



MDRT Members and Liter of Light Unite to Empower and Illuminate Communities Around the World

Liter of Light and the MDRT Foundation Join Together to Equip Electricity-Deficient Communities with Sustainable Solar Light

Park Ridge, IL (July 27, 2022) – The World Health Organization estimates that 1 in 10 people around the world lack access to electricity and live in darkness once the sun sets. [Liter of Light](#) is committed to changing that statistic by teaching marginalized communities how to use recycled plastic bottles and locally sourced materials to illuminate their homes, businesses, and streets. Since 2013, the grassroots movement has provided more than one million hand-built solar lights in more than 30 countries.

To further the mission of equipping communities around the globe with safe, sustainable solar-light, the [MDRT Foundation](#) – the charitable arm of the Premier Association of Financial Professionals® – is partnering with Liter of Light to empower and illuminate those with limited access to electricity.

As part of this partnership, MDRT members had the opportunity to make a tangible, global difference at the 2022 MDRT Annual Meeting. On June 28th, attendees built 300 solar lamps for families in need, helping them harness solar power to light their homes and towns, rather than relying on other sources of fuel like kerosene. Additionally, MDRT members raised a total of 100,000 USD in funds for Liter of Light and the MDRT Foundation global grants program at the meeting.

“It takes just 30 minutes to build life-changing solar lights that allow families to no longer live in darkness,” said Illac Diaz, Liter of Light founder. “I’m overjoyed that MDRT members were able to take part in such an incredible experience of giving back, and I’m looking forward to how our partnership with the MDRT Foundation will allow us to continue bringing light to those who need it most.”

Over the last 63 years, the MDRT Foundation has invested over 38 million USD in charitable organizations in more than 70 countries and territories and all 50 U.S. states. This year, the MDRT Foundation expects to invest 1.6 million USD to nearly 300 charities and causes. Liter of Light serves as its first global charity partner, and the MDRT Foundation will partner with the organization for both the MDRT Annual Meeting and the MDRT Global Conference in Sydney, Australia, from August 28-31.

“The MDRT Foundation reflects the generosity, service and impact of MDRT members by empowering them to make a difference in their communities around the world,” said MDRT Foundation President John Nichols. “By joining forces with Liter of Light, we hope to make a lasting, global impact, and provide sustainable solar power to the more than one billion people around the world who suffer from the debilitating effects of energy poverty.”

About the MDRT Foundation

As the 501(c)3 charitable arm of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), the MDRT Foundation reflects the caring spirit of its global membership. Since 1959, the MDRT Foundation has been led by a committed group of MDRT volunteers. Through their dedication and generosity, over 38 million USD has

been invested in charities in 70+ countries and territories. In 2022, the MDRT Foundation expects to invest nearly 1.6 million USD in a diverse range of charities.

About Liter of Light

Liter of Light redesigns solar lighting for the developing world. Its hand-built solar lighting technologies create local jobs, teach green skills, and empower energy-poor communities. Rather than depending on imported, patented, and expensive technologies, this grassroots green lighting movement embodies the principle that anyone can become a solar engineer. Through producing easily repairable solar lights with locally available parts, Liter of Light increases communities' self-reliance by integrating a livelihood model with the capacity to quickly assemble lights rather than diverting almost 70 percent of production costs on overseas logistics. By making this an open-source technology and sharing information on the internet, social media and teaching caravans, Liter of Light has expanded to over 30 countries, lighting up over one million households around the world while reducing carbon emissions through its bottom-up approach to sustainable technology.

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