



## American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 2021 Grants at a Glance

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 66<sup>th</sup> year, awarded \$643,389 in grants to 19 nonprofit organizations during the annual meeting of its board of directors held virtually on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. These grants have been awarded to support youth-serving projects which 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 2021.

**American Legion Auxiliary** of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$75,000 for their project, “American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships in the following areas: American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program, the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship, the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President Scholarship, and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

**American Printing House for the Blind** of Louisville, Kentucky, was awarded \$23,500 for their project, “Braille Tales: Sharing the Joys of Literacy.” This grant will provide Braille Tales books to 1,800 visually impaired children throughout the United States. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Angel Flights Soars, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded \$50,000 for their project, “Connecting Kids to Care Program.” This project seeks to fund flights for medically fragile children who are unable to get to their treatments otherwise. The project will also create a pilot recruitment video.

**Angel Flight Southeast** of Leesburg, Florida, was awarded \$9,700 for their project, “Angel Flight Southeast: Flying Kids to a Healthy Future!” This grant will print and produce advertising materials that will both recruit pilots and advertise their services.

**Autism Speaks** of New York, New York, was awarded \$35,000 for their project, “Autism Speaks Resource Guide: Digital Tools for Autism Families.” This grant will allow them to update and expand their current digital resources to provide the latest information while expanding their services and providers. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation** of Tenafly, New Jersey, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “Stories from the Heart Storytelling App Project.” This grant will allow for the creation of a mobile storytelling app which will allow children and parents to share their stories with other kids, parents, and medical staff. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Children’s Hospital & Medical Center Foundation** of Omaha, Nebraska was awarded \$12,400 for their project, “Safe Sleep Education Program.” This project will fund Halo Sleep Sacks to more than 1,600 hospitals in North America to help reduce the number of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) cases each year.

**Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home** of Boys Town, Nebraska was awarded \$35,000 for their project, “Boys Town National Hotline.” This project will fund 35 weeks of an online campaign encouraging young people to reach out for help. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Gift of Adoption** of Techny, Illinois, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Adoption Assistance for U.S Born Citizens.” This project will help fund the final administrative cost of adoption of vulnerable children in the United States - giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Illinois Spina Bifida Association** of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$9,847 for their project, “Diagnosis Day Brochure about Spina Bifida for Expectant Parents.” This project will print and produce brochures with the latest update medical information on Spina Bifida.

**Kansas Braille Transcription Institute, Inc** of Wichita, Kansas, was awarded \$9,062 for their project, “Red, Sight and Blue, I can “See” Her too.” This project seeks to produce and distribute educational materials about the American Flag in braille to more than 1,500 blind students.

**Mercy Medical Angels** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Children’s Charitable Medical Transportation Program.” This grant will cover the transportation costs for children when their medical treatment is out of their area. This grant will also allow for the updating of promotional materials.

**Military Child Education Coalition** of Harker Heights, Texas, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Supporting Military Families.” This project will provide interactive workshops that encourages face-to-face interactions of parents and children through shared reading experiences and related activities while supporting development and resiliency skills.

**National Autism Association** of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, “Big Red Safety Box.” This grant 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.

**Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation** of Florence, Kentucky, was awarded \$6,380 for their project, “Commonly Used Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Medical Terms.” This project will create a “Glossary” book that will explain commonly used terms for those kids and parents who suffer from Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome.

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$55,500 for their project “2021 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs of The American Legion: Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year. The Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$106,000 for their project “2021 American Legion department (state) oratorical finalists academic scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships for youth whose American Legion department reported them as their department oratorical winner prior to the March 15, 2021 deadline. (February 24, 2021).

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$75,000 for their project “The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2021.” This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to the minor child(ren) in the home of an eligible veteran or military servicemember maintain shelter, food, utilities, and clothing. The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

**United Through Reading** of San Diego, California, was awarded \$31,000 for their project, “Special Books Distributions to Military Children.” This project will disseminate books to military children to help promote literacy and maintain critical bonds between the child and their deployed parent. The Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.