

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) was Established in 1954, to aid the betterment of kids in America. The First donor was American Legion Arkansas State Commander Dr. Garland Murphy, Jr. who donated 10,000 acres of oil-rich land in Montana and North Dakota. In return, Murphy asks that proceeds from the contribution be used solely to serve children. Since then the CWF has given out over \$17 Million to youth-oriented charities.

The Sons of The American Legion is the largest Contributor to the CWF

- **Last year nationally, the Sons (SAL) donated \$427,000+ to the CWF**
- **Lifetime donations to CWF by the Sons, surpassed \$8.2 million in 2019.**
- **The SAL, 2020 CWF Fundraising Goal is \$1.35 per member or \$500,000**

In 2020, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation awarded \$811,282 to 24 nonprofit organizations.

The Following is a snapshot of Each Award:

Adoption Exchange Association of Linthicum, MD, was awarded \$18,947 for their project, "Every Child Deserves a Family."

American Legion Auxiliary of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$1,843 for their project, "American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Indivisible Project". This project will purchase the "Indivisible" books to teach junior members about the American Flag

American Legion Auxiliary of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$120,500 for their project, "American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships."

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, NJ, was awarded \$29,700 for their project, "Hope Binder." This project will offer resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation of Pittsburgh, PA, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, "Teach for the Starz(I); This project will create an online portal of resources for children and their families who have received a liver transplant.

Cornelia De Lange Syndrome Foundation of Avon, CT, was awarded \$21,258 for their project, "Parent Resources and Handbook for Children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome."

CureSearch for Children's Cancer of Bethesda, MD, was awarded \$33,000 for their project, "Supporting American Families Facing a Pediatric Cancer Diagnosis." This will fund the creation of a CancerCare mobile app which will allow parents to track the treatment plans for their children. It will also provide an Ella Barbie doll to help children better understand hair loss.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Chicago, IL was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Mental Health Education and Wellness Tools for Children and Youth." This will create an online database of resources for children and youth who suffer from mood disorders and promoting this awareness during the national marketing campaign.

Gratitude Initiative of Red Oak, TXs, was awarded \$10,500 for their project, "Gratitude Initiative Promotional Materials for US Army IMCOM." This project will create a webinar to help children of Army families prepare for the transition into college.

Lifeline Pilots of Peoria, IL, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "No Cost Air Transportation for Medically Fragile Kids. This project will fund air transportation for children who are receiving treatment outside their local area.

Marc Apodace Jr. Children's Glioma Cancer Foundation of Thornton, CO, was awarded \$8,540 for their, "Educational iPad Program." to fund iPads & software for kids with cancer who have lost the ability to communicate with family and their doctors.

National Braille Press of Boston, MA, was awarded \$19,725 for their project, "ReadBooks!." This grant will fund resource books for parents with visually impaired children to introduce their children to Braille as an effective method of reading and writing and help encourage parents to learn Braille to help their children

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children of Alexandria, VA, was awarded \$12,839 for their project, "Reconnecting with Your Child: Building Relationships after Suspected Sexual Exploitation." This grant will fund the production and distribution of information on how to reconnect with someone who has suffered sexual exploitation.

National Hemophilia Foundation. of NY, NY was awarded \$19,200 for their project, "Navigating life with a Rare Bleeding Disorder." This will create both a kid friendly and parent guide to help them understand their diagnosis while explaining what comes next.

Patient Airlift Services of Farmingdale, New York, was awarded \$46,190 for their project, "PALS Outreach for Children's Health and Welfare." This grant will fund the printing and distribution of materials to increase awareness of their services to families of children in need of treatment outside their local area, while also recruiting new pilots.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia, MI was awarded \$5,000 for their project "Braille Books For Blind Children Ages 6 and older." This grant will provide braille books to those children who are visually impaired over the age of six.

Songs of Love of Forest Hills, NY was awarded \$25,000 for the project " Songs of Love Outreach Project.". This will fund profile forms and song request forms that will create personalized songs for seriously ill children up to the age of 21 with no charge to them.

Sportsman Alliance Foundation of Columbus, OH, was awarded \$20,000 for their project "Heritage Hunting and Fishing Project." This grant will expose 5,000 youth to hands on training and real life out door experience in hunting and fishing, while teaching them safety, wildlife conservation.

Talk about Curing Autism of Irvine, CA was awarded \$21,540 for their project "Autism Journey Guides and Educational Materials." This grant will print and distributed 4,000 copies of their recently updated "Autism Journey Guide" and educational information to families who have recently been diagnosed with Autism.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$54,500 for the "2020 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships." This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs: **Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year.**

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, IN was awarded \$75,000 for their project "The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2020." This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to children of veteran's in need of shelter, food, utilities and clothing.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$188,000 for their project "**The American Legion National Oratorical Contest-2020.**" This grant will provide scholarships for youth competing in the 2020 American Legion Oratorical Contest

**Help Kids by Helping The Sons of the
American Legion Meet their \$500,000
Child Welfare Foundation Goal**

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