



## Lions Quest International Update

Dear Worldwide Lions Quest Supporters:

Greetings from Oak Brook! We hope the beginning of 2010 has been a productive one for you all. We are happy to share some program updates with you.

On January 15, the Lions Quest Advisory Committee met and approved 12 grants for \$503,450, including three for new countries: **Bulgaria, Mauritius, and the Philippines**. Please welcome these countries to the Lions Quest community! The next LAC meeting will be in August, and the deadline for applications is June 18. To submit a grant, please email Jill Neumann, Humanitarian Grants coordinator, at [jill.neumann@lionsclubs.org](mailto:jill.neumann@lionsclubs.org).

Last month, the redesigned Lions Quest website went live. The site features **an increased international section** in every official language of Lions Clubs International. In addition, the site has an improved layout for easier navigation, and features more success stories from Lions and students from around the world. If you have a story you want put up on the website, please send it to us. We want to promote **more stories from around the world**, but we need you to send them to us! You can also use the new website to sign up for the official **Lions Quest Newsletters** for both educators and Lions. Simply

We are also eager to promote the use of social media sites such as **Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube**, and we encourage you to find Lions Quest on each. On Facebook ([www.facebook.com/lionsquest](http://www.facebook.com/lionsquest)) you can share lesson plans and network with other LQ supporters, and upload photos and videos of Lions Quest activities. Our goal is to reach 500 fans by the end of March! On Twitter ([www.twitter.com/lionsquest](http://www.twitter.com/lionsquest)) you can receive updates on new program offerings and new content on the website. On YouTube, you can view videos of Lions Quest activities from around the world, and upload your own videos. In the coming weeks, we will present you with more in-depth resources on how to use each of these sites to increase the visibility of Lions Quest worldwide. Our goal is to create a sense of community amongst Lions Quest teachers, leaders and supporters around the world; we also want to provide country directors and supporters with tools to promote the program in their respective countries.

In the next few months, we will be holding workshops in several countries, including **Argentina, Colombia, Kenya, and Singapore**. If you are scheduling workshops at any point in the future, please let us know so that we can include them on our master calendar. We will need the date, the location, and a contact person. Also, please contact Matthew Kiefer at LQ with the statistics on the number of workshops conducted, teachers trained, and students impacted in 2009.

In the first part of 2010, LQ staff and supporters have participated in various meetings around the world. More than 50 trainers and country directors participated in the LQ European Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania. Lions Quest had a strong presence at the recent Latin American Area Forum (FOLAC) in Salta, Argentina and the All-Africa Conference in Marrakech, Morocco. The warm reception and high levels of participation is indicative of our growing reputation with the Lions in Latin America and Africa.

Lions Quest will also have a strong presence at the upcoming **Lions Clubs International Convention** in Sydney, Australia. In addition to having staff at the LCIF booth, there will be a Lions Quest session from 3:30-5:00pm on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you plan on attending the convention. As a special fundraiser, convention delegates will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with a life-size Q-Bear! The Convention will also mark the culmination of our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**. Please consider making a **donation to Lions Quest** to help us ensure that the next 25 years are even stronger!