Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%

BETTERING A NATION’S YOUTH AND FUTURE

Navigating childhood isn’t easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually – and face challenges at home, in school, and from peers – youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately, students in far southern Japan’s Miyakojima City are gaining valuable skills to carry them confidently through school and into their futures through Lions Quest, Lions Clubs International Foundation’s signature youth development program.

Committed to enhancing teachers’ ability to cultivate children adept at managing emotions, achieving goals, building positive relationships, and making responsible decisions, school officials launched a five-year strategy to implement Lions Quest’s social and emotional learning (SEL) approach. With grant funding from LCIF and help from local Lions, in 2018 Lions Quest professional trainers began delivering workshops to all 600 Miyakojima kindergarten through junior high school teachers. Rollout of Lions Quest’s Skills for Growing and Skills for Adolescence programs continues, and results are already astounding.

“Universally essential are connection with people, communication skills, and team-building skills. These lead to positive youth development,” said Hiroaki Niiyama, of the Miyako Lions Club. “Lions Quest cultivates these critical skills.”
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.

For the Children

SEL positively affects academic performance and physical health, and is demanded by employers and essential for lifelong success².

THAT’S THIS PART OF THE WORLD. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:


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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety². 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

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