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LIONS CLUBS COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

Program Summary:

Adopted by the board in 2000, the Lions Community and Cultural Program encourages Lions clubs to organize projects that focus on the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of their communities.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are some common service activities that are organized as part of this program?

Lions clubs can organize a variety of events and activities to showcase art and culture in their communities. This may include a performance festival, art exhibit, or restoration/maintenance of a community landmark.

How do club determine the most appropriate projects?

Lions clubs should assess the needs in the community as well as available resources when planning community and culture projects. Clubs may find it helpful to partner with local schools and/or community-based cultural organizations when planning events.

Is there a way for clubs to find out what projects have been organized by other clubs?

Lions clubs can search for projects using the Lions Club Service Activity Report. The online application includes a search area where clubs can use keywords and a variety of search criteria to see what other clubs are working on.

Materials Available:

- Lions Community and Cultural Program Web page

Awards Available:

- Cultural and Community Banner Patch Award

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
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LIONS CREW AT WORK

Program Summary:

Adopted by the board in June 2008, the Lions Crew at Work Program encourages Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts to organize hands-on, high-visibility community improvement projects.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How would a club organize a Lions Crew at Work project?

First, clubs would identify a local facility in need of minor improvements. This may be a non-profit community center, a shelter for homeless persons or battered women, a food pantry, a school for disabled children, a summer camp for “at risk” youth, a park, playground, or nature trail.

Then, clubs could request volunteer labor and donated materials. Next, they could assemble a crew of Lions and non-Lions to help paint, repair, and renew the facility.

How would the public know it was a Lions Crew at Work project?

At the work site, Lions can wear Lions-logo apparel. A large sign or banner could be placed at the work site. Lions can invite the media to witness the high-visibility Lions Crew at Work project.

Would a Lions Crew at Work project attract non-Lions?

It is quite likely that Lions Crew at Work project will attract community volunteers, tradesmen, and local retailers who will be interested to join a community-minded Lions club.

Materials Available:

Lions Crew at Work Kit (KITCWEN) (kit is available for purchase through the Program Development Department) including:

- Lions Crew at Work apron (IAD 82)
- Lions Crew at Work Guide (IAD 72)
- Lions Crew at Work Certificate of Appreciation for participants (IAD 80)
- Lions Crew at Work Safety Sheet (IAD 77)
- Lions Crew at Work Publicity Flyer (IAD 78)
- Lions Crew at Work Press Release (IAD 79)

NOTE: All kit components, except the Lions Crew at Work apron, are available for free downloading from the Lions Web site.

Awards Available:

- Certificate of Appreciation for project participants
- Lions Clubs Cultural and Community Activities Patch Award

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
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STRIDES: LIONS WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

Program Summary:

LCI established the Diabetes Awareness Program in 1984 to assist Lions in conducting and supporting local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention and control and research. The Strides Walk Program was initiated in 2006 to provide Lions with a club, district or multiple district activity to further promote diabetes awareness and generate public participation. The multiple district and district diabetes chairpersons play an integral role in supporting and promoting diabetes awareness events.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I begin to organize a Strides Walk?

Simply order the Strides Walk Information Packet (US\$5.00) from Health & Children's Services Dept. (or download from the Web site) and form a committee of at least five (5) Lions to plan and organize a club or district event.

Can a Strides Walk be used as a fundraiser?

Yes, the utilization of the earned funds is at the discretion of the participating club(s) or district. Funds may benefit local projects, such as diabetes programs, camps, or schools or individuals in need of diabetes medical supplies.

Where can I get the Strides Walk logo?

It can be downloaded from the Web site for use on your Strides Walk banner, press releases, community announcements, tee shirts, etc.

Materials Available:

- *KITIAD-193*: Strides Information Packet (for Strides Walk organizers) contains all necessary information to plan a successful Strides Walk, including the Activity Guide, sample press release, sample publications for handouts, "WE STRIDE" lapel pin and more.

