



# OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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Dear OI Friend,

On behalf of the entire Optimist International Foundation Board and Staff, I want to convey our thoughts and prayers to each of you as we navigate through this COVID-19 crisis. To a person, the normal daily life has been turned upside down. Many are facing illness, loss of loved ones, financial stress, and other issues. There are no easy answers, but our embrace of the Optimistic life has taught us “to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.”

Echoing the heartfelt words of Optimist International President Adrian Elcock, “This is a time for Optimists to shine. It’s a time to re-iMagine how we serve our communities and those who reside in them.” As OIF President, I can assure you, OIF stands strong in its partnership with the OI Mission. We will continue to be supportive of all programs and services to the best of our ability in the coming months. We have committed already to support the ongoing Scholarship programs for the 2020 year. In addition, we are working with the World Oratorical Steering Committee to financially maintain the World Oratorical Championship in its new, modified format. Plus, we are continuing to work with clubs through our Club Grant Program, Childhood Health and Wellness Grant Effort, and the Disaster Relief Program. And this is just a glimpse of all that OIF is doing behind the scenes to help children and communities.

We remain committed to our motto, “Helping Optimist Help Kids”. It is the backbone of everything we do. And please know with the great support in the past, present, and future of our Optimist Friends, we will continue to help those in need.

Best Regards,

Bill Meyers

2019/20 OIF President