

CARE REPORT

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First off I want to thank Jane Beddows for her leading as MD 19 CARE Chairperson for the last number of years. I know that in the past 4 years MD 19 has raised between \$160,000 and \$170,000. Thank you Jane for your leadership and desire to help and support CARE.

CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere) was founded in 1945, when 22 American Organizations came together to rush lifesaving CARE Packages to survivors of World War II. Thousands of Americans, including President Harry S. Truman contributed to the effort. On May 11, 1946, the first 15,000 packages reached the port of Le Havre, France.

These packages were US Army surplus 10-in-1 food parcels intended to provide one meal for 10 soldiers during the planned invasion of Japan. They were obtained at the end of the war and began a service that let Americans send the packages to friends and families in Europe, where millions were in danger of starvation. This humanitarian outreach grew to not only include fighting hunger but help with education, learn business skills, deliver emergency aid when disaster strikes, providing clean drinking water and more.

MD 19 CARE project for the next two years is Educational Opportunities for Girls in Peru. The goal for this year is \$40,000 and again next year. The expected results of the project are as follows. 1) Increase the number of secondary age school girls to remain in school and complete all grades and the reduction of teen age pregnancies. Currently 50 % of girls in rural areas age 17-19 do not complete high school. 2) An improvement in self-confidence, social abilities, leadership skills and life plans. This will help lead reducing gender discrimination, poverty and economic instability, family conflicts 3) an increased awareness and active commitment to the education of girls, among parents, teachers and principals of secondary schools.

CARE has developed a program framework for the proposed ***Girls with Opportunities initiative***, which intends to reach 100,000 girls nationwide over a 10 year period. The proposed project is part of a broader program framework and achievement targets have been established to contribute to this broader goal.

Living in the USA and Canada we are blessed with schools where equal opportunity is given to girls and they are encouraged to complete their secondary education.

Many clubs have CARE as a line item in their budget. For clubs that do not please consider adding this as a budget item. Clubs can also dedicate a special event or drawing with all proceeds going to CARE.

Make checks out to CARE and mail to the following:

MD 19 Lions
4141 W Maplewood Ave.
Bellingham, WA 98226

Thank You

IPDG Bob Yeoman

MD19 CARE Chair