



# Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%<sup>1</sup>

## BETTERING A NATION'S YOUTH AND FUTURE



Navigating childhood isn't easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually – and face challenges at home, in school, and from peers – youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately,

teachers at Colegio Alberto Blest Gana School, in Santiago, Chile, recently enhanced their ability to develop students confident in both school and life. They did so through Lions Quest, the signature youth development program from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Leading the effort to help teachers take fresh approaches to the classroom were Lions, strong champions of Lions Quest's *Skills for Growing* program. "Teachers deeply influence our children. We must do our part

"We must do our part to help teachers shape our country's youth."

to help them shape our country's youth to be confident, healthy, productive members of society," said Magdalena Moya, multiple district Lions Quest chairperson.

With US\$15,000 in grant funding from LCIF, volunteerism from Lions, and strong support from school administrators, *Skills for Growing* debuted last year. "Lions Quest is new to this district," said Moya. "We're grateful to LCIF for helping teachers access programs like this, which create environments where students learn to develop a strong commitment to family, school, and community."

# Youth







# For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many youth face daunting challenges. Consider these stark realities in this part of the world:

**30%**

of adolescent students are bullied regularly<sup>2</sup>

**2 of 3**

children <15 experience violent discipline at home<sup>3</sup>

**≤52%**

Males 13-15 in a physical fight one or more times in 1 year<sup>4</sup>

**THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:**



**1 in 3 students**

reports being **cyberbullied**; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence<sup>5</sup>

**2 in 3 students**

in 160 countries **worry about violence** in and around schools<sup>6</sup>



**Reading scores and bullying** are directly correlated<sup>7</sup>



Schools with **positive school climate practices** like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying<sup>8</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

[lcif.org/youth](http://lcif.org/youth)

## Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety<sup>9</sup>. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

**LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS**  
develop/expand the program

**UP TO  
US\$150,000**

**LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**  
launch/reactivate the program

**UP TO  
US\$15,000**

**LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS**  
introduce the program to a community

**UP TO  
US\$1,500**

**DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**  
apply to local district and club projects

**GRANT  
AMOUNT VARIES**

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