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**LCIF Marks Third Anniversary of Türkiye Earthquakes
with Continued Commitment to Recovery Efforts**

(Oak Brook, Ill., February 5, 2026) — Three years after a series of catastrophic earthquakes devastated entire communities in southern Türkiye, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions worldwide continue to support people still recovering from one of the region's worst disasters in more than a century.

The February 6, 2023, earthquakes killed tens of thousands of people, displaced millions and destroyed entire cities. Lions and LCIF launched a swift relief effort that began as an emergency response and grew to long-term recovery initiatives. Over the past three years, LCIF has awarded more than US\$5 million in grants, enabling Lions to provide humanitarian assistance across the hardest-hit areas.

In the immediate aftermath, LCIF awarded a Major Catastrophe Grant to address urgent humanitarian needs. These funds supported emergency shelter, essential supplies and coordinated relief operations led by the local Lions. Among the earliest initiatives were LCIF-funded container and tent villages that provided safe, temporary housing for displaced families while permanent solutions were planned.

As recovery continued, Lions expanded their focus beyond basic needs to address the long-term social and emotional aftermath. With LCIF support, Lions and Leos organized educational programs, recreational activities and social activities for children and families living in temporary housing, helping restore a sense of normalcy during extremely challenging times.

“The needs of earthquake survivors continue long after the disaster strikes,” said LCIF Chairperson Fabrício Oliveira. “Lions are part of these communities, and they see the lasting impact of these tragic events. LCIF remains committed to supporting Lions as they serve the people in the region throughout the long recovery process.”

In Mersin, where hundreds of thousands of displaced people sought refuge, LCIF grants helped Lions establish community centers offering childcare, skills training for women and other essential services. In Antakya, another community center built with LCIF funding is providing daily meals and kindergarten education for local children, with plans underway to include income generating activities to help women provide for their families.

“These community centers are helping bring stability to local residents when they need it most,” Oliveira said. “LCIF is proud to support this critical work that is helping families rebuild their lives and entire communities rebuild their future.”

To learn more about these LCIF-funded Lions projects in Türkiye, watch [this video](#). To learn more about the many ways LCIF supports disaster-affected communities and how you can help visit lionsclubs.org/LCIF.

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