Awards Available:

- *"We Stride" Banner Patch* – awarded from International Headquarters to a qualifying Lions clubs, districts or multiple districts that have conducted a Strides Walk event
- *Multiple District Diabetes Chairperson Award Certificate* – to be presented by the council chair for outstanding service in the multiple district
- *District Diabetes Chairperson Award Certificate* – to be presented by the district governor for outstanding service in the district
- *New Horizons Award in Diabetes Education* – to be presented by district governor to the outstanding club in the district who has been the most active in promoting diabetes education, control and prevention.

Important Dates:

- November: Diabetes Awareness Month
- November 14: World Diabetes Day

LCI Contact:

Health and Children's Services Department
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Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Program Summary:

Adopted in 2004-05, the Lions Environmental Photo Contest illustrates the beauty of the environment.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does the contest work?

Lions clubs organize a contest to select the best Lions photo of the environment in their community. The winning club-level photo advances to the district competition. Winning district-level photos advance to the multiple district. Winning multiple district entries advance to the international competition. Multiple district entries are matted and displayed at the Lions international convention. Convention attendees judge the photos.

What are the photo categories?

Plant, animal, landscape, weather phenomena, and a special annual theme are the five photo categories.

Can outside photographers enter the contest?

No. Only Lions can enter the contest.

Can I purchase the photos?

Yes, the multiple district entries are available for purchase through a silent auction at the convention. Funds are donated to LCIF.

A select group of multiple district photos appear in an annual Lions Environmental Photo Contest Calendar (IAD 222).

Materials Available:

- The Photo Contest Rules and Multiple District Entry Form on the Lions Web site
- Lions Environmental Photo Contest Wall Calendar

Awards Available:

- There is an engraved award for each of the five photo category winners and the Best of Show photo.

Important Dates:

- January 15 – suggested deadline for districts to submit one entry to the multiple district
- March 1- deadline for multiple districts to submit one entry to Lions International
- Lions international convention - voting of multiple district entries by convention attendees.

LCI Contact:

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LIONS GREEN TEAM

Program Summary:

Adopted by the board in June 2008, the Lions Green Team Program encourages the fulfillment of the Association's 1972 commitment to preserving the environment. Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts can organize high-visibility "hands-on" Lions Green Team projects.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are a few examples of Lions Green team projects?

A community clean-up, planting trees, recycling efforts, or environmental education projects.

How can the Lions identity appear on a Lions Green Team project?

Lions can wear Lions-logo apparel to publicize the Lions environmental action. A large Lions-logo sign or banner at the project location can further inform the community. Lions can contact the media as well.

Can non-Lions participate in Lions Green Team projects?

Yes. Invite non-Lions of all ages to participate in Lions Green Team projects. Most likely, high profile Lions Green Team projects will attract new club members.

Materials Available:

Lions Green Team Kit (KITGTEN) (kit is available for purchase through the Program Development Department) including:

- Lions Green Team Tote Bag (IAD 232)
- Lions Green Team Guide (IAD 219)
- Lions Green Team Certificate of Appreciation for participants (IAD 231)
- Lions Green Team Tip Sheet (IAD 227)
- Lions Green Team Publicity Flyer (IAD 229)
- Lions Green Team Press Release (IAD 228)

NOTE: All kit components, except the Lions Green Team tote bag are available for free downloading from the Lions Web site.

Awards Available:

- A downloadable certificate of appreciation for project participants
- District Chairperson's Award Certificate

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
630-468-7018
programs@lionsclubs.org

HEARING PRESERVATION, AWARENESS AND ACTION

Program Summary:

In 1925 Lions accepted the challenge from Helen Keller to help persons who are deaf as well as those who are blind. LCI established the formal Hearing and Speech Action and Work With the Deaf Program with the goal of improving the quality of life for people who have hearing and speech challenges. The program name has been expanded and is now known as: Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action. The **Hearing Aid Recycling Program** (HARP) was implemented to aid those in need. The district hearing chairperson plays an integral role in supporting Lions club and district programs for those who have hearing and speech impairments.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I begin a service project for people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

Lions should contact local government and private agencies (including Lions hearing foundations) for the deaf or hard of hearing. This can eliminate duplication of services and identify ongoing projects that may need additional assistance.

