



Lions Club International in Haiti **The Quiet Roar of Lions that make a Difference**

Quietly, with no fuss, Lions Clubs International Foundation has been collecting donations locally from a very generous public to help the unfortunate in Haiti. Although Lions are not a Charity and do not receive a great deal of publicity they are always on the ground supporting and rebuilding in disaster situations.

Immediate contact with Lions Clubs in the Port au Prince area has helped establish three tent cities and additional relief supplies have been delivered from the Dominican Republic. Lions from Sweden sent large tents to provide housing for both the homeless and the relief workers. Lions from Ontario, Canada were already working in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage and responded by establishing a make shift medical clinic treating 600 people.

'Lions Hope for Haiti' have pledged large amounts of monies \$86,000 from Norway, \$20,000 from China \$14,000 from England and at present the total stands at \$1.5 million.

Like other previous disasters LCIF is not only committed to meeting the immediate needs of the people but will be working through the Lions in the region to provide relief for years to come. After other relief organisations have moved out of the area Lions will still be on the ground overseeing long term reconstruction projects i.e rebuilding homes and hospitals, redeveloping eye care systems providing human resource support and assisting the disabled.

Al Brandel LCIF Chairperson said "The needs are great, but we can make a positive impact on the people of Haiti for years to come"

Zone Chairperson William Eliacin from Haiti said "We want to show the lions and the Haitian people in general that the Lions Club is an extraordinary organization, that we are here and that our motto is "we Serve". We serve our peers, we serve our brothers who are in need. That is why we are here. So I am appealing to you. You can count on us to achieve as much as we can with your contribution to help those who are in need."

100 percent of every donation sent through Lions Club International Foundation will go directly to Haiti relief so please give locally and support Lion fund raising in your area. Contact : www.lionsmd105.org