

Disaster Relief



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FLORENCE MEETS GOLIATH



When Hurricane Florence pummeled already-soaked southeast North Carolina with 26+ inches of punishing rain, residents of the economically disadvantaged area quickly learned returning

to “normal” takes time. It takes backbreaking hard work. It takes money.

Some things just aren’t in abundance for this area.

Lions – so often there in the wake of natural disaster and who know the realities of restoring dignity and “real life” – got right to work using a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant.

LCIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster.

“Everyone was suffering post Florence. Kids needed warm coats, shoes, school uniforms and supplies. Everyone needed food,” said Past District Governor George Holston. “Lions were determined to be bigger and stronger than Florence. With the grant, we continue transforming the lives of children attending two schools, one of which provides vulnerable students with services promoting physical, emotional, and social development.”

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Natural Disaster Knows No Borders

Many of us can't imagine losing everything. But being victimized by natural disaster is the reality for *someone's* family, *someone's* friend, *someone's* neighbor.

<p>HURRICANE IRMA HITS U.S., CARIBBEAN</p> <p>Lives claimed: 97</p> <p>Estimated damage: US\$52B</p> <p>2017</p>	<p>HURRICANE MARIA DECIMATES PUERTO RICO</p> <p>Lives lost: ~3,000</p> <p>Impact: US\$93B</p> <p>2017</p>	<p>HURRICANE FLORENCE WREAKS HAVOC ON CAROLINAS</p> <p>Lives taken: 53</p> <p>Damage: US\$24.5B</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES RAGE</p> <p>Camp Fire destroys: 18,500 buildings</p> <p>Mendocino Complex Fire chars: 450,000 acres</p> <p>Damage: US\$24.5B</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>HURRICANE MICHAEL BLOWS IN</p> <p>Winds: 160MPH</p> <p>Reduced to rubble: Mexico Beach, Fla.²</p> <p>2018</p>
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THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



90% of all natural disasters are water-related³

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters⁴



Annual economic losses are estimated at

US\$250B-US\$300B⁵

LCIF AND LIONS

lcif.org/disasterrelief

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally⁶**. LCIF and Lions have been there. To date, LCIF has awarded US\$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:

PREPAREDNESS GRANTS
support preparing for future relief efforts

UP TO US\$10,000

EMERGENCY GRANTS
support immediate and mid-term needs

US\$5,000 - US\$10,000

COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANTS
support short-term cleanup and repair

UP TO US\$20,000

MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS
fund reconstruction after large-scale natural disasters⁷

SOURCES/NOTE: ^{1,3,4,5}United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; ²for timeline, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; ⁶International Disaster Database; ⁷awarded at discretion of Lions international president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change



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.

Disaster relief 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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