How can I get involved in providing refurbished hearing aids for those in need?

Contact the nearest LCI Hearing Aid Recycling Program Center (HARP) to offer your assistance and get further information about collecting hearing aids and the procedures involved for providing refurbished hearing aids to those in need. LCI official HARP centers are listed on the Web site.

How can I organize a hearing screening in my community?

Obtain the required legal permit from local authorities and arrange for medical equipment and medical personnel. Government health departments, hospitals, audiologists or private physicians often agree to perform free public screenings or screenings for school children. Provide advance publicity in the community.

Materials Available:

Lions club and district officers can contact Health and Children's Services Department to obtain the following resources:

- IAD-17: Hearing Aid Recycling brochure
- IAD-18: Large Hearing Aid Recycling decal (10.5" w X 6" h)
- IAD-19: Small Hearing Aid Recycling decal (8-5/8" w X 2-1/4" h)
- Sample Press Release
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Awards Available:

- *District Hearing Chairperson Award Certificate* – to be presented by the district governor for outstanding service in the district

Important Dates:

- June 1: Helen Keller Day
- Last full week in September: Deaf Awareness Week (World Federation of the Deaf)

LCI Contact:

Health and Children's Services Department

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LIONS RECREATION CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Program Summary:

Throughout the world, Lions have established or sponsored various types of recreational camps serving children and adults. Lions camps offer programs for people who:

- have diabetes
- are deaf or hearing impaired
- are blind or visually impaired
- are living with other disabilities

Lions involvement at the club and district levels is important to provide continued support to each local Lions or Lions-sponsored camp. Lions activities may include: cleaning and preparing the facilities for the camping season, preparing and serving meals at campsite, providing transportation for campers, fundraising, or sponsoring a child or adult for camp.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How can I find the nearest Lions-sponsored camp?

The Health and Children's Services Department has compiled a list of Lions or Lions-sponsored camps. It can be downloaded from the LCI Web site. However, more camping locations are needed: Lions in every constitutional area are encouraged to provide news and contact information about their camps, so that they may be included on the list.

How can I find a camp for children with diabetes?

The camp list on the Web site provides the camp locations of those camps serving children who have diabetes. Lions may also explore camps listed on the Diabetes Education & Camping Association (DECA) web site www.diabetescamps.org. DECA is one of Lions Clubs International's partners.

How can I get involved with a Lions camp?

Simply call your local Lions camp or access the list posted on the Web site to obtain contact information. Inquire about the types of volunteer services that may be needed.

How can I start a Lions camp?

Contact local agencies serving children and adults with disabilities or diabetes to determine camping needs in the surrounding area. Meet with Lions district and/or multiple district leaders to propose the new camp and gauge the level of interest and support. Many Lions camps are willing to share information about the necessary procedures for camp formation. You may also contact the Diabetes Education and Camping Association (DECA) for information and courses in camp leadership and development.

How can I obtain needed supplies and equipment for a Lions camp?

- Place your inquiry on the Lion-2-Lion: Resource Assistance Database, which can be accessed from the LCI Web site.
- Apply for LCIF grant funding

Materials Available:

- Lions Recreation Camp List

LCI Contact:

Health and Children's Services Department

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB TWINNING

Program Summary:

The International Club Twinning Program encourages Lions and Leo clubs to establish friendships with clubs in other countries in order to learn about other club traditions and customs. Lions and Leo clubs from different countries that enter into formal club-to-club friendship agreements are known as International Club Twins.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do clubs begin to twin?

Often, an international friendship begins with electronic and mail communications. Later, the friendship expands to include the exchange of club pins, banners, newsletters, local newspapers, music CDs, recipes, art, and literature. On-site visits are common. A list of clubs that have expressed interest in twinning is located on the Lions Web site.

What is a formal club twinning agreement?

Once the two clubs have established a friendship, both club presidents may decide to sign an International Club Twinning Agreement (IAD 603). Often, this form is completed at a formal ceremony. Then, the form is sent to Lions International Headquarters to request an official International Club Twinning Award.

What is the purpose of club twinning?

