the translator] in terms of sight as Noemi was to me in terms of understanding.”

With skills to build healthy, productive lives, thanks to LCIF, Lions and well-trained teachers, the Slovakian students benefitting from Lions Quest have a bright future ahead.



Endy and school staff celebrate the training and implementation of Lions Quest in their school.



Campers at the Gratz, Austria Diabetes Camp enjoy fun physical activity playing field games in the sun.

A leading cause of death globally, diabetes is a reality for 425 million people worldwide and it is often accompanied by related complications, including blindness and visual impairment. Trending dangerously upward, the disease may negatively impact nearly 630 million by 2045.

Through Diabetes grants, LCIF has long-supported Lions in their efforts to fight the disease. Grants fund large-scale projects to expand diabetes prevention, education, and treatment access to underserved populations – critical to combatting the disease, which has soared to epidemic proportion. LCIF also funds grants delivering diabetic retinopathy healthcare through its SightFirst program.



“ At camp, I was able to make new friends with kids who have the same disease. With them, I was able to talk about diabetes and didn't feel so alone with my problems.” -Thomas



Finding a Balance Between Diabetes and Childhood

This message of relief is from Thomas, a young teen fortunate to have attended a Lions type 1 diabetes camp near Graz, Austria. With a US\$32,722 grant from LCIF, Lions supported the week-long event for youth ages nine through 14.

In a fun-filled environment, campers learned how to manage their disease and improve metabolic control – critical to maintaining optimum health for children with type 1 diabetes, who really just want to be kids like “everyone else.” Leading the effort was a team of non-clinical and medical staff, who measured participants' blood glucose levels at the beginning of the camp and tested campers as often as 10 times daily.

Thomas and fellow campers spent their week learning to count carbohydrates, calculate insulin doses, and handle their insulin pumps and injections all while becoming friends in the process. The fun didn't stop there — typical camp happenings like swimming and other sports were a big part of their week, too. The campers wrapped their week of fun in the sun with new friendships that may define their childhood. Just like Thomas, scores of young people are leaving feeling less alone, more comfortable with and more capable of handling their disease.

Taking Aim at Hunger



Thanks to Lions and LCIF, local residents affected by the famine across East Africa have food to bring home to their families.

Political instability. Rising food and energy prices. Economic recessions. Climate change. Each contributes to hunger remaining one of the world's most critical and urgent challenges, particularly for children. According to World Hunger Education Service, 821 million people worldwide are hungry. By some estimates, 11 percent of the global population is chronically hungry, despite sufficient production to feed the entire population.

LCIF is taking pointed aim at hunger through efforts to improve food access for all through investments in infrastructure and improved transportation systems that increase capacity of food banks, feeding centers, and food distribution facilities.

Help for the Hungry in East Africa

For many, it's hard to relate to the fragile situation of famine victims in East Africa. It's been seven long years since millions of people in Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and other countries in the region began experiencing drastic and devastating food shortages.

Sadly, the populations of those who are chronically hungry – and those who have lost their lives because of the famine – continue to grow.

In a positive step toward stemming the negative tide, in August 2017 LCIF delivered its first helping of hope, a US\$20,000 grant. In and around Aweil, South Sudan, Lions used the much-needed funds to help fill the empty cupboards and dinner tables of households affected, many of which are led by disabled, female, or elderly area residents.

With so many still hungry, Lions and LCIF continue their efforts in East Africa.

Feeding Filipino Children: a Different Approach

Worldwide, the death of one in three children can be attributed to malnutrition. In the Philippines, Lions took a unique approach to decreasing food insecurity and malnourishment of children by providing an enticing incentive: cash. The program brought healthy food to kids while putting money in their parents' pockets. Lions... serving up a win-win situation!

“ We want to make sure there is not one day that children go to sleep with hunger, and not one day that children go to school with an empty stomach,” said Past District Governor Ruth Chua, president of the Manila Amity Lions Club in the Philippines.

Supported by a US\$1,500 LCIF grant, Lions' innovative program worked like this: As an incentive for parents to take their malnourished children to daily meals provided through the club's supplemental feeding program, cash prizes were awarded for weight gain! “Club members worried that providing just one feeding wouldn't make a lasting impact on the children,” explained Chua. “With the assistance of LCIF, Lions provided nutritious meals every day to children who were small, often weak, more susceptible to illness and infection, and at risk of falling behind in school. In addition, much needed money was awarded to their parents.”



Students in on the island of Leyti in the central Philippines fill their bellies with a nutritious meal provided by LCIF and the Tacloban City Lions Club!



LCIF is empowering Lions to improve access to care and the quality of life for children and families battling cancer.

