

LCIF Newsletter



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Dear Lion,

You know the sensation of remembering where you were when a significant world event took place. Renande from Haiti remembers all too well where she was and what she was doing when the devastating earthquake struck her home one year ago. Read her story in the below newsletter. Find out how we Lions have helped her, and many other Haitians, rebuild their life after tragedy.



This week marks the one-year anniversary of the historic earthquake in Haiti, but that is not the only place where our relief efforts remain ongoing. Together, we have helped thousands of people worldwide. Lions, be proud of our record of success in disaster recovery and rebuilding. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond. In the case of disasters,

we Lions are the first to offer help and the last to leave.

Know that much of this assistance would not be possible without the [generous support](#) of the international family of Lions. You give to our Foundation, so that our Foundation can give to those most in need. Thank you for making Renande's dreams of a home come true. Together, we are building bridges of compassion!



With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Rebuilding Haiti One-Year Later

Six hundred families who lost everything last January are now moving into new homes, thanks to LCIF and Lions around the world. Renande Pierre-Louis and her family, whose story is featured in this month's [LION magazine](#), is just one of 600 receiving homes. Pierre-Louis remembers the earthquake as if it were yesterday. Just before 5 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, she and millions of other Haitians ran for their lives. As homes, schools and hotels crumbled before their very eyes, all they could do was hope for the best. Through the promise of Lions and LCIF to rebuild lives and



communities in Haiti, Pierre-Louis and her family now have hope moving forward. In October, they moved into a newly constructed house and are happy about having a place to call home.

Lions were among the first to offer help, providing food, water and shelter. One year later, Lions remain committed to helping in Haiti. Families living in the Lions' tent cities will benefit from the project. The 600 homes significantly add to the number of provisional houses in Haiti, as only 5,000 have

been built to date. The end goal is to shift all people

living in Lions' tents to provisional housing. Future projects will continue to rebuild lives and communities. More information on LCIF's ongoing efforts in Haiti is available [online](#).

Disaster Relief Made Possible by Lions

When disasters strike, Lions are often first on the scene to provide immediate relief and the last to leave. Each year, LCIF awards nearly US\$2 million in funds to support both immediate and long-term relief. These humanitarian efforts are a direct result of Lions generous support from around the world. Because of Lions like you,



Meet Your LCIF Coordinator

The LCIF Multiple District and District Coordinators act as ambassadors for the Foundation, traveling throughout their areas to promote the good work of LCIF. Working together, you and our coordinators have achieved a US\$5 million increase in donations compared to last year at this time. LCIF Coordinators serve as a great resource, so invite them to speak at your next club meeting or to attend an upcoming convention. To contact the LCIF Coordinator from your area, [e-mail](#) the LCIF Development Department.

What Lions are saying about the LCIF Newsletter.....

"Thank you for sending the Foundation newsletter. I realize the importance of participation and this spurs us to do everything possible for others. I am proud to be part of the largest

victims received food following flooding in Pakistan, shelter after an earthquake in China and medical care following [disaster in Haiti](#). View recently awarded disaster grants [online](#) and continue helping LCIF provide hope to those impacted by natural calamities.

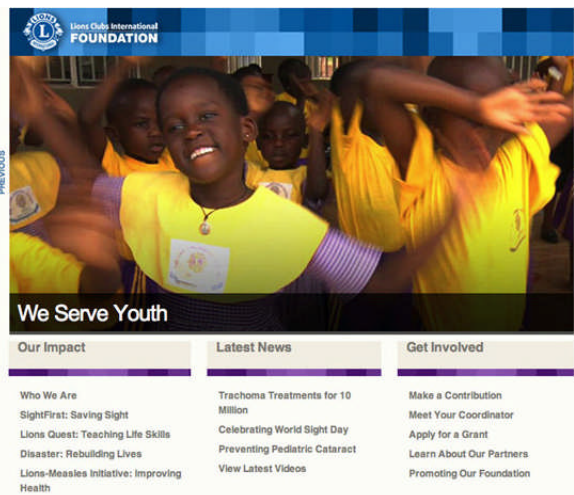


service association in the world. I am sending a donation of US\$4,000.00 to LCIF."

-Juliet Cisotto
Viecchio, Italy

New LCIF Homepage Revealed

A new LCIF homepage was recently unveiled, matching the updated brand image. This is just one of the positive changes from the LCIF Steering Committee, with many more new and innovative ideas to come in 2011. The redesigned homepage features the successes of LCIF's programs and initiatives. This refined design is compelling and better communicates the value of LCIF to both the external community and Lions. Check out the page at www.lcif.org.



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Commemorate Melvin Jones with a Gift to LCIF

Help celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones by supporting LCIF. This week we remember him as a visionary for Lions Clubs International, as well as a committed servant to those in need. To honor his legacy, LCIF established the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) program in 1973. The MJF is a recognition of unrestricted donations of US\$1,000 to LCIF. The gift can be made in full or with installments. [Join the legacy](#) of Melvin Jones while providing hope to those in need - [make your MJF today!](#)

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