Twinning is intended to actively illustrate the Third Purpose of the Association, *To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world*. Twinning is not intended to persuade other clubs to adopt one's ways nor is it to be entered into for financial or material assistance.

Materials Available:

- International Club Twinning Recognition Application (IAD 603)
- The Web site includes a list of Lions and Leos interested becoming club twins.

Awards Available:

- International Club Twinning Banner Patch Award (submit form IAD 603 to International Headquarters)

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
630-468-7018
programs@lionsclubs.org

LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Program Summary:

For more than 30 years, Lions have been invited to attend a unique program at a United Nations-Headquarters to celebrate the long-standing relationship between the two international organizations.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Lions Day with the UN?

The program is open to Lions, Leos, and invited guests and includes presentations by the Secretary-General (invited), heads of UN agencies, and UN ambassadors.

Highlights of the day often include a private lunch with UN ambassadors, the presentation to the winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, and the presentation of Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Awards.

Materials Available:

- Lions Day with the UN Web page.

Awards Available:

- Multiple District International Relations Chairperson's Certificate
- District International Relations Chairperson's Certificate

Important Dates:

- Lions Day with the UN is usually held in March.

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
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programs@lionsclubs.org

LIONS ALERT PROGRAM

Program Summary:

In 2006, the Lions international board approved the Lions ALERT emergency preparedness program that encourages clubs, districts, and multiple districts to develop a pro-active plan in the event of a natural, man-made, or health care emergency.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How are Lions involved in disaster relief?

Lions clubs have many opportunities to participate in disaster relief from collecting and distributing food, water, and other necessities, to assisting in long-term rebuilding efforts and participating in emergency preparedness activities. The extent of Lions involvement depends on the club's resources and opportunities to support emergency respondents on the ground.

What will a Lions club be expected to do as part of a Lions ALERT team?

First, they will meet with local emergency preparedness authorities. Then, the club will develop a Lions ALERT plan that meets their needs and the capabilities of club members.

What if there is a need for additional resources?

Lions can request and/or donate manpower and materials for any Lions humanitarian project through the online database, Lion-2-Lion: Resource Assistance Database.

Is there a possible local partner for a Lions ALERT Team?

Yes. In 2009, Lions Clubs International entered into a partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Lions clubs can contact their local chapter of the Red Cross for development of joint disaster preparedness and relief projects.

Materials Available:

- Lions ALERT Guide (IAD 911)
- Lions ALERT Safety Vest available for purchase through Club Supplies
- How to Develop a Lions ALERT Plan Checklist (online)
- Disaster Relief Opportunities Checklist (online)
- After a Disaster Occurs Checklist (online)
- Personal Safety Checklist (online)
- Lions Pandemic Influenza (Flu) Flyer (IAD 913)
- Lions ALERT Logo (online)

Awards Available:

- Lions ALERT Banner Patch Award for Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that submit their Lions ALERT plan to Lions International
- Multiple District Lions ALERT Chairperson Award
- District Lions ALERT Chairperson Award

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
630-468-7018
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LION-2-LION: RESOURCE ASSISTANCE DATABASE

Program Summary:

Lions can share resources – both manpower and material – through the online portal known as the Lion-2-Lion: Resource Assistance Database.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does the online database work?

Lions can log in to donate or request manpower and/or materials for a Lions emergency and/or non-emergency humanitarian project. Assistance can include immediate needs required after a disaster such as tents and blankets, or planned needs such as supplies or manpower for an annual medical missions trip.

Can information on the database be edited?

Yes. As needed, Lions can update their Lion-2-Lion: Resource Assistance Database Web site posting.

Can non-Lions use the database?

No. Only Lions can volunteer to provide manpower or materials for Lions humanitarian service projects.

LCI Contact:

Program Development Department
630-468-7018
programs@lionsclubs.org

YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Program Summary:

Each year, Lions Clubs International offers thousands of young people the opportunity to experience life in another culture through the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange (YCE) Program. Since the first Lions international camp was formed in Sweden in 1963, Lions throughout the world have welcomed thousands of Lions-sponsored campers between the ages of 16-22. Lions camps are at least one week in duration, held in countries where Lions clubs exist and offer a variety of activities to promote international goodwill. In addition to participating in international camps, Lions-sponsored youth from 15-21 years of age have the opportunity to stay with Lions-approved host families. Youth exchanges often occur before or after Lions international camps and can last between two to four weeks.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who can participate in the program?

