



Lions Clubs International

News Release

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Relief for New Zealand – 2011

On February 22, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake devastated Christchurch, New Zealand, killing at least 65 and injuring hundreds more. Thousands have been left homeless. Telephone service has been crippled and more than 80% of the city is currently without electricity. Clean drinking water has been compromised and more than 60 aftershocks have been recorded since the initial quake.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to aiding communities affected by natural disasters. LCIF is in close communication with the Lions of District 202 E and has approved an initial emergency grant of US \$10,000. A dedicated, "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" fund has been established for donors who wish to support relief efforts.

Updates will be posted as soon as they are received.

Donors can:

- Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of your donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide the name of your club, as well. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. Please make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" on the memo line. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy of the deposit receipt to LCIF by fax: (630) 571-5735.
- Make a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option please contact LCIF Donor Assistance at donorassistance@lcif.org

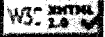
For questions regarding donations, please contact LCIF at donorassistance@lcif.org or (630) 203-3836. Board policy states that designated funds are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. Donors wishing to receive Melvin Jones Fellowship credit may instead wish to consider making a donation to the LCIF general fund. Un-designated donations for MJFs and PMJFs make up as much as 80 percent of the donations to the Foundation's General Fund, which supports Standard Grants, Emergency Grants and Major Catastrophe Grants.

Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from individuals living outside of the United States are tax deductible as permitted by the individual's country tax laws.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world with 1.35 million members in 206 geographic areas and countries. LCIF was ranked by a Financial Times' study as the number one non-governmental organization with which to partner. Learn more about LCIF online at www.lcif.org.

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