



Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation

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Dear Fellow Lions of MD105,

CLUB SECRETARIES -

Please forward to all your members for discussion at your next meeting.

Here is a chance to start a wonderful Service Project for your Club and your Zone. We are well aware of the problems in Afghanistan, sadly there is little we can do about the people still in that Country at present.

We can do something now to help the people who have arrived and are still arriving in this Country as refugees.

It is anticipated that there will be 25,000 refugees coming to the UK in the next 3 years. The refugees often have families, many with young children who need our help. Although Local Councils will house them, and Social Services will provide assistance where they can.

WE as Lions can help provide immediate assistance to new arrivals being housed temporarily or permanently in our locality. The need is for basic food and toiletries.

Of course, it is not all about money, we can just help with friendship and help them to understand our culture and language (Google Translate may help here). This is a wonderful service project that everyone in your Club can take part in, no matter what the age or ability.

In the first instance, make contact with your Local Council and find out how they think you could help. Work together as a Club and Zone to provide help when and where needed. If assistance is required, where money is needed then the Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation is able to help Zones with Matched Funding Grants (up to £500 per Grant).

To provide assistance to Zones the Foundation has identified £20,000 from the MD Disaster Relief Fund.

We hope that every Member in every Club will rise to this challenge and reinforce our motto "**We Serve**". The deadline for Applications is 31st December 2021.

Application forms are available from Secretary of the Foundation Lion Andy Pemberton.

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Kindest regards to you all

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Chairman of the LCI MD105 Foundation Trustees

