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From: Lion Patrick Hamblin, LCIF Coordinator, District 105D.

Introduction

In my role as LCIF Coordinator for District 105D I have sent a number of letters over the last few years to Presidents and Secretaries in the District mailings relating to LCIF activities and appeals. I feel the time is now right for me to change the format of the provision of information and I am therefore hoping you will read this newsletter, which will appear regularly in the future in the District mailing.

Update on LCIF Refugee Relief Operations

LCIF has recently awarded a £40,000 refugee assistance grant to the Lions of District 118-R in Turkey. A total of 54 Lions Clubs will use the funds to purchase 2,000 backpacks and fill them with blankets, undergarments, towels, hygiene products, bottled drinking water and numerous other supplies. These unisex backpacks will be packed by the Lions themselves and given to the Turkish Coastguard, who will distribute them to refugees who are rescued at sea.

Since the beginning of 2015, 54,000 refugees have been rescued by the Turkish Coastguard. The refugees travel with very little and when rescued, typically have lost whatever they had brought with them. The backpacks will meet immediate needs for those rescued and taken back to Turkey.

LCIF Disaster and Emergency Grants

In November 2015 LCIF awarded 12 emergency and disaster relief grants totalling £64,000. These were for flood, cyclone and fire relief in Brazil, India and Australia.

LCIF Grants – 2014 – 2015

During the fiscal year 2014 – 2015 LCIF awarded 530 grants totalling more than **£35 million**. We can all be proud for what has been achieved by these grants from our own Charity.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to MJFs or difficulties in applying for a MJF.

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