

LIONS ALERT HISTORY

For decades, Lions have provided humanitarian assistance to people affected by disasters. Lions are dedicated to serving their communities, especially in times of crisis.

The mission of the Lions Alert program is to provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations.

ATTENTION ARKANSAS LIONS:

Please submit your willingness to participate in the ALERT Program in times of emergencies by email to Lions State Office. Please include your name, complete address with city, state and zip code, your primary and secondary cell phone number applicable and the club with which you are affiliated. Please also include any special tools or equipment you have access to such as chainsaw, grill, trailer, generator etc.

The Lion's commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings, when we were awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota, USA. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid—and the Lions are right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs.

Working together, the Lions Club International Foundation, local Lions and Lions leaders assess urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims. This grassroots model has proven effective in tragedies around the world, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami, September 11th, and the Haiti earthquake. Lions know that disaster can affect anyone's community, whether it is halfway around the world or right at home. That is why in the last 10 years, Lions have provided more than \$100 million for disaster relief programs worldwide.

Emergency Grants are available to provide for basic immediate needs including food, water, clothing, and medicine. We have learned from experience that when a disaster victim receives aid quickly, it provides strength needed to survive the shock and loss and even a little hope for the future. To date, more than 3,000 emergency grants have been awarded.