

American Legion **Child Welfare Foundation**



**Annual Report
2019**

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President's Message

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has enjoyed another great year as a direct result of the combined efforts and generosity of our Legion family. Without the unequalled support of the Sons of The American Legion this level of charity could not have been reached.


In 1954, The American Legion allowed the separate incorporation of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Since then, the Foundation has granted over \$18 million dollars to nonprofit youth-oriented organizations, providing them a means to educate families and communities about the needs of special children across this nation. Moreover, most of these donations have come in five or ten dollars at a time from people just like you.

In October of 2019, the Board of Directors approved grants to 22 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$811,282 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2020.

I am pleased to report during the 2018 – 2019 contribution year (June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019) donations exceeded \$619,457 with over \$427,315 of that amount coming to us from the Sons of The American Legion!

Members of The American Legion family are the primary contributors to the success and growth of our foundation. Your support allows the foundation to continue funding projects that improve the quality of life for our nation's children. Since The American Legion generously takes care of our overhead costs, including staff salaries, rent, utilities and office supplies, money donated is put into the trust fund to be used for grants. Very few foundations can tout this efficiency

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and all the children throughout this great country of ours...Thank You!



Dennis R. Boland, President

Mission

Though created by The American Legion in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. is a separate 501 (c) 3 corporation. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

Brief History

In 1952, Arkansas Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. approached The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if they could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. After much study and discussion, the idea of a foundation was adopted. Later that year, the National Executive Committee appointed a special committee to determine the feasibility of establishing such a proposed foundation.

Eventually, on October 15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota.

In 1955, the Foundation gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations. The Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness were the first three beneficiaries.

To date, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded over \$18 million to organizations to improve the lives of the children of this country.

2019 Grant Recipients

In 2019, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$1,561,282 to the twenty-five organizations listed here:

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 be funding 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 American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$750,000 for their project “Temporary Financial Assistance for Coast Guard Families” This grant will provide temporary financial assistance grants to the active duty service members of the Coast Guard with a rank of E5 and below with minor children in their home during the government shutdown.

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.

Recent Grants

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 65th year, has awarded \$811,282 to 22 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 13, 2019, 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 2020.

Adoption Exchange Association of Linthicum, Maryland, was awarded \$18,947 for their project, “Every Child Deserves a Family.” This grant will provide a website to share useful information with other agencies to facilitate adoptions.

American Legion Auxiliary of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

American Legion Auxiliary of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$120,500 for their project, “American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships in the following areas: Girls Nation, Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, Spirit of Youth Scholarship and Honorary National Junior Scholarship. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, New Jersey, was awarded \$29,700 for their project, “Hope Binder.” This project will offer 12 sections of templates and resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, “Teach for the Starz(l); Online Resources for Child Liver Transplant Patients and their Families.” This project will create an online portal of resources for children and their families who have received a liver transplant. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Cornelia De Lange Syndrome Foundation of Avon, Connecticut, was awarded \$21,258 for their project, “Parent Resources and Handbook for Children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.” This grant will fund the updating, printing and distribution of their handbook.

CureSearch for Children’s Cancer of Bethesda, Maryland, was awarded \$33,000 for their project, “Supporting American Families Facing a Pediatric Cancer Diagnosis.” This grant will fund the creation of a CancerCare mobile app which will allow parents to track the treatment plans, medications and appointments 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, Illinois, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Mental Health Education and Wellness Tools for Children and Youth.” This project will create an online database of tools and resources for children and youth who suffer from mood disorders and promoting this awareness during the national marketing campaign.

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

Lifeline Pilots of Peoria, Illinois, 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, Colorado, was awarded \$8,540 for their project, “Educational iPad Program.” This project will fund iPads and the software for children who have been diagnosed with cancer and lost the ability to communicate with family and their doctors.

National Braille Press of Boston, Massachusetts, 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. It will also provide a braille book for the visually impaired child.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children of Alexandria, Virginia, 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 New York, New York, was awarded \$19,200 for their project, “Navigating life with a Rare Bleeding Disorder.” This project will create both a kid friendly and parent guide to help them understand their diagnosis while explaining what comes next. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

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, Michigan 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. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Songs of Love of Forest Hills, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project “Songs of Love Outreach Project.”. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of profile forms and song request forms that will help create personalized songs for seriously ill children up to the age of 21 with no charge to them. This grant will also update and maintain the website which provides detailed information on how to request a song.

Sportsman Alliance Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, 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 outdoor experience in hunting and fishing, while teaching them safety, wildlife conservation. This grant will also create online educational videos.

Talk about Curing Autism of Irvine, California 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, Indiana, was awarded \$54,500 for their project “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 Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary 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-2020.” 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 and American Legion Auxiliary support this grant

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. The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

The Lifeblood of Our Organization: Our Donors

The primary source of Foundation funds is contributions from our individual members. In addition, funds come to us from posts, units, salons, squadrons, departments and national contributions from The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion and the Eight & Forty.

