Learning your child has cancer is unfathomable. It's life-altering and terrifying. And unfortunately, childhood cancer rates are rising.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the only hospital providing cancer treatment for children didn't have a follow-up program. With 75 percent of children experiencing complications after treatment, this was a serious issue.

Lions, along with a local non-profit organization, created a plan to provide cost-free care to children nationwide with a mobile follow-up program. With nearly US$37,000 in Matching grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions purchased a vehicle, equipping it with medical equipment needed to deliver follow-up care. Now, up to 200 children recovering from cancer each year, along with their families, receive vital care and support from a doctor, nurse, psychologist, social worker, and educator, who travel to patients' homes to deliver care – and hope.

“I am very happy to be sitting in our van, knowing we bring a smile to children’s faces,” said Nejra Musich, who survived childhood cancer and is now a peer counselor. “We are happy to have lived to see it happen.”

Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer.
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 European youth – and their families. There is both heartache and hope.

Cancer incidence per million children
- Leukemia 49.1
- Lymphomas 16.3
- Central nervous system tumors 36.6

Per-patient/case costs
Medical and non-medical: $180,000
Lost productivity: $933,000

90% Cure rate of Burkitt lymphoma in high-income countries

 THAT'S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, CHILDHOOD CANCER LOOKS LIKE THIS:

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

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

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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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