Every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer. The average age for diagnosis is six years old. While the survival rate in high-income countries worldwide is 80 percent, the rate of survival in low-and middle-income countries can be as low as 10 percent. More than 60 percent of children with cancer live in these countries, so there is a lot to be done. LCIF is working with experts in childhood cancer to develop programs aimed at improving access to quality care and improving the survival rate of children who are diagnosed throughout the world.



More Resources = More Children Saved

“Your child has cancer.” Four gut-wrenching words no parent ever wants to hear. For many in the State of Wisconsin, USA, those words are inextricably linked to vital medical services provided at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW). Through its oncology program, CHW cares for two-thirds of the state’s children with cancer and has treated more than 8,000 patients.

With the number of children needing cancer-fighting bone marrow transplants expected to rise, CHW desperately needed additional—and extremely costly—treatment technology. LCIF and caring, compassionate Lions, stepped in to help. A US\$100,000 grant from LCIF, and assistance from more than 500 Lions clubs in Wisconsin, helped the hospital purchase life-saving equipment. Now, CHW’s medical team is able to treat an additional 150 children every year.

Vital medical services and equipment are critical to giving children a fighting chance against cancer. Thanks to LCIF, 150 children each year will get a better shot at beating cancer and going on to live full, healthy lives.



A construction crew in Malawi works to install an LCIF-funded water well at a school.

At least 1.8 billion people globally still use a drinking water source contaminated by fecal matter and 40 percent of the global population is affected by water scarcity. To fight these issues, LCIF has created positive environmental change through water purification, irrigation, and storage systems, along with the installation of sanitation services in regions where they did not yet exist.

Wells for Wellness in Malawi

Humans cannot go much longer than three days without water. After about 72 hours, the body begins to rebel. So, if your only access to life-sustaining hydration is unsanitary, you drink what's available, cook with what's there, and bathe in whatever water you have before you. In other words, you jeopardize your life by trying to sustain it.

With a focus on the environment and serving humanity, LCIF awarded a US\$60,000 grant to compassionate German Lions committed to delivering clean water to Malawians.

In the country's Madisi area, five water wells are being drilled and will be equipped with solar-powered pumps. One well, strategically located at a school for kindergarteners and primary school children, will ensure youngsters are hydrated throughout the school day, thus enhancing their ability to learn. The remaining wells will serve residents of nearby villages, providing them with safe, sanitary water for cooking, drinking, and maintaining personal hygiene.

The benefits continue. Wells will support Madisi's agricultural efforts, a main source of food for 60 percent of the population and the primary source of income for another 20 percent.



Thanks to Lions, Matiku and her family have easy access to water.

In the African country of Malawi,

- Seventy percent of the population is without treated, sanitary drinking water.
- Nearly half of rural populations have to travel 30 minutes or more to obtain their drinking water.
- This means millions of people in Malawi, men, women, children, entire families, are living in rural areas without access to a safe water source.
- Water-borne diarrheal diseases are the second leading cause of death for children under five.
- Malawi's average six-month rainy season, responsible for 95 percent of the country's annual rainfall, has been shorter than usual in recent years.

Our Partners

LCIF is proud to partner with corporations, foundations, governments, and non-government organizations that share our humanitarian spirit and dedication to improving lives. Working with these partners leverages our collective resources and experience along with local partners. Partnerships enable LCIF and local Lions clubs to have a far greater impact as we work together to develop local capacity.

The following donors provide significant support or co-support for LCIF programs and projects:



In addition, the following collaborative partners receive LCIF grant support and work closely with local Lions clubs:



Lions clubs around the world also partner with local and national governments, ministries of health and education, businesses, non-profits, and other local groups and service organizations. These local alliances are vital as Lions develop and implement humanitarian service projects in their communities with the support of LCIF.

“ At Anthem we are committed to supporting community initiatives that help create a healthier generation of Americans... We’re proud to join forces with Lions Clubs International Foundation, and the hardworking Lions who are serving throughout the country, to improve the communities we all call home.”

- Lance Chrisman, Executive Director, Anthem Foundation

“ Thousands of students have already received Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence through our collaboration, and more valuably, our results seem to document its impact on preventing initiation of [drug and alcohol] use as well as deterring continuation of use among students already engaged in such behaviours in the schools receiving the programme.”

- Gilberto Gerra, Chief, Drug Prevention and Health Branch, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

“ Teaming up with the vast network of Lions clubs worldwide will allow Gavi to immunise more children with the measles-rubella vaccine, ultimately reducing the number of measles deaths and cases of Congenital Rubella Syndrome.”

