

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 2019 Grants at a Glance

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 64th year, has awarded \$766,761 to 24 nonprofit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the board of directors, held at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sunday, October 14, 2018, have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2019.

American Printing House for the Blind of Louisville, Kentucky, was awarded \$21,029 for their project, “Braille Tales: Sharing the Joy of Reading.” This grant will provide Braille Tales books to 2,500 visually impaired children throughout the U.S. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

Building Better Days of Edgewater, Maryland, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Power of Play”. This project provides pediatric patients with a building toy to take their mind off of treatments. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

Children’s Hospital and Medical Center Foundation of Omaha, Nebraska, was awarded \$12,000 for their project, “Safe Sleep Education Program.” This project will fund Halo Sleep Sacks to more than 1,500 hospitals in North America.

Children’s Organ Transplant Association of Bloomington, Indiana, was awarded \$6,000 for their project, “The American Legion Family Friendly Fundraising Initiative.” This project will create The American Legion Family Friendly Fundraising Guide online to support COTA families and local post activities throughout the nation. The Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

Families Helping Families NOLA of New Orleans, Louisiana, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Computer Coding for young people with Autism.” This project will fund to modify their current program curriculum to insure success for youth with autism.

Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home of Boys Town, Nebraska, was awarded \$35,000 for their project, “Boys Town National Hotline: suicide prevention and mental health outreach.” This project will fund 18 weeks of online outreach in 2019 for the Boys Town Hotline. The Eight and Forty supports this grant.

Gift of Adoption of Techny, Illinois, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Adoption Support for Vulnerable Children.” This project will fund the final needs to complete the adoption of vulnerable children in the U.S. - giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Gulf Coast Council – Boy Scouts of Pensacola, Florida, was awarded \$7,000 for their project, “Rebuilding the Adventure for Generations to Come - Youth Camping Program.” This project will sponsor a handicap water lift for their summer boy scout camping program. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

John Hopkins All Children’s Hospital of St. Petersburg, Florida, was awarded \$25,200 for their project, “Pragmatic Acquisition of Language Skills, P.A.L.S. - A therapeutic Social Skills Group.” This project will provide a program for small group instruction of students on the high-end autism spectrum who have near-normal to above-average verbal and nonverbal skills. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

Mercy Medical Angels (MMA) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was awarded \$51,000 for their project, “Angel Wings and Wheels for Children.” This project will maintain MMA's website to more effectively promote its services for children and to promote our MayDay4KIDS annual campaign to raise funds. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

National Autism Association of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, was awarded \$58,408 for their project, “Big Red Safety Box.” This project will fund Big Red Safety Boxes designed to educate, raise awareness and provide tangible tools that may assist in preventing and responding to dangerous wandering- related incidents in the autism community.

Organization for Autism Research of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$14,250 for their project, “A Parent's Guide to Research: 2019 Outreach.” This project will print and distribute the revised resource, "A Parent's Guide to Research".

Our Military Kids of McLean, Virginia, was awarded \$53,905 for their project, “Empowering a Generation of Military Kids.” This project will fund award packets, publish their quarterly newsletter and annual impact report, update the program website, and produce a benefits video. The Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the U.S. of Asheville, North Carolina, was awarded \$15,500 for their project, “The Starfolio Resource Notebook for Families of Children with Brain Cancer.” This project will provide a free resource notebook designed to help families of newly diagnosed patients’ partner with their child's healthcare team and organize medical information during treatment.

St. Vincent Hospital Foundation of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$6,714 for their project, “Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent Healing Arts Program.” This project will fund the Healing Arts Program and services that are offered to any child hospitalized at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$51,000 for their project “2019 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 Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$75,000 for their project “The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2019.” This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to children of veteran’s in need of shelter, food, utilities and clothing. The Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$138,000 for their project “The American Legion National Oratorical Contest-2019.” This grant will provide scholarships for youth competing in the 2019 American Legion Oratorical Contest. The Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

The Common Strand Foundation of Dumfries, Virginia, was awarded \$28,500 for their project “Children of PTSD Victims.” This grant will fund a website with "kid-friendly" downloadable reference material to help children cope with their situation and create a more balanced and nurturing home environment.

The Eight and Forty Foundation of Lake Dallas, Texas, was awarded \$15,000 for their project “Breath Better Today for a Healthier Future.” This grant will fund 300 children (with asthma, allergies, or cystic fibrosis) the cost of breathing treatment, equipment, or medication. The Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

ThinkFirst Foundation of Naperville, Illinois, was awarded \$13,380 for their project, “Protecting Babies from Injury.” This grant will produce 5 brochures, identification cards, and CellSlip pouches to new parents that cover a host of injuries that could cause death or disability.

Too Small to Fail of New York, New York, was awarded \$50,000 for their project, “Increasing Access to Early Language Development Resources through Diaper Banks.” This grant will add 10 additional diaper banks in especially high-need communities, with a focus on agencies that serve military and veteran families.

Truth in Nature of Vila Rica, Georgia, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “Truth in Nature Program Expansion.” This grant will fund the opening of new chapters of outdoor Christian ministries for boys from fatherless & one parent homes in the following states: LA, GA, SC, NC, and MI. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

United Through Reading of San Diego, California, was awarded \$24,875 for their project, “United Through Reading App Book Sponsorship.” This grant will fund books for 5,000 military children. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.