

# **Lions Community Service Foundation (Singapore)**

## **Report of the Board of Directors FY 2009/2010**

The members of the Board of Directors of the Lions Community Service Foundation (Singapore) for FY 2009/2010 were:

Chairman:	PDG Isabel Cheong (LCS Arcadia)
Vice Chairman:	PDG Sylvester Heng (LCS East)
Secretary:	ZC Chia Lai Soon (LCS Khatib Mandarin)
Treasurer:	P Soh Kam Giap (LCS Evergreen)
Committee Members:	PCC Dr. Winston Koh (LCS Central)
	PDG Eric Ng (LCS West)
	Lion Laurence Chin (LCS Metropolitan)
	Lion Chou Hua Chen (LCS Lotus)
	Lion Chua King Wah (LCS Nee Soon)
	Lion Maureen YY Lee (LCS Ladyhill)
IPDG:	Lion Bobby Eng (LCS Katong)
District Governor:	Lion Anthony Tay
Wef December 2009:	PCC Goh Seng Chee, Chairman, Lions Home for the Elders
	One representative from LHE
	Lion David Lee, Chairman, Lions Befrienders
	One representative from LBSA

The Board of Directors is pleased to report on the progress and continued development of the Lions Community Foundation for the fiscal year 2009=2010.

With the renewal of its IPC status to end October 2009, discussions are ongoing with Lions Befrienders Association and the Lions Home for the Elders in an effort to meet the condition required for further renewal from NCSS vis a vis for both organisations to subsume their IPC status under that of the Foundation.

To incorporate major issues and concerns of both LHE and LBSA, amendments to the Constitution & By Laws of LCSF were proposed and endorsed by the general membership at the last LCSF AGM, and duly approved by ROS in December 2009. This saw the inclusion of the Chairmen of both LHE and LBSA and one representative from each, to the Board of Directors for the duration of their term of office. It also included the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the administration and disbursement of funds from the Foundation to its beneficiaries, in this case, the Lions Home and Lions Befrienders.

Copies of the reprint of the CBL have been distributed to all POAs, and Club Presidents-Elect, and will be available from the District Secretariat.

### **The Singapore Lions Education Fund**

The Singapore Lions Education Fund was established by our District on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at a District Meeting. The purpose of the Fund is to establish scholarships, bursaries or other schemes with institutions of learning in Singapore to provide financial assistance for the benefit of deserving recipients.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009, the Lions Community Service Foundation (LCSF) signed an agreement with both the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore Management University (SMU) to respectively set up the Singapore Lions Clubs' Bursary and Singapore Lions Clubs' Study Award. The aim of the Awards is to provide financial support towards the academic needs of social sciences students at NUS and SMU.

The *Singapore Lions Clubs' Bursary Award* is valued at \$2000 and ten awards will be given annually for an initial period of two years.

The *Singapore Lions Clubs' Study Award* is valued at \$2000 and five awards will be given annually over an initial period of three years.

Applicants for both awards must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents and the first awards for the academic year 2009-2010 have been given to 10 students from NUS and 5 students from SMU.

#### Accounts

_B/F 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2009	\$ 19,000
Add donations	<u>75,824</u>
	94,824
Payment to SMU	<u>10,000</u>
Balance 31.3.10	\$ <b>84,824</b>

Through the Singapore Lions Education Fund, Lions Clubs in our District can make an important contribution in meeting the academic needs of students in NUS and SMU.

LCSF is grateful to all Lions Clubs and individuals who have donated to the Singapore Lions Education Fund. In particular, we record our thanks to Lion Serene Yong (LCS Ladyhill) and to the Overseas Academic Link for the substantial donations they made to the Fund.

### **Lions Quest**

The Lions Quest Workshop on Skills for Adolescence, the second to be held since the approval of Core 4 grant by LCIF for the conduct of Lions Quest in Singapore was held from March 15 and 16, 2010

It was held at Boys Town and a total of 19 participants were trained by LCI LQ Trainer Donna Munro from Australia. The participants comprised :

6 from Assumption English School

4 from Assumption Pathway School

4 from Boys' Town Singapore

3 from Youth Reach (Outreach program by Boys' Town)

1 from Canossaville Children's Home

1 from Singapore Children's Society

These are institutions under the charge of the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports rather than schools under the Ministry of Education. Since LQ was introduced in Singapore, the first training session was conducted under the auspices of the Ministry of Community Development but since then all other training sessions were for teachers of secondary schools under the Ministry of Education.

This Workshop was targeted at the institutions which catered to delinquent youth and those under committal care as well as youth from broken homes, for various reasons:

- 1) A participant from the very first batch of teachers trained in LQ is now an administrator and she felt that her charges would benefit from faculty and volunteers who are familiar with LQ program.
- 2) Boys Town where she is an administrator would field the bulk of the participants.
- 3) For a more homogenous group, invitations to participate were extended only to similar institutions under the Ministry of Community Development.

