



# Annual Report

For the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

I am pleased to present this report to members on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Lions Community Service Foundation (Singapore) for FY 2012/2013. The members in office during this period were:

Chairman: PDG Eric J P Ng (LCS West)  
Vice Chairman: PDG Anthony K S Tay (LCS Marine Parade)  
Secretary: PP Kiran Goswani (LCS City)  
Treasurer: ZC Tan Eng Siong (LCS Henderson)  
Directors:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year: PP Soh Kam Giap (LCS Evergreen)  
PP Lily Tan (LCS Ladyhill)  
PP Samuel T S Tay (LCS Seletar)  
1<sup>st</sup> Year: PP Lo Swee Wen (LCS Katong)  
Lion Albert Chua (LCS Jiyang)  
PP Gary Goh (LCS Garden City)

#### Ex-Officio

IPDG: Lion Singaretnam  
District Governor: Lion Irene Tan  
1Vice District Governor: Lion David P H Lee  
2Vice District Governor: Lion Leslie Yong  
Representing Lions Home for the Elders: Chairman unless otherwise informed.  
Representing Lions Befrienders: Lion Richard Koong (Chairman)

#### Report on Activities

The Board of Directors is pleased to report the continuing progress of the Foundation as the central organisation for Lions fundraising and charitable donations to Lions charities as well as third party beneficiaries in the Singapore during the fiscal year 2012/2013. Besides the poor sick and lonely elderlies covered by our two Lions district programs, needy and deserving students, the disadvantaged as well as sudden destitute families and other Singapore based charities also benefitted from the LCSF's givings during the year.

The focus of the annual renewal of the IPC status of the Foundation by the authorities is the increasing level of activities of the Foundation each year. To this end, for the year under review, the Board is pleased to report

## **1) Ongoing charitable giving programs**

### Bursaries for needy and deserving students

The bursary scheme of the Lions Education Fund was extended for the first time to “skill” related education when it disbursed its bursary grant of \$5,000 to two needy and deserving students of the La Salle College of the Arts for their academic year ending June 2013. This is in addition to bursaries awarded to students in academic education from primary, secondary, junior college to tertiary education levels. The bursaries were awarded to two students in the School for Performing Arts and contribution to the Lions Education Fund during this period came mainly from fund raised through a concert organized and performed by Lions Chorale – a group of volunteers, including Lions with a love for music.

### Financial assistance to the destitute

During the period reported on further disbursements were made to the widow with 2 young children whose sole bread winner (Lim Chee Keong) died suddenly from cancer. This family has since been adopted by a Lions Club who created a trust from funds raised directly by the Club and through the Foundation with a view to ensure the family’s continued well being and children’s education until it is able to stand on their own.

### New premises for Lions Home for the Elders

The current Toa Payoh Home would be demolished to make way for road widening and the replacement home is being built. Lions fund raising efforts are focused on raising funds to equip and maintain the new home. During this period 2 major donations were received for the new home by the Foundation. \$100,000 donated by a corporation secured by Lions Club of Singapore Lotus and a pledge of \$250,000 donation secured directly by the Foundation from the estate and family of the Late PCC Goh Seng Chee. The donation by LCS Lotus has since been transferred to the Lions Home while the first tranche of the pledged donation of \$125,000 by the Late PCC Goh Seng Chee and PP Elizabeth Goh has since been received by the Foundation. It would be presented to the Lions Home when the plaque commemorating the donation is unveiled at the Home, currently scheduled to coincide with the visit to the Home by incoming International President to our district in July 2013.

## **2) Other charitable giving activities**

### Local Application of Lions International Save Sight Program

This program continues to attract local public support in its collection of used glasses, a key element of the program without which there would be no beneficiaries. Several companies as part of their corporate social responsibility adopted this program and initiated effort to collect and donate the used

glasses to the Foundation. This activity is conducted in conjunction with Lions Clubs such as LCS Esplanade which has an ongoing collection program as well as the Lions Recycle for Sight Committee. No fund from the Foundation was disbursed in the collection but the Foundation would pay for the cost incurred to clean and sterilize the used glasses as well as the redistribution of these recycled spectacles to those in need. Some of the fund for the recycling is raised by the Lions Clubs through the Foundation.

#### Inculcating moral value in schools

A primary school initiated this program with the Foundation as part of their moral education inculcation activities. This year's project was to encourage their students to donate some of their Chinese New Year ang pow money to charity. In this instant the Foundation helped match the school with Lions Befrienders which received more than \$7,000 donated by the students to enable the school and students to know the direct beneficiary of their benevolence.