Any youth between the ages of 15 and 22 that agrees to meet all of the requirements of the YCE Program, host Lions club and host country. All camp and exchange participants must be sponsored by a Lions club, even if the club is not providing financial assistance.

How does a district or multiple district participate in the program?

A certification form (that verifies and provides contact information on youth camp and exchange chairpersons) signed by the respective district governor or council chairperson and YCE chairperson/s is submitted to the Youth Programs Department at headquarters. Upon receipt and review, the district/MD camp and exchange program and contact information is posted on the YCE Directory on the Lions Web site – if the program meets the criteria outlined in the Youth Programs Chapter of the Board Policy Manual.

Who pays for expenses?

Financial arrangements vary and costs to participate in a camp or exchange may be paid by the sponsor Lions club, host Lions club, the youth, his or her family, or a combination of these sources. However, generally, the sponsoring Lions club, or the youth and his or her family, are responsible for the cost of the participant's international travel and insurance. Costs incurred while in the host country are generally the responsibility of the host Lions club. Participants should have adequate personal funds for incidentals, telephone calls and souvenirs.

Who facilitates the exchanges?

Exchanges are facilitated directly between YCE chairpersons. Chairpersons also act as liaisons between host and sponsor Lions clubs.

Can youth use exchanges for purposes of employment or education?

No. Unlike some exchange programs, the Lions program does not involve academic studies or employment. Lions youth exchanges provide an opportunity for young people to learn first-hand about another culture, and international camps allow youth to meet other young people from around the globe. Some camps and exchanges provide an opportunity for youth to participate in service activities and attend Lions clubs' meetings to learn more about Lions and the work they do.

Materials Available:

- YE 101: Youth Exchange Visitor Guide
- YE 102: Youth Exchange Host Family Guide
- YCE 510A: Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Report Form
- YE 1000: The Lions International Youth Exchange Program General Information Brochure
- YCE 1401: Youth Camp & Exchange Participant Application Form
- YCE 1402: Youth Camp & Exchange Host Family Application Form
- YE 1450: Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Activity Online Report

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- Youth Camp & Exchange Directory (available on Lions Web site)

Awards Available:

- The Top Ten Youth Camp & Exchange Chairperson Award

Important Dates:

- August 31: Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Report Form (YCE 510A) due to Youth Programs Department
- November 15: Deadline for Top Ten Youth Camp & Exchange Chairperson Application Form (YCE 110)
- December 1: Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Activity Report (YE 1450) due to Youth Programs Department

LCI Contact:

Youth Programs Department
youthexchange@lionsclubs.org
630-571-5466

LIONS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Program Summary:

The Lions Services for Children (LSC) Program was adopted in 2003 to improve the lives of children and adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally. After a three-year pilot phase ending June 30, 2008, the Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program was adopted as an official service program on July 1, 2008. The symposium provides Lions with a format to collaborate with concerned government agencies, health care organizations, educators and citizens to meet critical needs of underprivileged children.

Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box program provides educational supplies to teachers in areas affected by civil unrest, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tsunamis, ensuring the continuation of children's education in the first 72 hours of an emergency.

The "Lions Children First" Program, adopted by the board in March 2009, encourages Lions to organize hands-on projects to assist children in need such as implementing food or clothing drives, providing health screenings and immunizations, collecting books and toys or mentoring at-risk youth.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I begin a club service project for local children in need?

Lions clubs are encouraged to review the Lions Children First Information Kit (KITCFEN) obtained through the Health and Children's Services Department. It contains essential information to help a club organize a Lions Children First project. The club can then form the appropriate committee of active club members and set goals for project development. Children's hearing, vision and dental screenings are excellent projects for Lions clubs and districts, too. Clubs are encouraged to involve Leos in their service activities for children.

