NO ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY

Hunger is an everyday presence for some, stressful both physically and mentally. When trying to gain financial stability, hunger can be detrimental.

In Argenteuil County, Quebec, many families experience hunger. Offering a bit of relief, d’Entraide d’Argenteuil, the local community centre, provides food and empowering social services. “The centre is dedicated to giving the best service,” said one grateful patron. “And they always have a smile to welcome us with!”

d’Entraide d’Argenteuil is a vital part of the neighbourhood, so when its refrigerated truck broke down, locals who rely on the centre were in for an abrupt change. With the truck beyond repair, seriously limiting the centre’s ability to provide fresh food, local Lions knew they needed to act.

With a nearly US$27,000 Matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions purchased d’Entraide d’Argenteuil a new truck, modifying it with a refrigeration system. Thanks to LCIF and Lions, the centre is able to once again provide a bounty of fresh food to its nearly 1,500 weekly patrons.
Despite global production sufficient to feed the entire population, chronic hunger remains a chronic problem. Political and economic instability, rising food and energy prices, and climate change all contribute to this sad truth: Hunger-related challenges are urgent – even in Canada.

THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, THE PICTURE LOOKS LIKE THIS:

1 in 9 people is chronically hungry

At least 50% of children under age 5 have hidden hunger

2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food

Malnutrition

~13.8% of households are food insecure

Food insecurity is 74% higher in Indigenous communities

Canadians visited food banks

~1.1 million times in 1 month

47% increase 2018-2019

Hunger... a Complicated Challenge

HUNGER GRANTS support school feeding programs, food banks, feeding centres, etc.

US$10,000 - US$100,000

MATCHING GRANTS fund construction and equipment costs

US$10,000 - US$100,000

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS apply to local district and club projects

LEO SERVICE GRANTS fund Leo-led projects

US$1,500 - US$5,000

SOURCE/NOTE: 1Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; 2PROOF; 3Food Banks Canada; 4Canadian Feed the Children; 5Canada Malnutrition Task Force; 6World Health Organization; 7WhyHunger; 8UNICEF; 9UNDF; 10United Nations; grant limits subject to change

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.

Hunger 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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