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Notes from your LCIF Coordinator, PDG Rose Ellen:

As you are aware the country of Chile suffered a massive earthquake. LCIF has begun providing assistance through local Lions Clubs. Once again we as Lions need to respond to the devastation wrought by this natural disaster. Fortunately, there was not the loss of human life that was experienced in the quake that hit Haiti, but the loss of infrastructure was massive. Our support is once again needed as soon as possible. It is appreciated that clubs made considerable contributions to the earlier call for support, but the need is great once again. We need to encourage individual Lions as well as Clubs respond to the need of the Chilean citizens.

A designated account has been created for those wishing to make donations specifically for Chile earthquake relief.

Donors can:

1. Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "Chile Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

2. Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and amount of the donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide your clubs information. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.

3. Mail LCIF a U.S. dollar check drawn on a U.S. financial institution. Make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "Chile Earthquake Relief" in the memo. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.

For questions, please contact LCIF at donorassistance@lcif.org or (630) 203-3836. Board policy states that designated funds are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. Donors wishing to receive Melvin Jones Fellowship credit may wish to consider instead making a donation to the LCIF general fund. Un-designated donations for MJFs and PMJFs make up as much as 80 percent of the donations to the Foundation's general fund, which supports standard grants, emergency grants and major catastrophe grants.

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