What types of projects could serve the needs of children and adolescents living in adverse circumstances?

Food, shelter or clothing; immunizations; vision, hearing, dental screenings; assistance in coping with illness or disabilities; literacy programs; drug and alcohol abuse education; provision of safe drinking water; recreational and social programs; vocational programs; upgrade schools or children's centers; or Lions missions to underserved areas.

How can I hold a district or multiple district children's symposium?

The district or multiple district should submit to Lions Clubs International Headquarters a completed and signed children's symposium application available for downloading on the Web site (LSC-9) as soon as possible. Four Two symposiums in each constitutional area will be selected to receive up to US\$2,000 expense assistance, each fiscal year. Applications are first-come, first-served, and a response will be issued within 30 days after receipt of the application. Further information is available in the symposium "Rules of Audit" form (LSC-18), also on the Web site. The district and multiple district Lions Services for Children chairpersons can help to organize and promote a children's symposium.

How can I find out more about children's symposiums that have been held in my Constitutional area?

Contact the Health and Children's Services Department to get in touch with Lions who have organized successful symposiums in collaboration with other organizations, health care agencies or educators to address issues involving health and educational needs.

Materials Available:

Many resources are available through the Health and Children's Services Department:

Lions Services for Children (LSC)

- LSC general program brochure (IAD 303)

LIONS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Lions Children First (LCF) Program

- The Lions Children First Information Kit (KITCFEN) provides materials and resources to help clubs organize hands-on, high visibility projects, including:

LCF activity guide (IAD 252)
LCF program brochure (IAD 253)
LCF community poster (IAD 254-A)
LCF community poster (IAD 254-B)
LCF certificate of appreciation (IAD 255)
LCF sample news release (IAD 256)
LCF 25 project ideas to serve children (IAD 257)
LCF idea sheet – food drive (IAD 258)
LCF idea sheet – clothing drive (IAD 259)
LCF idea sheet – suitcases for foster care children (IAD 260)
LCF idea sheet – hearing screening (IAD 261)

NOTE: all of the above kit components are available for free downloading on the Web site. Or, the kit or any components can be ordered from Health and Children's Services Department.

Lions Services for Children Symposium Program

- LSC Worldwide Symposium Program Application
- LSC Worldwide Symposium Program Rules of Audit

Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box Program

- School-in-a-Box Fact Sheet (IAD 306)
- School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Application (IAD 306-A)

Awards Available:

- *District Lions Services for Children Chairperson Award Certificate* – to be presented by the district governor for outstanding service in the district
- *Multiple District Lions Services for Children Chairperson Award Certificate* – to be presented by the council chairperson for outstanding service in the multiple district.

Important Dates:

- July 1 – March 1: Symposium applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- October 9: World Sight Day (second Thursday in October)
- December-January: "Relieve the Hunger" LCI global service action campaign
- June 30: Symposium expense claim and final report form due for consideration of LCI reimbursement
- United Nations: Universal Children's Day – check Web site for individual country dates.

LCI Contact:

Health and Children's Services Department
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E-mail: children@lionsclubs.org

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

Program Summary:

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards recognize young people (suggested ages 12-18) for their community service within a 12-month period.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does the program work?

Lions clubs invite local schools, Leo clubs and other youth groups to participate. A Lion coordinates with school personnel, Leo advisors and adult youth group leaders who certify young people's service and submit award forms to the Lions club. The Lions club requests the award from Lions Clubs International, and a congratulatory letter from the International President, along with a certificate, are sent for each recipient.

How many hours are required for awards?

50 hours of service = Silver Seal Award

100 hours of service = Gold Seal Award

What are the benefits of the awards program?

Youth will experience the rewards of community service and receive recognition. The community will improve through young people's service. The Lions club will build community partnerships, encourage young people to serve their communities and recognize them for their efforts.

