

Affiliations

LCIF could never help as many people in need as we do without the support and collaboration offered by the many organizations and institutions with which we are affiliated. By joining together and combining resources, expertise and local and global networks, we reach our shared goals more effectively and sustainably.

Organizations

[American Academy of Ophthalmology \(AAO\)](#)

AAO is the largest national membership association of eye healthcare professionals. AAO's mission is to advance the lifelong learning and professional interests of ophthalmologists to ensure that the public can obtain the best possible eye care. LCIF attends AAO meetings to stay abreast of the current interests and issues of eye health care professionals and works closely with member doctors and organizations of AAO.

[American Optometric Association \(AOA\)](#)

The AOA is a federation of optometric associations and serves its members consisting of optometrists, students of optometry, paraoptometric assistants and technicians. Together, the AOA, LCIF and its affiliates work to provide the public with quality vision and eye care.

[Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology \(ARVO\)](#)

ARVO encourages and assists with research, training, publication and dissemination of knowledge regarding vision and ophthalmology.

[The Clinton Global Initiative](#)

A program of the Clinton Foundation, the Clinton Guistra Sustainable Growth Initiative (CGSGI) focuses on economic improvement, with projects in Peru addressing enterprise development, health and child nutrition. CGSGI, LCIF and Lions are partnering to perform 7,000 cataract surgeries for the most underserved population within metropolitan Lima, Peru.

[Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\)](#)

In 2009 LCIF began a partnership with CADCA in an effort to strengthen collaboration between community coalitions and Lions clubs members to help create safer, healthier and drug-free communities. Together, LCIF and CADCA are committed to developing strategies to reduce drug use and its associated negative consequences.

[The Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment \(ICEVI\)](#)

ICEVI is a global association of individuals and organizations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all children and youth with visual impairment so that they may

achieve their full potential. LCIF's SightFirst program has consulted with and is a member of ICEVI.

[Global Foodbanking Network \(GFN\)](#)

GFN supports the largest non-governmental network devoted to fighting hunger and is the only private sector network operating on the global level. GFN encourages collaborations in creating and supporting food banks and food bank networks. This provides opportunities for local Lions to work with local GFN affiliates and resources.

[InterAction](#)

LCIF is a member of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), with more than 190 members working in every developing country. Using its collective voice, InterAction seeks to shape important policy decisions on relief and long term development issues, including foreign assistance, the environment, women, health, education and agriculture. Members are at the forefront in responding to humanitarian crises and disasters worldwide, and InterAction acts as a hub in these efforts.

[International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness \(IAPB\)](#)

IAPB works to eliminate the main causes of avoidable blindness and visual impairment by bringing together governments and non-governmental agencies to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of sustainable national eye care programs. LCIF holds a seat on the IAPB Board of Trustees and is one of over 111 member organizations of IAPB.

[National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research \(NAEVR\)](#)

NAEVR is an affiliated non-profit organization of the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) and carries out advocacy activities of the coalition. NAEVR's goal is to achieve the best eye and vision care for all Americans through advocacy and public education for eye and vision research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Eye Institute (NEI) and other federal research entities. LCIF is a member organization of NAEVR.

[Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas \(OEPA\)](#)

LCIF supports OEPA, a regional initiative which works to end illness and the transmission of river blindness in six endemic countries in the Americas: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela. As a result of health education and Mectizan® distribution, there are no new cases of blindness attributable to river blindness. In 2007, Colombia became the first country in the world to halt river blindness transmission.

[United Nations Global Compact \(UNGC\)](#)

UNGC and Lions are collaborating to promote cooperation between local Lions clubs and Global Compact Local Networks to harness the power of business in responding to the challenges and opportunities of globalization. Three pilot projects are taking place in Sri Lanka, Brazil and Kenya, with the goal of addressing the [UN Millennium Development Goals](#).

[VISION 2020](#)

VISION 2020 is the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness, a joint program of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and the World Health Organization (WHO) with an international membership of NGOs, professional associations, eye care institutions and corporations. VISION 2020 provides technical support and advocacy for the prevention of blindness activities worldwide. Through our membership within IAPB, LCIF is a member organization of VISION 2020. LCIF is also a member of VISION 2020 USA, comprised of blindness prevention organizations based in the USA.

[The World Blind Union \(WBU\)](#)

WBU is an internationally-recognized umbrella organization, representing the interests of about 285 million blind and partially-sighted persons in 190 member countries. Speaking with a universal voice on a global level, WBU brings together major national and international organizations of blind persons and those providing services to them. LCIF's SightFirst program has consulted with and is an International level member of WBU.

Government

[National Eye Institute \(NEI\)](#)

The National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, leads the federal government's research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs that result in the development of sight-saving treatments. LCI worked with NEI to create co-branded eye health education materials, available free of charge to Lions clubs members.

[National Eye Health Education Program \(NEHEP\)](#)

A program of the National Eye Institute, NEHEP works to ensure that vision is a health priority by translating eye and vision research into public and professional education programs and supporting collaboration among eye health professionals, healthcare providers, patients and the public. LCIF is a member of the NEHEP Partnership, which consists of more than 60 public and private national-level organizations that help achieve NEHEP goals and objectives.

[U.S. State Department, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement \(INL\)](#)

In 2002 the INL partnered with LCIF to promote and expand Lions Quest in Eastern Europe. INL funds helped to translate curriculum materials and implement Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lebanon, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. In 2009 the INL and LCIF expanded the project to Africa, with funding directed to support workshops in Tanzania.

[Organization of American States, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission \(CICAD\)](#)

In 2005 LCIF and CICAD signed a partnership agreement to implement Lions Quest in Latin America and the Caribbean. To date, LCIF and CICAD have collaborated to promote and

expand Lions Quest in Belize, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and several island Caribbean nations.

Educational Recognitions

Lions Quest has been recognized as a positive program for young people by leading review organizations.

[Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#)

Lions Quest K-12 programs have received a "Select SEL" rating from CASEL. This rating is awarded in recognition of Lions Quest's excellence in three areas recommended by CASEL as the most important starting points for program selection—Outstanding SEL Instruction, Evidence of Effectiveness, and Outstanding Professional Development.

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

Lions Quest's middle school curriculum, *Skills for Adolescence*, is listed on the [National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#), a service of SAMHSA. Lions Quest is rated for Quality of Research and Readiness for Dissemination.

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