



**Lions Clubs International**

# Fact Sheet

**Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world.** We have more than 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide.

**Lions are everywhere.** We're men and women active in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

**Lions serve.** Our motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness, but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled, and care for the environment. Lions are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in their local communities.

**Lions give sight.** By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all. Through the support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have helped provide more than 153 million treatments for river blindness and 72 million doses of a sight-saving trachoma medication through the SightFirst program alongside our partners. Lions and LCIF have also helped provide vision screenings for more than 19 million children through the Sight for Kids partnership program.

**Lions serve youth.** Our community projects often support children and local schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs to empower youth, including the Peace Poster Contest; youth camps and exchanges; and Lions Quest, an LCIF positive youth development program.

Our Leo clubs help young people develop leadership skills while impacting their communities through service. There are approximately 160,000 Leos and 6,400 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

**Lions receive grants and the world receives benefits.** Since 1968, Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than \$826 million in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people through four pillars of service: saving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs. Through the Foundation's generous support of large-scale humanitarian initiatives, Lions are able to extend their reach from local communities to the global community in order to serve those who need us most.