

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Receive Social and Emotional Learning Training through Lions Quest

[Date],[City], [State] – More than (#) (teachers) who work in the \_\_\_\_\_\_school district will attend a Lions Quest workshop in \_\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_.

Each (teacher) will receive training to implement the Lions Quest program, a social and emotional learning program developed for youth. Funding for the training is provided through a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant. The workshop is being sponsored by the \_\_\_\_\_\_, with members from local Lions clubs on hand during the

event.

## [Insert Lions quote about the benefits of the program on youth or goals of the program locally]

The Lions Quest programs bring parents, educators, and community leaders together to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment. This includes developing skills needed for self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment, conflict resolution, and the ability to get along with others.

As a curriculum-based program, Lions Quest provides detailed lesson plans and classroom materials. All lessons are designed to complement the standard curriculum, offering a variety of ways to teach and reinforce social and academic skills. Research shows that students' academic achievement increases with the implementation of a social and emotional learning curriculum.

Lions Quest also emphasizes service-learning; students learn important leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school and community service projects. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, students who are involved in helping out in the community are happier at home, less likely to use alcohol or other drugs, and more successful in, and committed to school.

The Lions Quest programs offered by LCIF are among the most widely used positive youth development and prevention programs in the world. Lions Quest programs have received the "SELECT" Program designation from the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) for outstanding life skills education, rigorous evaluation, and high quality professional development. In addition, the grade 6 - 8 *Skills for Adolescence* curricula has received the "Model" Program award from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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#### **About Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**

LCIF supports the large-scale humanitarian initiatives of members of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in 208 countries and regions. Serving youth has been a longstanding mission of LCIF. LCIF has awarded more than 200 grants for a cumulative total of more than \$13 million to expand or establish Lions Quest programs in over 90 countries around the world, impacting more than 13 million youths. To learn more visit <u>www.lcif.org</u> or <u>www.lions-quest.org</u>.

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