HERITAGE CIRCLE GIFT CLUB

Benefactor
(\$5,000 +)

The American Legion

Department of Florida
Department of Nevada

Sons of The American Legion

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Detachment of Indiana
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Detachment of Florida
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Detachment of Wyoming

Sponsor
(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

The American Legion

Department of Mississippi
Department of South Carolina

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona
Department of Missouri
Department of New York
Department of South Dakota
Department of Texas
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Detachment of Montana
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Detachment of Washington
Detachment of West Virginia

Eight and Forty

Departemental de Arizona

CHILDREN FIRST GIFT CLUB

Guardian
(\$1,000 +)

The American Legion

District 9 - Minnesota
Post 104 - Florida
Post 112 - Georgia
Post 117 - Florida

Post 125 - Florida
Post 173 - Florida
Post 209 - California
Post 209 - Colorado
Post 217 - Pennsylvania
Post 238 - Maryland
Post 24 - Colorado
Post 24 - Mississippi
Post 252 - Florida
Post 284 - Virginia
Post 323 - Florida
Post 5 - Florida
Post 560 - Minnesota
Post 74 - Virginia
Post 90 - Florida

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 1 - Florida
Unit 103 - Florida
Unit 200 - Maine
Unit 24 - Florida
Unit 274 - Florida
Unit 275 - Texas
Unit 323 - Florida
Unit 33 - Texas
Unit 347 - Florida
Unit 42 - Wyoming
Unit 69 - Florida
Unit 80 - Florida

Sons of The American Legion

District 17 - Pennsylvania
District 2 - Minnesota
District 4 - Texas
District 7 - New York
Squadron 107 - Arizona
Squadron 109 - Arizona
Squadron 111 - Colorado
Squadron 1111 - Colorado
Squadron 112 - Nebraska

Squadron 119 - Florida
Squadron 137 - Florida
Squadron 1489 - New York
Squadron 15 - Colorado
Squadron 155 - California
Squadron 161 - Colorado
Squadron 177 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 178 - Colorado
Squadron 180 - Virginia
Squadron 186 - South Carolina
Squadron 2 - Colorado
Squadron 21 - Colorado
Squadron 211 - Colorado
Squadron 222 - Louisiana
Squadron 230 - Indiana
Squadron 237 - Alabama
Squadron 24 - Arizona
Squadron 25 - Virginia
Squadron 26 - Arizona
Squadron 26 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 27 - Arizona
Squadron 28 - Oregon
Squadron 283 - California
Squadron 283 - Florida
Squadron 29 - Arizona
Squadron 29 - Georgia
Squadron 294 - Massachusetts
Squadron 295 - Indiana
Squadron 3 - West Virginia
Squadron 32 - Colorado
Squadron 323 - Florida
Squadron 327 - Virginia
Squadron 330 - Virginia
Squadron 338 - New Jersey
Squadron 347 - Florida
Squadron 36 - Arizona
Squadron 365 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 38 - Colorado
Squadron 4 - Arizona
Squadron 4 - Colorado
Squadron 40 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 42 - Wyoming
Squadron 437 - Indiana
Squadron 44 - Arizona
Squadron 470 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 491 - Texas
Squadron 500 - Indiana
Squadron 528 - Michigan

Squadron 54 - Colorado
Squadron 571 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 58 - Arizona
Squadron 6 - Michigan
Squadron 62 - Arizona
Squadron 66 - Arizona
Squadron 662 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 665 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 730 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 77 - North Carolina
Squadron 799 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 9 - Minnesota
Squadron 91 - Arizona
Squadron 95 - Tennessee

Advocate

(\$750 - \$999)

The American Legion

Post 44 - New Mexico
Post 605 - Pennsylvania

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 43 - Oregon

Sons of The American

Legion

District 15 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 108 - North Carolina
Squadron 111 - Florida
Squadron 117 - Arizona
Squadron 123 - Puerto Rico
Squadron 24 - Florida
Squadron 252 - Nebraska
Squadron 28 - Michigan
Squadron 44 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 47 - North Carolina
Squadron 83 - Oregon

Caretaker

(\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

Post 103 - Colorado
Post 106 - Wisconsin
Post 177 - Pennsylvania
Post 235 - Florida

Post 29 - Arizona
Post 357 - Pennsylvania
Post 503 - Pennsylvania
Post 528 - Michigan
Post 70 - Maryland

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 129 - Florida
Unit 152 - Florida
Unit 165 - Connecticut
Unit 186 - South Carolina
Unit 252 - Florida
Unit 267 - Florida
Unit 283 - California
Unit 303 - Minnesota

Sons of The American

Legion

District 11 - Pennsylvania
District 18 - Pennsylvania
District 19 - Pennsylvania
District 4 - Indiana
District 5 - Texas
District 6 - Kansas
Squadron 1 - Texas
Squadron 103 - Indiana
Squadron 116 - North Carolina
Squadron 123 - Georgia
Squadron 138 - Arizona
Squadron 15 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 16 - Louisiana
Squadron 162 - Michigan
Squadron 185 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 189 - Wisconsin
Squadron 198 - Michigan
Squadron 2 - Indiana
Squadron 208 - Louisiana
Squadron 219 - Florida
Squadron 22 - Maryland
Squadron 241 - Iowa
Squadron 253 - Michigan
Squadron 260 - Ohio
Squadron 273 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 284 - New Jersey
Squadron 284 - Virginia
Squadron 29 - Oregon
Squadron 320 - Virginia
Squadron 325 - Michigan
Squadron 34 - South Carolina