Materials Available:

- Kit 860YL Young Leaders in Service Kit
- IAD 132 Young Leaders in Service Informational Brochure

Awards Available:

- Lions Young Leaders in Service Silver Award (50 hours of community service)
- Lions Young Leaders in Service Gold Award (100 hours of community service)

LCI Contact:

Youth Programs Department

programs@lionsclubs.org

630-571-5466

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EYE GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Program Summary:

The Lions Clubs International Eyeglass Recycling Program became an official program in 1994, although Lions have been involved in eyeglass recycling for more than 80 years. Today, there are 17 official Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Centers (LERCs) throughout the world. Board Policy provides baseline operating standards for LERCs to maintain even operating standards and to ensure distribution of a consistent product. Eyeglasses supplied to Lions or other humanitarian groups are dispensed free of charge at the mission sites. Lions districts and multiple districts, singly or jointly, may sponsor LERCs. The council chairperson of the multiple district in which the LERC is located is strongly encouraged to visit the center at least once during his/her term.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I begin an eyeglass collection campaign in my community?

Contact Health and Children's Services Department to order a "Lions Recycle For Sight" Information Kit (KIT-RFS) for a nominal cost of US\$5.00. It contains all necessary information and sample promotional materials for organizing a successful club or district eyeglass recycling campaign. Additional resources, such as LCI collection boxes and box decals, are also available. Form a club committee to maintain collection sites throughout your community and publicize the drop-off locations in your local newspaper, the LCI Web site and your club or district Web site.

How can clubs increase their eyeglass collections?

Clubs can contact local organizations, schools or businesses to sponsor an eyeglass collection drive. The "Recycle For Sight" brochure, poster and press release can help to publicize the event. Lions can sponsor eyeglass collection contests between local clubs in the district, or within local schools, to encourage community involvement, too. Clubs may post their collection locations on the Lions Clubs International Web site.

Where can Lions clubs or districts send their recycled eyeglasses?

Clubs are encouraged to send their eyeglasses to the nearest LERC (locations listed on Web site). Contact the LERC directly to verify shipping guidelines and the types of glasses accepted. The LERC will then sort, process and prepare the glasses for inventory for future optical missions.

How can I obtain eyeglasses for a Lions optical mission?

Request a supply of glasses from the nearest LERC or another LERC (contact information on LCI Web site) to help meet the needs of your mission. Eyeglasses shall be distributed in strict accordance with local or national health regulations of the country hosting the optical mission.

Materials Available:

- KIT-RFS: "Lions Recycle For Sight" information kit contains club guide for recycling, sample box decals, brochure, poster, sample lapel pin, promotional materials and more.
- IAD-408: list of official Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers
- IAD-28DVD: "New Glasses, New Life" is a 10 minute film ideal for school and general public viewing and Lions meetings.
- **New Design!!!** G1174DS: LCI official full color collection boxes (through Club Supplies Dept.)

Awards Available:

- *"Excellence in Effort Award" Certificate* – to be presented by the district governor to the outstanding club in the district that provides programs and assistance to aid persons who are blind and visually impaired.
- *District Sight Chairperson Award Certificate* to be presented by district governor
- *Multiple District Sight Chairperson Award Certificate* to be presented by council chairperson

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EYE GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Important Dates:

- June 30: LERC annual report of compliance due
- July 30: LERC annual report of expenses (for previous fiscal year ending June 30) due
- September 15: LERC current report of board of directors and by-laws due.
- Quarterly reports from LERCs to be submitted to Health & Children's Services: October 10, January 10, April 10 and July 10
- Lions World Sight Day: (second Thursday in October)
- International White Cane Safety Day: October 15
- Lions Recycle For Sight Month: May

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EYE BANK PROGRAM

Program Summary:

The Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Program was adopted as an official program in 1984, although Lions have been providing support for eye banks for nearly 65 years. Today, there are more than 60 official Lions Eye Banks throughout the world. Lions Clubs International observes Lions Eye Bank Week every year during the first week in December. The district and multiple district sight chairpersons hold key positions in promoting and supporting Lions eye banking so that quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes may be provided. Lions eye banks are sponsored by clubs, districts and/or multiple districts.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does an eye bank do?

An eye bank recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for sight restoration, research and education.

How can I find the nearest Lions Eye Bank?

A list of the official eye banks can be found on the LCI Web site and downloaded.

