

## Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International



Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

In these times of uncertainty, your local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive – and become more united than ever.

“The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. As people of action, this is our time to connect with each other to offer immediate help to people in need.” – Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President, 2019-2020.

“The scale and magnitude of this global pandemic requires our world's citizenry to heed the advice and cautions of the experts. The work and plans of our collective members and volunteers must not cease! Our immediate response after the crisis will be necessary to support local Governments respond to the many social and economic challenges that will ensue in its aftermath.” – Adrian Elcock, Optimist International President, 2019-2020.

“Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them just as we always have together.” – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2020.

“During these difficult times, we’re seeing everyday heroism across the globe. I encourage us all to recognize the health and safety professionals who are putting their own health at risk for the greater good. To the educators, grocery workers, delivery drivers and the countless professionals who can’t stay home, the Kiwanis family thanks you. We all play an important role in keeping our friends and neighbors safe. Please follow the advice of the World Health Organization, your local health agencies and the instructions given by your Government. Please, stay safe.” – Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International President, 2019-2020.

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## 國際同濟會、國際獅子會、 Optimist International 及國際扶輪聯合聲明

國際同濟會、國際獅子會、Optimist International 及國際扶輪是存在於全球近乎每一個社區的服務社團。為了克服 COVID-19（新型冠狀病毒）疫情的侵襲，我們社團正以安全的方式，致力於彼此和與鄰人之間的聯繫與連結。我們利用由 320 萬名成員織成的人脈網絡，為面臨孤單和惶恐的人們帶來希望和慰藉。我們聚焦集體的技能、資源和點子，來支援在最前線對抗這個病害，拯救生命的保健人員和急救人員。

在這個局勢不斷變遷的時期，您當地的服務社團，堅毅不拔的面對挑戰，尋找創新方法，採取行動，協助社區恢復健康，茁壯繁榮且比以往更加團結。

「全球對抗 COVID-19 的努力，有賴於每個國家所採的行動。身為採取行動的人，這是我們彼此連結，為有需求的人們提供即時協助的時候。」——馬克·丹尼爾·梅隆尼，2019-20 年度國際扶輪社長。

「為了對抗如此大規模的全球性流行病，我們必須忠實聽取專家的建議和警告。我們絕不能停止我們的集體成員和志工的工作和計畫！危機發生後，我們必須立刻支援當地政府應對必然發生的社會和經濟挑戰。」——艾德禮安·鄂爾科克，2019-20 年度 Optimist International 總會會長。

「巨大的挑戰考驗我們，但也讓我們更加團結。獅友們尋找能夠安全提供服務的新方法。我們獅子會國際基金會撥款 100 萬美元幫助遭到 COVID-19 發病率特高的社區。對額外補助金的要求，每天絡繹不絕。我們的社區有賴於服務社團，我們會一如往常始終同心協力支援並強化社區。」——崔重烈博士，2019-20 年度國際獅子會國際總會會長。

「在這困難的時期，我們每天眼見展示全球的英勇氣概。我鼓勵大家認識到保健和安全專業人士，為了公益而不顧自身的危險。同濟會家族衷心感謝教育者，食品雜貨員工、送貨員和其他無數無法在家護身的專業人士。我們每一個人都為確保朋友和鄰居的安全有責。請務必遵守世界衛生組織，當地衛生機構的勸告以及當地政府的指示。請您保持安全。」——丹尼爾·威格攏，2019-20 年度國際同濟會世界總會會長。

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