Squadron 398 - Arizona
Squadron 398 - Indiana
Squadron 42 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 44 - Oregon
Squadron 516 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 527 - New York
Squadron 564 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 597 - Texas
Squadron 61 - Indiana
Squadron 69 - Mississippi
Squadron 74 - Virginia
Squadron 751 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 773 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 81 - Kentucky
Squadron 912 - New York
Squadron 92 - Minnesota

Eight and Forty

Salon 456 - California

CORNERSTONE GIFT CLUB

Foundation Ambassadors
(\$1,000 +)

David Blair
Dennis Boland
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Damon and Susan
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Lawrence and Ruth Wade
Willy and Virginia Williams

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(\$500 - \$999)

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Gary Gummersheimer
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Gary Weaver

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(\$250 - \$499)

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(\$100 - \$249)

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Edward Bryant
Robert Burnham
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Frederick Craigie
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Doug Evans
Tim Fannin
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Shelley Rodriguez
Danny Rollins
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Brian Rosburg
Robert Schmitt Jr.
Sharon Shumate
Peter Sierminski
Leslie Skuria
Dirman and Lou Ann Smith
Cheri Stanton
Steve and Diane Sullivan
William Thomas
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Karen Welander

2018 – 2019 Annual Foundation Award Winners

U.S. “UDIE” GRANT LEGACY AWARD

Presented to the Top Department nationally
(Based upon combined totals of all Legion Family)

Department of Florida

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD

Presented to the most active Department (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Eight & Forty) in the nation.

Legion	Department of Florida	\$ 38,663.16
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$ 19,015.00
SAL	Detachment of New York	\$ 56,052.20
8 & 40	Departemental de Arizona	\$ 1,852.40

EXCELLENCE AWARD

A national award presented to the top ten Departments within each organization
with the highest per capita (per member) contribution average.

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary	Sons of The American Legion	Eight & Forty
Nevada	Wyoming	Nevada	Arizona
Florida	Kentucky	Colorado	Michigan
Mississippi	Florida	Arizona	California
Colorado	South Carolina	Oregon	Florida
New Mexico	Texas	Wyoming	Texas
Virginia	Connecticut	Idaho	Alabama
South Carolina	Tennessee	Mississippi	Maryland
Minnesota	Washington	Virginia	Missouri
Alaska	Wisconsin	Alaska	South Dakota
Pennsylvania	Maine	Vermont	Kentucky

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A national award presented to the top Department within each organization (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Eight & Forty) experiencing the highest increase in per capita giving.

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary	Sons of The American Legion	Eight & Forty
Department of Nevada	Department of Michigan	Detachment of Colorado	Departemental de Michigan

Memorials

“We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth; there is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever.”

- Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873), English poet, novelist and politician

A gift of remembrance to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is a wonderful way to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. It is a thoughtful memorial, or a way to honor someone on special occasions, such as birthday, retirement, anniversary or holiday.

These gifts are a gratifying way for individuals, organizations, businesses and groups to honor someone while supporting the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation’s mission to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth.

Planned Giving

Everyone has been blessed with special gifts and talents. It is up to us to make the most of them while we are alive – and to leave others a legacy of love after we pass into our Lord’s hands. By remembering the Foundation in your charitable planned giving, you can ensure that your generosity lives in perpetuity, both for your family, and on behalf of our nation’s young people.

Wills

After providing for the needs of your loved ones, you may choose one of several ways to benefit the Foundation. You can use your will to make a gift of a dollar amount, a specific property or a percentage of your estate; you may also donate the unspecified remaining value after you have cared for your loved ones.

Life Insurance.

One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is to name the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation as beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of a policy no longer needed for its original purpose. Another way to make a gift of life insurance is to purchase a new policy naming the Foundation as beneficiary. Should you designate the Foundation, as the irrevocable owner and beneficiary, there are important tax savings to which you could be entitled.

Your personal financial situation is unique. You should discuss your estate plans with your family and your financial and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.

Board of Directors & Staff

Our Foundation, though created by The American Legion, is actually a separate nonprofit corporation. It is composed of nine members appointed by The American Legion's National Executive Committee upon nomination by the National Commander.

Board of Directors 2018 – 2019

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THANK- YOU!

The Board of Directors wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all Foundation donors for your kind support. Your charitable gifts continue to make a difference in the lives of children across America.

The American Legion generously takes care of our overhead costs. As a result, all of the money donated is entered into the trust fund to be used for grants. Few, if any, other foundations can make this claim.

All contributions are tax deductible. Every gift received is acknowledged by official receipt. Accurate records are kept according to state, organization and donor. All cash contributions are acknowledged regardless of the amount.