What can a club do to support the local Lions Eye Bank?

The club can begin by contacting the eye bank to inquire what types of volunteer services may be needed, such as volunteering in the eye bank, providing financial assistance and support, sponsoring a fundraiser, or hosting an open house.

How else can Lions help?

A club or district can conduct a public education campaign by organizing a donor awareness event, such as Lions Eye Bank Week or inviting a Lions eye bank representative to speak about the eye bank. Lions may choose to provide financial assistance to corneal transplant patients in need. Lions are also encouraged to become cornea donors.

How can Lions establish a new eye bank?

Clubs, districts and/or multiple districts can sponsor a new eye bank in accordance with LCI Board Policy. Each eye bank establishes a working relationship with an appropriate medical facility for guidance and medical standards. More than half of the official Lions Eye Banks are willing to serve as mentors, if a request is made.

Materials Available:

- IAD-225b – Lions Eye Bank Network listing

Awards Available:

- “Excellence in Effort Award” Certificate – to be presented by the district governor to the outstanding club in the district that provides programs and assistance to aid persons who are blind and visually impaired.
- District Sight Chairperson Award Certificate to be presented by district governor
- Multiple District Sight Chairperson Award Certificate to be presented by council chairperson

Important Dates:

- September 15: Lions Eye Bank report due to Health and Children’s Services Department for previous fiscal year ended June 30.
- 2nd Thursday in October: Lions World Sight Day
- First Week in December: Lions Eye Bank Week
- March: Lions Eye Donor Awareness Month

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LIONS/UNICEF SCHOOL-IN-A-BOX PROGRAM

Program Summary:

In 1996 Lions Clubs International signed a memorandum of understanding with UNICEF to support the School-in-a-Box Program. Since then, LCI has seen an increasing rate of contributions to LCIF from Lions clubs and districts in response to this collaboration. School-in-a-Box enables teachers to set up temporary classrooms anywhere in the world during and after disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and civil unrest. The box contains culturally neutral school supplies and materials for a teacher and up to 40 students, while supplemental books in local languages are customized for the specific area affected.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How can I make a donation to Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box?

Complete and sign the School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Application (IAD-306A), which is available for downloading on the Lions Web site, and send to Lions Clubs International Foundation, with the notation of "School-in-a-Box" on your remittance. Contributions are accepted in any amount.

How much does a School-in-a-Box cost?

Each box costs approximately US\$257.00. More information about the program is available on the LCI Web site.

How does LCI recognize clubs and districts for their donations?

For a donation of US\$500 or more, the free patch will be sent to the club or district, and their names are announced at Lions Day with the United Nations. They are also recognized on the School-in-a-Box "honor roll," located on the LCI Web site. Leo clubs are also encouraged to participate in the program.

Is there any recognition for contributions that clubs or districts may send in subsequent years?

Each subsequent annual donation of US\$500 or more will result in the receipt of a free dated chevron patch.

Can I direct my donation to be used in a specific area?

No. All donations are sent to UNICEF, who determines where the boxes are most needed.

Materials Available:

- IAD-306: School-in-a-Box Fact Sheet
- IAD-306A: School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Application
- Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box general brochure
- Lions may borrow a sample School-in-a-Box, which weighs about 50 lbs. and measures 80 x 60 x 25 cm, for promotional purposes for district or multiple district conventions and events. Contact the Health & Children's Services Department for information. NOTE: Shipping fees are the responsibility of the district or multiple district.

Awards Available:

- "*School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Recognition*" – to be presented by LCI to a club or district donating US\$500 or more to the program during fiscal year in which the donation was made.
- "*School-in-a-Box banner chevron*" – to be presented by LCI to a club or district donating US\$500 or more to the program in each subsequent year
- *District Lions Services for Children Chairperson Award certificate* to be presented by the district governor.
- *Multiple District Lions Services for Children Chairperson Award certificate* to be presented by the council chairperson.

LIONS/UNICEF
SCHOOL-IN-A-BOX PROGRAM

Important Dates:

- United Nations: Universal Children's Day – check Web site for individual country dates:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children's_Day

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