



# no child without<sup>®</sup>

Canadian MedicAlert<sup>®</sup> Foundation



*No Child Without*<sup>®</sup> is a charitable program of the Canadian MedicAlert<sup>®</sup> Foundation that offers all elementary school aged children (ages 4 – 14<sup>th</sup> birthday) with medical conditions or allergies free 24-hour MedicAlert protection regardless of their financial resources.

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation is Canada's largest member-based charity. MedicAlert speaks for people with medical conditions, allergies or special needs when they cannot. It is the leading provider of medical information services linked to customized medical bracelets and necklets.

The Lions Clubs of Canada have now partnered with the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation to protect elementary school children with medical conditions. The primary focus of this alliance is to bring *No Child Without* to Canadian schools in various communities in which the Lions Clubs are present. Our two organizations will work together to implement and expand the program to protect children across the country.

More than 300,000\* children in Canada have a medical condition (asthma, allergies or diabetes) warranting medical identification. The goal of the *No Child Without* program is to provide every elementary student in Canada (who has a pre-existing health condition) a MedicAlert bracelet or necklet custom-engraved with the child's medical information, member ID and the MedicAlert<sup>®</sup> 24-hour Emergency Hotline number.

As part of its role, the Lions Clubs of Canada has agreed to provide funding and community-based support for the purpose of expanding and implementing *No Child Without* across the country.

#### **Benefits of *No Child Without* for the Parent and Child**

- Reassures parents that the school and first responders are able to identify their child's medical emergency quickly
- Speaks for the child when the child cannot
- Supports what the parent may not be in a position to afford

#### **Benefits to the School**

- Identifies children with medical conditions to all school administrators such as teachers, substitute teachers, staff as well as parent volunteers
- Saves precious minutes in a medical emergency

\* StatsCanada

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

##### ***How can my club get involved?***

Each club can contact the Lions Clubs *No Child Without* District Chair or the Lions Clubs District Governor for information about adopting a school. Visit [www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc](http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc) to find your Lions District Chair or District Governor for *No Child Without*.

##### ***What recognition will there be for my Lions Club?***

The Lions emblem will appear on all the MedicAlert *No Child Without* information including the website, publications, and the MedicAlert *No Child Without* (NCW) identification bracelets, necklets, and wristbands. In addition, Lions Clubs will receive media attention every time a new school board announces NCW in their community.

##### ***What is the cost to my Lions Club?***

The cost to fund each child's membership will be \$100. This will cover the cost of the bracelet, wristband or necklet, creating a database with medical records and 24-hour Hotline in case of an emergency.

Program trends show that the number of children that will enroll in a school will be 5% of the school's population. For example, if the school has 300 students then the club would sponsor 15 children at a cost of  $15 \times \$100 = \$1500$ .

Once the child is enrolled, there will be no cost to the family or club until the child reaches 14 years old. At that time the family can enroll in the MedicAlert Students *FIRST* program for a reduced student fee.

##### ***There are many schools in our area. How can we support them all?***

Lions Clubs of Canada is one of many *No Child Without* sponsors. The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation continually works to identify funding from other sources. In order to enroll all 12,000 elementary schools, MedicAlert will work over the next 5 years to fund all schools. Your club could sponsor as many schools as it wishes over that period. For a list of schools on the waiting list, please visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca)

##### ***I know someone who wishes to support No Child Without.***

##### ***How do they donate?***

To support this program visit [www.medicalert.ca/donate](http://www.medicalert.ca/donate) or call the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation toll free at 1-877-282-5378.

**To members and the immediate families of the Lions Clubs of Canada –enroll in MedicAlert at a discounted rate.**

**Visit [www.medicalert.ca/lcc](http://www.medicalert.ca/lcc) for details.**

**For more information on adopting a school, please visit [www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc](http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc)**

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# Adopting a School in *No Child Without*<sup>®</sup> Club Process

Welcome to the *No Child Without* program. If you haven't already, please contact your MedicAlert District Chair for *No Child Without* for further information on adopting a school. We ask you to work directly with this individual only. **Please do not contact a school or school board.**

## Process:

Secure your Club's agreement to adopt a school. Contact your MedicAlert District Chair ([www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc](http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc))

District Chair helps you to select a school in your community and determines the sponsorship fee to fund the school

Send cheque to MedicAlert for the school's adoption (One-time cost of 5% of the school's population X \$100)

Media announcement date is determined with each Club

1. Decide as a Club if you wish to participate to adopt a school in the *No Child Without* (NCW) program and select a representative from your Club as your NCW Chair.
2. Contact your MedicAlert District Chair for NCW by visiting [www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc](http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc) and click on Key Contacts to find your local District Chair.
3. The District Chair will help you to select a local school in your community, identifying those schools in need of a sponsor. The sponsorship fee to fund the school will be determined once a school is chosen and the school's population is known.
4. Club sends cheque to MedicAlert. Clubs may make one lump sum to support 5% of school's population or over three installments: 1/3 up front and two subsequent installments.  
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5. MedicAlert will prepare the media release and communicate with the District Chair and the local Lions Club for release dates.
6. MedicAlert communicates regular updates to all participating Clubs through District Newsletters.

**NOTE:** *No Child Without* can only expand into a school board with the permission of the school board. The above process assumes that the school board is already participating in the NCW program. All District Chairs will receive an updated list of participating School Boards at the beginning of each month.