#### Festivities for the poor and lonely elderlies

Traditionally Lions Clubs raised funds for and organized opportunity for poor and lonely elderlies to partake in the Chinese New Year festivities. Two years ago LCSF received donations to sponsor senior citizens under the Lions Befrienders to enjoy the Chingay Parade organized by the district under then DG Anthony Tay. In the year under review the Foundation contributed \$5,000 to make up the \$25,000 expense in providing goody bag comprising rice, sugar, oranges and angpow as well as transport expenses to bus 400 poor and lonely elderlies to partake in the Chinese New Year festivities.

#### **Report on LCSF Programs**

The Singapore Lions Education Fund, established by Lions District 308-A1 (Singapore) on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 continue to attract support from Lions Clubs and the public. 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 needy and deserving recipients. The objective is to cover beneficiaries from as wide a spectrum of education as available in Singapore.

To this end, the Fund now cover the traditional Lions Clubs bursaries to primary and secondary students, to junior college students and from this year, the 'skill or talent' students such as the performing arts, leaving the ITEs and Polytechnics as the remaining education sectors that are yet to be covered by the Lions Education Fund.

LCSF is grateful to Lions Clubs, corporations and individuals who have donated to the Lions Education Fund.

No Lions Quest Workshop on Skills for Adolescence was conducted in the year under review. The focus of the training had been teachers and social workers attached to institutions for delinquent youth run by the Ministry of Community Development and during the last workshop to lecturers and students of the National Institute of Education as well as Lions. More workshops would be conducted to train more Lions in Lions Quest's Skill for Adolescence if opportunities for them to practice the acquired skills can be found.

The LQ Committee within the Foundation 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.

Family in financial hardship due to sudden diagnosis of serious illness or death of breadwinner

This was one of the original programs included when the IPC of the Foundation was approved. Through Lions Clubs as well as the Foundation website, we continue to receive appeals for such assistance. All such appeals are referred to Lions Clubs who are encouraged to spearhead fund raising for each opportunity after appropriate due diligence to ensure they are deserving of Lions assistance in both effort and financial support.

The Foundation also received appeals from community grassroots organisations to assist financially families in need due to prolonged unemployment of the main breadwinners resulting from the recent economic crisis. Lions Clubs continue their weekly groceries distribution to charitable institutions (now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year) and is estimated to benefit several thousand residents of these institutions through collection centres in Ang Mo Kio, Yishun, Mountbatten and Beach Road. Lions Foundation receives donations on behalf of the clubs involved in this project from donors who contribute cash to supplement the contribution in kind of the stallholders in the wet market involved.

**Lions Foundation Website – [www.lcsf.org.sg](http://www.lcsf.org.sg)**

Board members continue their effort to publicise, promote awareness of and support for as well as to extend the activities of the Foundation, both with members of their own clubs and that of their zone and regions. The LCSF Website set up 2 years ago with the funding support of the NCSS is also instrumental in generating public support for the Foundation's activities.

The website has been effective in attracting both volunteers, (they are channelled to the appropriate Lions organisations) donors through its online donation capability as well as potential beneficiaries seeking financial assistance. The capability of the website would be further extended to

- a) enhance communication with volunteers, donors and fund raisers
- b) publicise events (both fundraising and beneficiaries of our charity giving)

- c) encourage organisation or and participation in fund raising projects and
- d) extending the scope and activities of the Foundation's charity giving.

### **LCSF Donors**

The Lions Community Foundation is grateful to all donors for their generous contributions this fiscal year. The year under review saw an increase in the number of Lions Clubs raising funds for the Foundation, though the amount received this year was less than that received in the last fiscal year. Notwithstanding that the major donations to the new Lions Home would be disbursed, the accumulated fund of the Foundation will continue to exceed \$1 million as at the end of the current financial year.

### **LCSF Trustees**

The Foundation deeply appreciates the services of Lion Chim Hou Yan (LCS North) and Lions Elizabeth Goh for serving as trustees of the Foundation. Both trustees are invited to attend Board meetings to familiarise themselves with the policies and activities of the Foundation. Lions are also encouraged to nominate non Lions who can add prestige to the Foundation to serve as trustees, as provided for in the Foundation's Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Conclusion**

The Board has decided to strengthen the administrative capability of the Lions Community Service Foundation by recruiting a part time administrator in order to continue its efforts to further its objectives as stated in its Constitution & By Laws.

The Board of Directors looks to all Lions in District 308-A1 to actively promote the Foundation's Vision and Mission. I am indeed indebted to Lions, in particular the clubs that include the Foundation in their fundraising and service projects. Most of all I deeply appreciate the dedication of the Board of Directors, without which the Foundation could not have made the progress it has achieved to date.

Eric J P Ng  
Chairman  
Board of Directors FY2012/2013