

# Funding & Grants For Children With Disabilities

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There are a number of organizations that may provide funding for children with disabilities. They cover a wide array of funding purposes such as therapy, equipment, accessibility, medications, recreational opportunities, and many other items and services. These organizations have certain grant/funding criteria so please be sure to check their websites (or phone them) for funding details.

## **Challenged America**

Challenged America offers funding to disadvantaged, physically or developmentally challenged children (or their parents). You can submit requests for medical attention, rehabilitative therapy, and/or assistive devices they would otherwise be unable to obtain. The benefits to the children go far beyond the physical. Assistance from Challenged America can improve their quality of life, help them gain confidence and self-esteem, and ease their reentry into the community.

<http://challengedamerica.com/>

(818) 907-6966

## **The First Hand Foundation**

The First Hand Foundation is a public 501(c)(3) organization that provides funding for individual children both domestically and globally who need assistance with clinical necessities (such as surgery, medication and therapy), medical equipment and travel related to care. They provide both domestic and global funding.

<https://www.firsthandfoundation.org>

(816) 201-1569

## **Giving Angels Foundation**

The mission of the Foundation is to assist special needs children with a physical disability or illness aged 21 or younger throughout the United States. The Foundation awards grants to lower income families to enhance the everyday life of the child. Funds are awarded on a case by case basis. Families who wish to receive assistance must complete an application and demonstrate financial need. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Grants are only to be awarded once per child (for clarification, families who have multiple children who qualify are eligible to be awarded once per child).

<http://www.givingangelsfoundation.org/>

267-332-1320

## **Gracie's Hope Inc.**

A non-profit organization committed to help improve the lives of children with special needs. They help provide funding for therapies such as, but not limited to, PT, OT, Speech, Chelation, and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. They also help provide needed equipment and assist families in finding respite care, and other needed services.

<http://hbinfo.com/hhi/gracies-hope/>

(704)-875-7189

## **Kiddos' Clubhouse Foundation**

Kiddos' Clubhouse Foundation provides therapy scholarships to help families pay for critical therapies.

<http://kiddosclubhousefoundation.org/>

678-527-3224

## **Maggie Welby Foundation**

Offers grants for children and families that have a financial need for a particular purpose. Grants may extend to children and families in need of help with bills, athletic opportunities, medical needs, or an opportunity that a child would not otherwise have. All grants are awarded to the family, but are paid directly to the specific purpose for which the grant was applied.

<http://maggiewelby.org/>

314-330-6947

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### **Sunshine Foundation**

Sunshine Foundation answers the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children, ages three to eighteen, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to the financial strain that child's illness may cause.

<http://www.sunshinefoundation.org/>

(215) 396 4770

### **UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation**

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity dedicated to facilitating access to medical-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance either the clinical condition or the quality of life of the child and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. This "support" is in the form of a medical grant to be used for medical services not covered or not completely covered by commercial health benefit plans.

<http://www.uhccf.org/>

855-698-4223

### **Variety the Children's Charity**

Variety's Freedom Program delivers vital life-changing equipment and services for mobility, independence and social inclusion to individual children and children's organizations. Together through the Freedom program, we change children's lives by granting items and services that provide independence, mobility and freedom. Grants under the Freedom program are made to individual children and children's organizations.

<http://usvariety.org/>

323 954 0820

### **Wheelchairs 4 Kids**

Although our name may be Wheelchairs 4 Kids, our plan involves so much more than providing wheelchairs for America's disabled children. Our goal is to give every child with mobility challenges the best opportunity to live life at its' fullest. Wheelchairs 4 Kids will help them by providing not only well fitted, well equipped wheelchairs, but also assist with ramps, wheelchair lifts, home modifications and hopefully in the future, playgrounds.

<http://wheelchairs4kids.org/>

727-946-0963



(800)722-WISH (9474)

[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Wishes inspire and have the power to transform lives. Wishes help kids look past their limitations, families overcome anxiety, and entire communities experience joy. Most importantly, wishes improve a child's quality of life, giving them a better chance of recovering.

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(800) 323-WISH (3474)

[www.childrenswish.org](http://www.childrenswish.org)

Since its inception, Children's Wish Foundation has continued to expand its programs to enhance the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses. Recognizing our families' needs outside of the scope of wish fulfillment, we stepped up our commitment to the children by developing a hospital enrichment program wherein we place educational and entertainment materials in children's hospitals throughout the world. We also created a Family Focus program that allows our Wish Families a respite from hospital or treatment life. Children's Wish Foundation is dedicated to bringing joy and happiness to children with life-threatening illness around the world. This dedication has created memorable experiences in 53 countries.

