

Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer¹

RELIEF ON WHEELS



Learning your child has cancer is unfathomable. It's life-altering and terrifying. And unfortunately, childhood cancer rates are rising.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the only hospital providing

cancer treatment for children didn't have a follow-up program. With 75 percent of children experiencing complications after treatment, this was a serious issue.

Lions, along with a local non-profit organization, created a plan to provide cost-free care to children

"We bring a smile to children's faces."

nationwide with a mobile follow-up program. With nearly US\$37,000 in Matching grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions purchased a vehicle, equipping it with medical equipment needed to deliver follow-up care. Now, up to 200 children recovering from cancer each year, along with their families, receive vital care and support from a doctor, nurse, psychologist, social worker, and educator, who travel to patients' homes to deliver care – and hope.

"I am very happy to be sitting in our van, knowing we bring a smile to children's faces," said Nejra Musich, who survived childhood cancer and is now a peer counselor. "We are happy to have lived to see it happen."

Childhood
Cancer





A Story of Devastation and Dreams

No child deserves cancer. Yet lymphomas, leukemias, and other forms of the disease common in children are the stark reality for many European youth – and their families. There is both heartache and hope.

Cancer incidence per million children

- Leukemia 49.1
- Lymphomas 16.3
- Central nervous system tumors 36.6²



90%
Cure rate

of Burkitt lymphoma in
high-income countries³

Per-patient/case costs

Medical and non-medical:
>~180,000€
Lost productivity:
>~933,000€⁴

THAT'S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, CHILDHOOD CANCER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



57% of childhood cancer cases go undiagnosed in parts of the world⁵

**CHILDHOOD
CANCER
SURVIVAL
RATES**

≥80%
developed
countries

≤20%
lesser
developed
countries⁶



Cancer is a leading cause of death for children
300,000 new cases annually in 0-19-year-olds⁷

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Global occurrence of childhood cancer is greater than previously thought⁸. LCIF, funding global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANTS
support projects easing
familial burden

**US\$10,000 -
US\$150,000**

MATCHING GRANTS
fund construction and
equipment costs

**US\$10,000 -
US\$100,000**

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

**GRANT
AMOUNT VARIES**

lcif.org/childhoodcancer

SOURCES/NOTE: ¹St. Baldrick's Foundation; ^{2,3}Cancer Atlas; ⁴ExPO-r-Net; ⁵The Lancet; ⁶United Nations; ⁷World Health Organization; ⁸American Childhood Cancer Organization; grant limits subject to change



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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.

Childhood cancer 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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