

MD19 Leo Liaison Report for February

How to Support Leos from as a Lion

Note: All the specific examples are simply to give you a more detailed understanding of each point. However there are countless ways to support Leo Clubs outside of these bullet points, and everything is greatly appreciated!

- As Lions, many of you have years and years of valuable service experience. Offering this knowledge to guide Leos organizing events and/or initiatives similar to what you have done in the past.
 - Example: A Lion might tell a Leo how a certain location might work better for this event, or let Leos know about different grant opportunities that they can use.
- Lions Clubs can also assist with sponsoring and participating in various Leo events.
 - Example: Offering to cover the cost of volunteer meals for a full day event, or donating items to a Leo clothing drive.
- Keep creating opportunities for Leos to connect with Lions
 - Example: The MD19 Conference each year is a great example, creating a space where Leos and Lions can learn from each other.

The Need for More Leos

In the present day, there is an oversaturation of small scale youth service groups and nonprofits. While these independent projects can definitely succeed, they are usually on the smaller size, difficult to start up, and are at risk of being disassembled once the original founder graduates from high school. In contrast, Leo Clubs provide much more support for service-oriented youth with its organized framework and broad network of Leos and Lions everywhere. As a result, Leo Clubs are more likely to remain for years and create a long lasting impact. This means that Leo Clubs are generally not only extremely beneficial for youth who are looking to build their leadership skills and to serve, but also very efficient in helping the community.

Benefits of Sponsoring a Leo Club

Leos gain invaluable leadership experience by taking on responsibilities and working collaboratively in teams. Through service projects, they actively shape their communities, developing a proactive mindset to recognize and address issues around them. Sponsoring a Leo Club also connects young members with their peers, the local community, and the global Lions/Leo network, fostering meaningful friendships and mentorship opportunities that support their growth.

For Lions Clubs, sponsoring a Leo Club brings fresh perspectives, new initiatives, and innovative ideas. Many Leos transition into Lions, ensuring the continuity of the organization and strengthening its legacy. Supporting youth enhances community ties and demonstrates a commitment to the next generation. Additionally, Leos increase visibility for Lions Clubs by sharing their events through schools, media, and social platforms. With Leos involved, Lions Clubs can take on larger, more ambitious service projects that not only impact the community but also prepare Leos for future leadership roles.

Collaboration on the CARE Project

CARE Project Goals

With the support of MD19 Lions, CARE aims to implement the following activities:

- Construction of 20 biodigesters with corresponding ovens in selected homes.
- Conducting an environmental education campaign involving households participating in the Nutriendo el Futuro project, as well as schools and children.
- Organizing reforestation campaigns with community participation, using native plants from each region.
- Providing training for families involved in the construction of biodigesters.
- Raising awareness about the project and making its primary impacts visible.

Source: CARE Honduras 2023-2025

Possible Areas for Leo Involvement

- Sending a group of Leos to assist with biodigester installation.
 - This idea is likely unfeasible, but it can still be something to consider
- Leos can design promotional materials for environmental education and reforestation campaigns.
- Leos can also help create training guides for families constructing biodigesters.
- Leos can establish a social media team to help raise awareness and visibility about the project.