

# ***Foundation Fast Facts***

- ◆ The Foundation was duly incorporated on July 9, 1954
- ◆ Although a separate corporation from The American Legion, its Board of Directors are all Legion members from the National Executive Committee, the Finance Commission, and the Children & Youth Committee.
- ◆ The Foundation was formed to provide assistance to nonprofit organizations to educate the public about the need for the care and welfare of our nation's children.
- ◆ In 1955, the Foundation awarded 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.
- ◆ To date the Foundation has awarded over \$19 million dollars to assist the children of this country.
- ◆ Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly to the Foundation with both the individual and the state receiving credit.
- ◆ The American Legion generously takes care of the majority of our overhead costs. As result, all the money donated is entered into the Trust Fund to be used for grants. Few, if any, other foundations can make that claim.



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