Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer

IMPROVING AWARENESS AND OUTCOMES

“Your child has cancer.” No parent is ever prepared to hear these four gut-wrenching words. Yet each year, an estimated 300,000 children worldwide are dealt a devastating cancer diagnosis. The emotional, physical, and financial tolls families suffer begin the moment those words are uttered. Lives shattered in the span of a sentence.

While advances in treatment have saved many children, those currently battling cancer – and those who will one day be diagnosed – need help and hope, causing Lions to open their hearts even wider and adopt childhood cancer as a signature cause area. Supporting their efforts is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which offers Childhood Cancer grants of US$10,000 to US$150,000.

“Our foundation’s Childhood Cancer grants have unprecedented opportunity to strengthen medical and social services to help children fighting cancer and enhance quality of life for them and their families,” said 2018-2021 LCIF Trustee and Past International Director Vijay Kumar Raju. “I encourage taking advantage of LCIF’s Childhood Cancer grants. With our foundation’s support, we can spur even more progress and ease the burden for so many.”

Take advantage of LCIF’s Childhood Cancer grants.

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The True Story May Not be Known

It’s difficult to have a comprehensive picture of childhood cancer, as cancer registries are generally not available in most low- and middle-income countries. Additionally, many cases of childhood cancer go undiagnosed and thus undocumented. This is what is known in India:

**Childhood cancer**

Incidence per million, 2012-2014

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**~50,000**

0-19-year-olds in India are diagnosed with cancer annually. 5-year survival rate: 37%-40%

**Most common cancers in Indian children**

- Leukemia
- Lymphoma

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

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| Cancer is a leading cause of death for children

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**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.

lcif.org/childhoodcancer

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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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