



We're Reaching for the Stars!

LCIF Matching Grant for MD19 approved! Several months ago, four Lions Clubs across two districts combined donations to work towards much needed renovations to guest rooms at [Easter Seals House](#) in Vancouver, BC. For more than 40 years, this 49 room property has been a godsend for families who need accommodation when bringing their child to BC Children's Hospital. It allows them to stay together as a family, without having to break the bank. But after four decades, the well-used rooms do need to be refurbished. **North Surrey and Maple Ridge Lions Clubs** in our District, and the **Logan Lake and Enderby Lions Clubs** in District I came together and raised \$25,000 CDN to refurbish one room. Our Multiple District then applied for a Matching Grant from LCIF so we could double our impact, and last week, the grant was **approved!** Donations to LCIF help with projects like this around the world, and here at home too. Congratulations!



British Columbia/Yukon



Visitations: The last week of January will see your District Governor visit three more clubs:

Monday, January 26th: **Arlington Lions Club**

Wednesday, January 28th: **Orcas Island Lions Club**

Wednesday, January 28th: **North Whidbey Lions Club**



Thank you to all the clubs in our District for your incredible hospitality and fellowship shown to your District Governor and your 1st and 2nd Vice DG as we attend your meetings on behalf of our District, and of Lions Clubs International. It's been fantastic meeting all the wonderful Lions in our 61 clubs, and we are looking forward to seeing you again at our Spring Conference in March!

For more info on the visitation schedule, go to our District Website for the up to date Visitation Schedule, go to www.19olions.org

About hunger

Hunger, a crisis with no borders

Hunger affects one in 10 globally* and has devastating impacts. In response to the strain this global hunger and nutrition crisis has on our local communities, Lions around the world serve to improve health and well-being and empower their communities to thrive.

*United Nations

**World Health Organization

†UN Women

2 billion

People without regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food*

45%

Of deaths among children under 5 years of age are linked to undernutrition**

2 in 3

Countries report women experience food insecurity more than men†

30%

Of food is lost or wasted globally each year*



Did your club do a service project during the International Hunger Awareness Week this past month? Send us your photos and we'll share them. Shown here are Lions **Sharon Labuik** and **Mary McKee** from **Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions**, who spearheaded Food Bank Collection at the two Lions Halls in Chilliwack.

Leadership Quip: This is the time that your club should be discussing who will be your leadership team for the **2026-27 Lions year**. Start working on putting together a slate of candidates; wouldn't it be exciting if you had more than one person running for a position? Ideally, you should have your new team elected before the end of March.

Back to School! If you are planning to book a hotel for one or two nights to attend our Spring Conference, get that booked asap, as there's a sports tournament in Chilliwack that same weekend. The full list of hotels within a 10 minute drive of the convention site are on our website. www.19olions.org



[Click here](#) to check out the latest newsletter from the **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.**



Check out the website for [Leader Dogs For The Blind](#), a Lions project to provide guide dogs for the blind since 1939.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Have a terrific week, and check out our website for the latest news. It's easy to find now, it's at www.19olions.org



Lions Clubs of District 19O

SpringCon 2026: Back To School, March 20-21 at the Evergreen Hall in Chilliwack, BC

Featuring our International Guest, **International Director Debbie Dawson** from Ontario, Canada

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