The scope of training covered under the Skills for Adolescence Program included

- 1) Creating a learning community of caring relationships and high expectations for positive behaviour
- 2) Lions Quest overview and material review
- 3) The four-phase lesson design and instructional strategies for teaching social emotional skill
- 4) Building social and emotional skills with Lions Quest
- 5) Implementation

The Workshop was organized by the LQ Working Committee under the chairmanship of Lion Betty Ip who as DC LQ organized the last LQ training in Singapore. Her committee included this year DC LQ, Maureen Lee, a Board Member from LSCF, who is also personally involved in a Girls' Home and Lion Simon Lim, who is an active volunteer at Boys Town.

The Workshop was successfully conducted and participants rated the program an average 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. Certificates of participation were awarded to all trainees upon completion of the 2-day workshop

The LQ Committee is tasked with

- 1) organizing LQ training in Singapore
- 2) promoting LQ awareness in the District and the community
- 3) organising follow up activities to keep track of the progress of LQ implementation in Singapore with a view to develop a track record of success with target group to attract future local funding for LQ activities
- 4) building a core group of trained LQ practitioners with a view to develop the LQ program including developing local case studies
- 5) developing sufficient core practitioners to conduct a TTT for future LQ trainers.

The Committee is planning to hold another Workshop later this calendar year.

### **Promoting Awareness of LCSF**

In an effort to publicise and promote the Foundation, Board members met and discussed the objectives and role of LCSF with several Lions clubs at their meetings, and at District level. LCSF Brochures were also printed and distributed to District 308-A1 Lions at the recently concluded Convention. The LCSF Website is now set up at [www.lcsf.org.sg](http://www.lcsf.org.sg) where all pertinent information on the Foundation can be downloaded.

### **LCSF Donors**

The Lions Community Foundation is grateful to all donors for their generous contributions this fiscal year.

To date, total donations received for year ended 30 June 2009 amounted to **\$119,326**, with **\$38,711** designated to the Lions Home, **\$17,000** to Lions Befrienders, **\$31,500** to the Lions Education Fund, and **\$32,115** to the General Fund.

The surplus for year ending June 2009 was **\$104,881**. The accumulated fund carried forward was **\$363,899** of which **\$275,578** was placed in fixed deposit.

LCSF also contributed **\$905** towards the Melbourne Fire Disaster Fund.

### **The Lions Foundation Award Scheme**

With the implementation of the LCSF Award Scheme established by the Foundation to recognize individuals (Lions and non Lions) and corporate donors for their contributions, awards and plaques were presented at the 2009 AGM. This will be an annual event as the Lions Community Service Foundation aims to secure tax exempt donations to support Lions clubs in their community service projects and activities, and ultimately to benefit District 308-A1.

### **LCSF Trustees**

LCSF is pleased to welcome Lion Tan Kah Hoe, LCS Jurong, and Lion Chim Hou Yan, (LCS North) who have both kindly agreed to accept their appointment as LCSF Trustees. They will be duly elected and endorsed by the General membership at the AGM on 24 July 2010..

### **Applications for LCSF Funding**

To support the work of Lions in the community, LCSF funding to Lions Clubs is approved for deserving Lions service projects that extend beyond the scope of traditional club and/or district fundraising activities

In FY 2009/2010, LCSF approved two applications for funding:

- a) LCS Host and LCS Fort Canning for the Vijay Shreshta Fund
- b) LCS Royal for their Gift of Sight, Laos 2010 project, held in conjunction with the Singapore Polytechnic. As per regulations on Fund Raising for Foreign Charities under the Charities act, LCSF approved and disbursed a matching 20% of the funds already secured for the project.

The amount of RM 2,000 was also approved by District Governor Anthony Tay and LCSF Chairman and donated to the victims of the earthquake in Philippines.

With the continued growth of the Endowment Fund, LCSF aims to extend the scope of its support and funding to include a wider range of deserving programmes and hence to enhance the community service carried out by Lions clubs in the District.

### **Conclusion**

The Lions Community Service Foundation must continue in its efforts to further its objects as stated in the LCSF Constitution & By Laws. As the central organisation for fiscal resources generated by Lions fund-raising efforts, it hopes to ensure a more equitable distribution of resources to LHE, LBSA and other charities supported by Lions clubs.

The Board of Directors have been strenuously advocating the consolidating of LCSF as the Fund-raising arm of District 308-A1, and it looks to all Lions in District 308-A1 to share and promote its Vision and Mission.

It would not be possible for the Foundation to have made the progress it did without the collective contribution and support of the Board of Directors. As Chairman for FY 2009/2010, I am indeed indebted to them.