Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%.1

BETTERING A NATION’S YOUTH AND FUTURE

Navigating childhood isn’t easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually, youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately, students in Ukraine – particularly youngsters displaced from home due to conflict – are gaining valuable skills to navigate school and their futures through Lions Quest, the signature youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

In 2006, Lions were awarded US$25,000 in LCIF grant funding to pilot Lions Quest in Kyiv. More recently, grants totaling more than US$300,000, added to funds collected by Lions, have helped implement an enhanced version of Lions Quest while expanding its Skills for Growing and Skills for Adolescence learning modules. An estimated 160,000 students and 9,600 teachers in 200 Ukraine schools are benefitting.

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For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many youth face daunting challenges. Consider these stark realities in this part of the world:

- **25%** of students have been bullied or in a physical fight or physically attacked.
- **2.4M** adolescents are out-of-school.
- **1 in 3 students** report being cyberbullied; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence.
- **2 in 3 students** worry about violence in and around schools.
- Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated.

**THAT’S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:**

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- **2 in 3 students** in 160 countries worry about violence in and around schools.
- Schools with positive school climate practices like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying.
- Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated.

**LCIF AND LIONS**

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

**LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS**

develop/expand the program

**UP TO US$150,000**

**LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

launch/reactivate the program

**UP TO US$15,000**

**LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS**

introduce the program to a community

**UP TO US$1,500**

**DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**

apply to local district and club projects

**GRANT AMOUNT VARIES**

Sources/Note:

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.

Youth 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.