

Accolades

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has received numerous awards for its dedication to humanitarian service and outstanding work with partnership organizations. Below are just a few of the awards bestowed upon LCIF:

- In December 2010, Lions Quest was selected as one of **10 Exemplary Organizations** for its work on behalf of youth and service by the Youth Service Task Force and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (USCCD). Lions Quest was highlighted as a key component of the U.S. Summit for Global Citizen Diplomacy. As part of the criteria, organizations were selected for the creative use of new technologies and the identification of international partnerships.
- In February 2010, the **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)** presented its first-ever International Partner Award to Lions Clubs International for helping create safer, healthier and drug-free communities.
- The Department of Health in the Philippines presented a **Plaque of Appreciation** in June 2009 to thank local Lions, LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care for their collaborative efforts to screen school-aged children throughout the country and Asia through the Sight for Kids program.
- In recognition of LCIF's river blindness control efforts, **The Gift of Sight statue** was formally dedicated by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter at Lions Clubs International Headquarters in **January 2009**. Mr. Carter and Lions Clubs International executive officers cut the ribbon during a dedication ceremony, which was attended by more than 50 representatives from LCIF's partner organizations. The statue was presented to LCIF by Mr. Carter during the July 2007 Lions Clubs International Convention. It depicts a child leading a blind man—a common sight in Africa.
- In May 2008 LCIF was nominated for the **Nobel Peace Prize** by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.
- In July 2007, LCIF **was ranked the #1 non-governmental organization (NGO) worldwide with which to partner**. From 34 global organizations, LCIF received top ranking for execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, internal and external communications, program adaptability to the surrounding community and understanding of the goals of our corporate supporters. The ratings were compiled by the *Financial Times* in association with the Dalberg Global Development Advisors and the United Nations Global Compact. The assessment was published in the *Financial Times' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy* special report.

- Batey Relief Alliance (BRA) presented a **Special Recognition Award** to LCIF during their 10-year anniversary celebration festivities in 2007 in Cinco Casas in the province of Monte Plata, Dominican Republic. LCIF has awarded the organization grant funding for the construction of the Dominican Republic's first modern medical center inside the bateyes and the purchase of a new mobile clinic.
- Retinitis Pigmentosa International awarded Lions Clubs International with the **Agrama Harmony Gold and Light Award** at the annual Vision Awards on June 16, 2007.
- Lions Clubs International received the prestigious **Trachoma Gold Medal 2006** from the International Organization Against Trachoma. The award was presented in February in Sao Paulo, Brazil, at the World Ophthalmology Congress, attended by 8,000 ophthalmologists and other eye care personnel from 100 countries.
- In 2003, LCIF received the **Dr. Nathan Davis International Award** for Outstanding Global Health Initiative from the American Medical Association Foundation for our SightFirst Program.
- The National Eye Health Education Program awarded Lions Clubs International the **Outstanding Achievement Award** on April 11, 2002 for extraordinary leadership in eye health education on behalf of all Americans.
- In appreciation of LCIF's contributions to the Jimmy Carter Work Project in 1999, LCIF received the **Habitat for Humanity Award**.

- See more at: <http://www.lcif.org/EN/about-us/accolades.php#sthash.wWtyPIEo.dpuf>