



# 25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters<sup>1</sup>

#### **RESTORING A COMMUNITY'S HAPPINESS**



We see the effects of devastation every day. Sometimes, we live them. Such was the case for 80,000 residents of Fort McMurray, Alberta, who witnessed firsthand unfathomable destruction

as a wildfire burned its way through their city, insatiably consuming nearly everything in its path. Where once stood homes, businesses, schools, places of worship, places of play, now lay the charred remains of everyday life.

Recognizing the need to restore their neighbours' well-being, Lions looked defeat straight in the eye, developing a plan to help rebuild the once-vibrant

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community. With a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), secured just days after the fire, they built a playground accessible to children with special needs, helping Fort McMurray recover.

"Constructing a playground requires more than just back-breaking work. The grant from LCIF made the real difference," said one Lion serving on the project. "I proudly support Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF so we have money that empowers us to do important work, like restoring Fort McMurray and children's happiness."





## Disaster Strikes at Home

FLOOD: MANITOBA

4,300+ evacuated

47 states of emergency

Estimated cost: ~\$100M

2011

FLASH FLOOD: ONTARIO

126 mm precipitation

300,000 affected

Damage: ~\$940M

WILDFIRES: NW TERRITORIES

385 fires

3.5M hectares burned

57% > than annual average

Government cost: \$55M

8x average annual

WILDFIRES: SASKATCHEWAN

720 fires+

1.8M hectares charred

20,000+ evacuated

2015

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FLOODS: ATLANTIC CANADA

~700 mm rain

Affected: Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland

16 states of emergency<sup>2</sup>

lcif.org/disasterrelief

2016

#### THAT'S CANADA. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



**90% of all** natural disasters are water-related<sup>3</sup>

2013

25.3 million

2014

people are displaced each year by sudden disasters<sup>4</sup>

Annual economic losses are estimated at

US\$250B-US\$300B<sup>5</sup>

#### **LCIF AND LIONS**

### Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally**<sup>6</sup>. LCIF and Lions have been there. To date, LCIF has awarded US\$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:

PREPAREDNESS
GRANTS
support preparing for
future relief efforts

UP TO US\$10,000 EMERGENCY GRANTS support immediate and mid-term needs

> US\$5,000 -US\$10.000

COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANTS support short-term cleanup and repair

UP TO US\$20,000

MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS

fund reconstruction after large-scale natural disasters<sup>7</sup>

SOURCES/NOTE: 1,3,4,5 United Nations; 2 for timeline, Government of Canada; 2 International Disaster Database; 2 awarded at discretion of Lions international president and LCIF chairperson; grant limits subject to change



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.

Disaster relief 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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