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LCIF Report

Two years after Sept. 11, LCIF and Lions have done much to bring relief and healing to victims of the tragedy. LCIF and Lions have sponsored a dozen bereavement camps where children and families deal with their grief. They've provided short-term financial assistance for 100 families and offered crucial services, such as job training, mentoring for children and assistance for the disabled.

LCIF Chairperson Fukushima has asked Lions to continue to support LCIF. LCIF needs Lions to be generous in order for LCIF to continue its same level of grant-making. Chairperson Fukushima's message also lists the resources available to Lions to help them understand, support and promote LCIF.

The SightFirst program approved 17 SightFirst grants for \$3.9 million. The grants will restore vision and prevent blindness for hundreds of thousands.

Nine districts in Korea hit by typhoon Maemi last month were each approved for an LCIF Emergency grant of \$10,000. LCIF Emergency grants enable Lions to respond to the immediate needs of victims, providing food, clothing and medical supplies. In fiscal year 2002-03, LCIF awarded 157 Emergency grants totaling \$1,355,000. And as of September 19, LCIF has approved 61 Emergency grants for \$435,000 since the start of this fiscal year (July 1).

November is Contributing Member Month. Lions who become Contributing Members receive distinctive lapel pins and the satisfaction of knowing they've helped someone receive their sight or brought aid to a victim of disaster.

LCIF is proud of being able to help multitudes of people. But let's not forget that LCIF grants help individuals and their families, such as the Toms family in Texas (USA). The Toms once lived in a tattered home but, thanks to Lions and LCIF, now enjoy a clean and spacious home that meets their special needs. As a second example, Lions and LCIF teamed up to aid leukemia patients in England

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We have received additional supplies of Brooms and Mops. Plans are underway for a broom sale. Details to be announced later.

Date Change

The dates of the Georgia Lions State Convention have changed. The new dates are June 18-20. The change in dates resulted from a conflict with the G-8 Summit Conference.

District Rally

The District Rally is right around the corner on Saturday, October 11 in Richmond Hill. Guest speaker will be PID Jay Patel of North Charleston, SC. Additional information is coming.

Zone Meeting

The first Zone Meeting of the Lions Year will be hosted by the Port City Lions on Tuesday, October 15. Please support your Zone and District by attending these activities.

National White Cane Safety Day the 15th

In October 1994, the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the president of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day." Lions may wish to promote awareness of the white cane safety law within the community.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversary

Joseph Hoffman

October 11

Birthday

William Hinesley

October 8