### **Division of Specialized Care for Children**

(800) 322-3722

[www.dscc.uic.edu](http://www.dscc.uic.edu)

Division of Specialized Care for Children offers care coordination and cost-supported diagnosis and treatment for children with chronic health impairments determined eligible for program support.



(800) 456-7556

[www.dreamfactoryinc.org](http://www.dreamfactoryinc.org)

The Dream Factory is the only children's wish-granting organization that does not limit its mission to children who have life-threatening illness. The organization believes children with chronic illnesses and disorders also suffer from substantial emotional and physical pain. We strive to provide hope and relief from the trauma and corresponding stress and depression that both the children and their families can endure on a day-to-day basis. Doctors agree that providing a dream can improve the quality of life for these children and extend the life of a critically ill child.

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(773) 755-4700

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

Elks is a fraternal order with nearly a million members and a 141-year history, a network of more than 2000 lodges in communities all over the country, a generous charitable foundation that each year gives millions in scholarships, an inspiration to youth, a friend to veterans and more. To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.



(816) 201-1569

[www.firsthandfoundation.org](http://www.firsthandfoundation.org)

First Hand Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted. Our mission is to directly impact the health status of a young life. Since our inception in 1995, First Hand has assisted more than 93,000 children in 73 countries around the world.



[www.heronetwork.com](http://www.heronetwork.com)

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The Hero Network is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization that seeks to supports the community of individuals working online who grant the needs and wants of others making a wish. We believe that no wish is too large, no hero is too small and that everyone can become a hero.



(888) 918-9004

[www.kidswishnetwork.org](http://www.kidswishnetwork.org)

Since 1997, Kids Wish Network has been making dreams come true for thousands of children all over the country. The charity started out with the single purpose of granting wishes to children suffering with life-threatening conditions. Since then we have created numerous programs benefiting kids nationwide. The catalyst for launching these programs began when it became clear to us that the children we serve demonstrated needs above and beyond the extent of wishes.



(317) 615-9140

[www.mdff.org](http://www.mdff.org)

Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation's No Boundaries exists to provide resources, services, and adaptive equipment to enable patients with muscular dystrophy and their family members to live independent and productive lives.



(800) 344-4867

[www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Direct Assistance program relieves some of the financial burden that comes with purchasing the goods and services needed to manage MS when other resources (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or other personal/community resources) aren't available. The Society helps people affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with MS and their families move their lives forward.

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(718) 803-3782

[www.spinalcord.org](http://www.spinalcord.org)

Founded in 1948, the National Spinal Cord Injury Association is the nation's oldest and largest civilian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of Americans living with the results of spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D) and their families. This number grows by thirty newly-injured people each day.



(813) 281-0300

[www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® provides care for thousands of kids with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, in a family-centered environment regardless of the patients' ability to pay. It's how Shriners Hospitals for Children® has been Changing the World through Caring for Kids since 1922.



(617) 619-8257

[www.travisroyfoundation.org](http://www.travisroyfoundation.org)

The Travis Roy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the life of spinal cord injured individuals and families by providing adaptive equipment and to finding a cure through increased funding of research, resulting in self-reliance and the ability to be as independent as possible.



(503) 257-1401

[www.wheeltowalk.com](http://www.wheeltowalk.com)

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The Wheel to Walk Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children age 21 and younger with special needs. We are a 100 percent volunteer organization with no paid employees. We help children who experience difficulty obtaining funding from their insurance companies. To date, we have helped over 625 children obtain essential equipment or services that they needed to make their day to day lives just a little easier. If you need financial assistance with anything from leg braces, bath chairs, gait trainers to therapy tricycles and wheelchairs, please contact us at the phone number on the left or email us so we can email you an application.



(800) 821-6805

[www.wishuponastar.org](http://www.wishuponastar.org)

Wish Upon A Star is a non-profit, law enforcement effort designed to grant the wishes of children afflicted with high-risk and life threatening illnesses. Our services are available to children throughout the state of California, ages 3 through 18 years. We have granted over 1800 wishes in our 26 years of service.