Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer. 

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The moment you learn your child has cancer turns your world upside down. Your life now revolves around doctor appointments, medical treatments, and supporting your child. In Japan, families of more than 2,000 children hear this news each year. However, thanks to Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), families with children receiving treatment in Kobe City no longer need to focus on their living situation and can instead focus on their children.

Parents who travel far distances for their child’s treatment often do not want to leave their youngster to return home, nor can they afford to stay in a hotel for long periods. For this reason, Child Chemo House was established. Overnight accommodations include everything a home has. Families can relax, cook, spend time together, and sleep while their children receive treatment.

Local Lions knew Child Chemo House needed upgrades. With a LCIF Matching grant of more than US$16,000, Lions provided new furniture, kitchen and cleaning appliances, and audio-visual equipment. The updated facility is now a home away from home for approximately 270 people each year.
A Story of Devastation and Dreams

No child deserves cancer. Yet lymphomas, leukemias, and other forms of the disease common in children are the stark reality for many youth – and their families – in this part of the world. There is both heartache and hope.

2.5%
Taiwan’s annual rise in cancer 1995-2009

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Cancer is the top disease killer of Japan’s children

90%
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia survival rate in many high-income countries

≤70% survival in China

22%
Korea’s rise in 5-year survival rates 1993-2011

THAT’S HERE. GLOBALLY, CHILDHOOD CANCER LOOKS LIKE THIS:

CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVAL RATES
≥80% developed countries
≤20% lesser developed countries

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children
300,000 new cases annually in 0-19-year-olds

57% of childhood cancer cases go undiagnosed in parts of the world

LCIF AND LIONS
Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Global occurrence of childhood cancer is greater than previously thought. LCIF, funding global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Childhood cancer is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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