- Dr. Seth Berkley, Chief Executive Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

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A Round of Applause

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COUNTRY, DISTRICT	DONATIONS (US\$)
Japan 334-A	\$1,085,880
MD 300 Taiwan 300-A2	\$1,069,055
MD 300 Taiwan 300-E1	\$1,012,900
India 323-F1	\$814,399
Japan 335-B	\$733,438
MD 300 Taiwan 300-D1	\$706,170
MD 300 Taiwan 300-B1	\$701,000
Korea 354-D	\$619,516
MD 300 Taiwan 300-B2	\$606,000
MD 300 Taiwan 300-C2	\$574,000

TOP 10 CONTRIBUTING DISTRICTS PER-MEMBER AVERAGE

COUNTRY, DISTRICT	AVERAGE PER-MEMBER DONATION (US\$)
MD 300 Taiwan 300-E1	\$486
India 323-F1	\$301
MD 300 Taiwan 300-B2	\$269
MD 300 Taiwan 300-A2	\$266
MD 300 Taiwan 300-D1	\$234
MD 300 Taiwan 300-B1	\$232
MD 300 Taiwan 300-A1	\$204
MD 300 Taiwan 300-E2	\$189
MD 300 Taiwan 300-D2	\$177
Japan 334-A	\$165

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COUNTRY, DISTRICT	PERCENT INCREASE
Mexico B-3	2,871%
India 318-D	971%
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Brazil LC-2	524%
India 321-D	424%
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION *June 30*

ASSETS	2018	2017	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$15,158,714	\$10,411,691	Accounts payable	\$186,799	\$330,838
Accrued investment income receivable	318,953	285,292	Accrued expenses	324,642	308,280
Accounts receivable, net	109,494	73,960	Due to The International Association of Lions Clubs	1,558,802	
Due from non-United States Lions Clubs districts	487,342	447,692	Grants payable	27,441,104	33,433,602
Due from The International Association of Lions Clubs	-	721,519	Charitable gift annuities	157,911	165,130
Prepaid expenses	1,204,968	1,081,953	TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,669,258	34,237,850
Promises to give, net	6,740,198		Net assets		
Investments	288,613,667	300,418,834	Without donor restrictions	224,787,866	216,800,176
Property and equipment, net	459,990	348,798	With donor restrictions	58,686,227	62,751,713
Other assets	50,025	-	Total net assets	283,474,093	279,551,889
TOTAL ASSETS	313,143,351	313,789,739	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	313,143,351	313,789,739

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES *June 30, 2018*

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Operating			
Revenues and gains			
Contributions	\$23,602,378	\$24,476,178	\$48,078,556
Program revenue, net	330,611	-	330,611
Investment return, net	14,004,932	33,130	14,038,062
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	28,596,980	(28,596,980)	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND GAINS	66,534,901	(4,087,672)	62,447,229
Expenses and losses			
Program services			
Grants	44,519,791	-	44,519,791
SightFirst	2,563,068	-	2,563,068
Lions Quest	2,235,606	-	2,235,606
Other	1,705,633	-	1,705,633
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	51,024,098	-	51,024,098
Administrative	4,595,906	-	4,595,906
Development	6,775,958	-	6,775,958
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	62,395,962	-	62,395,962
Operating revenue and gains in excess of (less than) operating expenses	4,138,939	(4,087,672)	51,267
Non-Operating			
Revenue and gains			
Investment return, net	4,112,344	22,186	4,134,530
Net loss on currency exchange	(276,110)	-	(276,110)
Change in value of charitable gift annuities	(21,050)	-	(21,050)
Other income	33,567	-	33,567
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND GAINS	3,848,751	22,186	3,870,937
Changes in net assets	7,987,690	(4,065,486)	3,922,204
Net assets, beginning of year	216,800,176	62,751,713	279,551,889
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$224,787,866	\$58,686,227	\$283,474,093

All figures in US\$



STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS *June 30*

	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$3,922,204	\$9,984,956
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	97,725	102,003
Net realized and unrealized (gains)		
losses on investments	(15,697,068)	(21,308,496)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accrued investment income receivable	(33,661)	42,227
Accounts receivable	(35,534)	(4)
Due from non-United States Lions Clubs districts	(39,650)	(6,760)
Due from The International Association of Lions Clubs	721,519	504,682
Prepaid expense	(123,015)	(125,389)
Promises to give, net	(6,740,198)	
Other assets	(50,025)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(127,677)	279,932
Due to The International Association of Lions Clubs	1,558,802	-
Grants payable	(5,992,498)	(1,051,542)
Charitable gift annuities	(7,219)	(10,900)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(22,546,295)	(11,589,291)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(58,173,828)	(115,904,484)
Proceeds from sale of investments	85,676,063	127,626,330
Purchases of property and equipment	(208,917)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	27,293,318	11,721,846
Change in cash and cash equivalents	4,747,023	132,555
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	10,411,691	10,279,136
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$15,158,714	\$10,411,691



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