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**LCIF CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

As you know by now, Lions Club International just celebrated 100 years of service at the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Convention in Chicago. Melvin Jones, a businessman, gathered other businessmen and started the world's largest service organization. There are now more than 1,400,000 Lions in 210 countries worldwide.

Since its founding nearly five decades ago, LCIF has supported Lions efforts with sight programs, helping children and young adults in need, providing disaster relief, empowering people with disabilities and improving health for people worldwide. At the International Convention, it was announced that "diabetes" will be emphasized in the future.

When clubs make a donation or when an individual makes a donation for a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship award for a \$1,000 donation to LCIF, the donation can be designated for Area of Greatest Need, Measles, Disaster, Sight or Youth.

At the LCIF Luncheon, 100% Melvin Jones Fellowship Clubs and Individuals were recognized for their contributions. What is a 100 Percent Fellowship Club? That occurs when every member of a club is an MJF. When that happens the club received a 100 percent MJF banner and a Certificate of Distinction. As of June 20, 2017, there are 494 100% MJF clubs worldwide. In addition to that there are 200% MJF Clubs, 300% MJF Clubs, 400% MJF Clubs, 500% MJF Clubs (only two of them and one is the New York Japanese American Lions Club in District 20-R2) and one 600% MJF Club. What those numbers mean is that each member of a 200% MJF Club has two MJF's, etc.!!!

It was stressed at the luncheon that our support and dedication to LCIF has made possible 13,349 grants, totaling more than \$1 billion. But what is most important is how these donations have changed millions of lives for the better.

***LCIF IS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP!  
SO PLEASE MAKE THOSE DONATIONS TO LCIF!***