Youth Activities and Projects

£50

There has never been a designated fund for District Youth Projects. In the past the costs arising for any of our youth projects have been financed from the District General Fund arising predominantly from Bank Interest on the District Account or ‘ring fenced’ projects i.e. special Youth Camps and Leo fund. Small amounts come from various registration fees for candidates entering contests.

Today, Bank Interest is negligible and the funds available for our District Youth Projects are very low resulting in some running at a loss or not continuing. The suggested £50 would enable us to continue successfully and professionally our District Youth Projects. It will enable us to set up a designated Youth Account as a number of other Districts in MD105 have done.

This appeal is completely separate from the request for £60 which appears on the January dues which is for MD Youth Projects and goes to the MD Youth Trust fund.

Lions Sightsavers

£100

Lions Sightsavers is included in the District Shopping list to give more focus to this essential eye care programme. Lions and Sightsavers began working together in the 1970’s. Now-a-days clubs support the Comprehensive Eye Services (CES) Programme (this grew out of Sightsavers Eye Camps) which provides integrated services of eye care, education and rehabilitation in a community. Just £75 could give a child with cataracts their sight back; £1,000+ can provide equipment and training essential for eye care teams to carry out their work. A donation can make a huge difference to an individual’s life with their sight restored and a real difference to their family and community in which they live. Combined donations from all clubs can make a HUGE difference!

MedicAlert

£50

For the last 40 years Lions Clubs International and MedicAlert have been working together to give people the protection needed to live life to the full. MedicAlert provides a life-saving identification system for people with hidden medical conditions and allergies. Donations help in the day-to-day running of MedicAlert, promotion and the education of emergency professionals to check for medical identification in an emergency.

Niger Water Wells

£100

The ten wells in Niger belong to Lions. They are a former North Sea Lions project and they are now in need of repair and maintenance. Over 25,000 people plus all their animals and passing nomadic tribes rely on them for a supply of fresh water. Lions built the wells and we have a duty of care to maintain them. Each well will cost around £2,000 to bring up to standard.

Giving the poorest of people a fresh water supply brings dignity to their community. Water helps to prevent life-threatening diseases, such as dysentery, as well as being a major factor in the prevention of river blindness and trachoma – diseases that Lions Campaign SightFirst is working to eradicate. Water is Life.
The North Sea Lions project for 2011 - 2012 is to establish a permanent Eye Clinic in Djibo, Burkina Faso. Blindness is one of the major problems in Burkina Faso, which is a very poor country. The project is being carried out by MD106 (Denmark) in co-operation with Lions Club Lumiere which is based in Ouagadougou, the capital, and two eye care organisations established in Burkina Faso. The total cost of the project is €140,000, of which €60,000 is being financed by North Sea Lions and €80,000 Euros being financed by Danish Lions.

District 105M contribution to finance this project will be required by the end of 2011 so it would be appreciated if all clubs will send their contribution to the District Treasurer as soon as possible.

The project to rebuild the kitchen and storage facilities at the Amala Children’s House, Tamil Nadu, India supported by Market Harborough Lions Club has been accepted by North Sea Lions for 2012 - 2013.

LCIF (undesignated)

The funds raised by LCIF undesignated goes into a pot from which emergency disaster relief grants come out of along with all other grants that are applied for. Without these monies, LCIF would be unable to respond with immediate financial relief when a disaster occurs, such as the floods in the Midlands or Earthquake in Japan.

Tacade

In 2010 the Lions-Tacade partnership developed and published “Life Changes” a resource for 3-11 year olds dealing with loss, change and bereavement. This resource has been received with great acclaim by Educational people, at all levels, who deal with the welfare needs of children.

Due to the numerous requests from teachers and Education Advisors the partnership intends to develop and publish a version for young people from 11-18, as it has been reported that up to 90% of young people have suffered the loss or change of a significant relationship before 16 years of age.

Please make a donation from your Welfare/Charity fund to enable this resource to be prepared as soon as possible. Your help is urgently needed.

Special Olympics

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) and Lions Clubs International MD105 in May 2010. MD 105’s main role with SOGB is to provide matched funding to help, train and guide some 8,000 athletes with special needs on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. Some of the monies will also be used to provide kit for the athletes at future major events and that kit will include the Lions logo.

Music and the Deaf

Formed in 1988, ‘Music and the Deaf’ is a unique charity which helps the nine million people in the UK with hearing loss to enjoy the world of music through work with thousands of
people of all ages on a wide range of related projects and activities. The support of ‘Music and the Deaf’ is a MD project.

**Street Children**

£50

Railway Children’s motto is “getting to street kids before the streets get to them”. They work both in the UK and abroad, picking up vulnerable children off the streets and helping them to either get back with their families or finding them suitable places to stay, out of harm’s way. They provide food, clothing, education and counselling. They also work with communities and governments to raise awareness and give children a voice.

**Gift for Living/Moet**

£50

Following the war in the former Yugoslavia the Lions of District 105EA gathered together and delivered a significant quantity of goods for those most severely affected by the conflict. It quickly became clear that in the worst affected areas the most vulnerable, women and particularly children, were in dire need of help. The most urgent need was for the provision of maternity and childcare facilities which were virtually non-existent even down to there being no material for stitches for women needing caesarean operations.

Out of this grew “Gift for Living” aimed at the provision of the basic needs for maternity units including equipment and more essentially training of the nursing staff. This has proved to be a most successful and ongoing programme supported not only by Lions Clubs throughout the Multiple District but recognised as worthy of support by our International Foundation.

For more information see the Multiple District website.

**Edukit**

£170

In areas where there are natural disasters or conflicts, it is important to maintain some stability for young children. UNICEF and Lions have been working together for many years to supply EDUKITS to these areas. One kit contains all the necessary teaching supplies for one teacher and up to forty pupils, including a solar or wind-up radio, so that contact can be maintained with the outside world. EDUKITS have been supplied to areas such as Sri Lanka, following the tsunami, Haiti and Japan. Each kit costs £170.