



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF Committed to Relief Efforts after Earthquakes

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Dear Lion,

I am sure you were equally shocked when you learned of the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile. As with the Haiti earthquake and other past natural catastrophes, LCIF responds quickly to ensure those impacted get the aid they need, but the Foundation is also committed to long-term relief.

Our efforts continue in Haiti, where Maureen and I visited last week. We were amazed to see what the Lions of Haiti are doing to restore stability to their country and know that the Lions of Chile will bring the same service to their communities.

Together, we are all working to bring hope to the people affected, displaced and suffering.

Best,

Al Brandel
LCIF Chairperson



Responding to the Chilean Earthquake

LCIF is committed to bringing aid to communities impacted by the recent earthquake in Chile. The earthquake is one of the largest ever recorded, resulting in more than 800 deaths and leaving 2 million people displaced. Three emergency grants have already been awarded, each for US\$10,000, to Districts T-1, T-2 and T-3 in Chile. District T-3 includes the city of Concepcion, one of the hardest hit areas in the country. Visit the LCIF Web site <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/news-updates.php>

for the latest news.



Lion Shares His Story

"I am really happy to be a Lion and be a part of the response of Lions International to the

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Continued support is needed

disaster in Haiti. As part of my contribution, both as a Lion and an Environmental Health Specialist, I was in Haiti for seven days to assist in the delivery of health care and the distribution of food. It was quite a sobering experience, and I hope to continue to lend my expertise to the people of Haiti."

Lion Lorenzo, Jamaica

Tent Cities Give Haitian People Home, Hope

Three tent cities, housing 3,000 people total, have been established in the Port-au-Prince neighborhoods of Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille and an additional 240 tents are being sent to the region. Lions are now working to fully equip these tent cities with sanitation, kitchens and health clinics. Still, the creation of more permanent housing is becoming increasingly important as the rainy season approaches. The need will be great for many more years to come, and LCIF's long-term efforts ensure that communities, lives and families will be rebuilt.



Partnering Furthers Immediate and Long-term Impact

Lions are working with local leaders, government officials and other non-governmental organizations (NGO) in Haiti to further leverage our immediate and long-term impact. While on a visit to Haiti last week, Chairperson Brandel, along with other Lions leadership, met with the United States Ambassador to Haiti, the Mayor of Port-au-Prince and other NGOs. They all pledged their support to Lions' efforts. LCIF's experience in rebuilding communities after past natural catastrophes has shown the importance of establishing partnerships for the long-term.

Multiple Districts Supporting Disaster Relief Efforts

To all of you who have so generously supported relief efforts in Haiti, thank you. A number of multiple districts have made significant contributions to demonstrate their commitment to helping rebuild Haiti. MD 112, Belgium, US\$190,000

- MD 116, Spain, US\$100,000
- MD 104, Norway, US\$86,000
- Lions in New England, U.S., US\$60,000
- MD 110, Netherlands, US\$42,000
- MD 107, Finnish Lions Association, US\$57,000
- MD 51, Puerto Rico, US\$33,000
- MD 330, Japan, US\$32,000

To view a full listing of generous individual, club, district and multiple district support to LCIF's Haiti Earthquake Relief fund, visit the Lions respond page on-line.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/lions-respond.php>

to ensure that LCIF can provide immediate disaster relief when disasters like the Haiti and Chilean earthquakes strike. [Donate on-line](#) and help bring hope to those in need.

Your Donation Can Provide

- Water, Food and Clothing: **\$25 - \$50**
- First Aid/Medicines: **\$100 - \$250**
- Re-build and Establish Community Infrastructure: **\$500 - \$1,000**
- Help Our Long-term Rebuilding Efforts: **\$5,000+**

Message from Haitian Lion

[View a message](#) from William Eliacin, Zone Chairperson, Haiti, asking for Lions worldwide to support LCIF's Haiti relief efforts.

Promotion

The Foundation continues to promote LCIF's relief efforts in Haiti and Chile to both Lions and the general public. To see a full listing of media coverage, [visit the publicity page](#) of the Web site.

Haiti Materials Available

- [News Updates](#)
- [Video](#)
- [Podcast](#)
- [Template Press Release](#)
- [Photos](#)

To receive a DVD of the Haiti video, please [contact LCIF](#).