

District Lions Services for Children Chairperson



The mission of the Lions Services for Children Program is to improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally.

In April 2004, the International Board of Directors established the position of District Lions Services for Children (LSC) Chairperson. The District Governor appoints a Lions Services for Children Chairperson. The appointee receives a district chairperson tab, which can be ordered from the Club Supplies Department (item G468).

The duties of the District LSC Chairperson are to:

- **Learn** about the nature and scope of the health and education needs of children in the district.
- **Learn** the names of key individuals and organizations in the district area concerned with meeting the health and education needs of children.
- **Maintain** information about available print resources on children's issues. Contact the Health and Children's Services Department at International Headquarters for assistance, if needed.
- **Invite** health and education specialists and other community leaders to Lions clubs meetings to discuss avenues of cooperation.
- **Encourage** clubs to conduct community assessments of children's health and education needs.
- **Encourage** clubs to make services for children a community effort by involving municipal governments, local businesses, other organizations, and, where appropriate, the children of the community.
- **Generate** publicity about Lions' involvement as humanitarians so that others might join in efforts for the benefit of children in need.

The District LSC Chairperson is responsible for the development of projects for children in need, and should:

- **Evaluate** the effectiveness of current projects for children in need at the club and district level. Outline a plan at both levels to successfully initiate or continue health and education services for children and adolescents. Submit the plan to the district governor for approval.

- **Motivate** clubs to determine the specific needs of children in their respective communities by linking them with the specialists such as administrators at hospitals, schools and youth services organizations who might provide them with insights about children's health and/or educational needs. Invite clubs to contribute project ideas that involve collaboration with these individuals and their organizations. Avoid duplicating local, regional or national programs.
- **Update** clubs on project ideas, goals and outcomes through announcements on the district's Web site and in the district governor's newsletter, as well as through e-mails, personal letters, telephone calls or personal visits.
- **Communicate** information about projects for children in need to the district cabinet and also to the local media through collaboration with the District Public Relations Chairperson.
- **Collaborate** with the district and multiple district chairpersons (Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, Lions Quest) when appropriate.

District LSC Chairpersons are also encouraged to submit ***information and photographs*** of successful children's projects, which may be recognized in Lions Clubs International official publications and communications, to:

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