

**American Legion**  
**Child Welfare Foundation**



## **Annual Report - 2011**

*"People who give are rewarded, not monetarily,  
but because their involvement represents an  
expression beyond themselves."*

*-- Henry A. Rosso*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has enjoyed an outstanding year – due directly to the combined efforts of our Legion family. Our final donation total set an all-time high! Without the unequalled support of the Sons of The American Legion this level of generosity would 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 \$11.8 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. And most of these donations have come in five or ten dollars at a time from people just like you.

Through your donations, Foundation grants produced donor cards, CDs and media templates for organ and donor registration campaigns; distributed how-to manuals to hundreds of diabetes camps to ensure safe effective programs; and created educational kits and brochures to increase awareness of the dangers of shaking babies. Families dealing with Huntington's disease, Marfan syndrome and cancer all benefited from Foundation funding. Parents, professionals and the general public are now more aware of the challenges faced by children with autism, meningitis and birth defects.

In October of 2011, the Board of Directors approved grants to 18 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$506,683 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2012.

I am pleased to report during the 2011-2012 contribution year donations exceeded \$787,950 with over \$506,264 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. *Remember that every dollar given to the Foundation is used for grants that assist our young people.* 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.

**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.

Our foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation.

## **Areas of Interest**

The Foundation accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that:

- ◇ Contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and/or
- ◇ Contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

## **Brief History**

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if we 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, over \$11.8 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

***"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"***

## 2011 Grant Recipients

**American Academy of Pediatrics** of Elk Grove Village, Illinois was awarded \$14,725 for their project, "Pediatrics Journal-Military Supplement." This grant will produce a supplement to the AAP's Pediatrics journal to provide pediatricians with an overview of the role of the pediatrician in military medicine. The Role of the Pediatrician in Military Medicine will be published and distributed to 70,000 subscribers. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



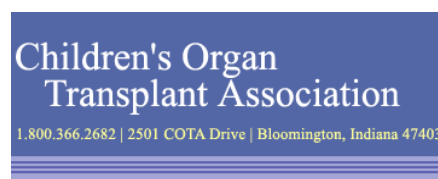
**American Legion Children's Home** of Ponca City, Oklahoma was awarded \$44,000 for their project, "American Legion Children's Home National Awareness Initiative Phase III." This grant will allow maintaining website, duplication of a 6 minute documentary, print thousands of brochures and purchase new display materials. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant. (March 6, 2011 the American Legion Children's Home ceased operations. Grant rescinded.)



**Child Find of America, Inc.** of Highland, New York was awarded \$45,000 for their project, "Parent Help for Military Families Information and Outreach Project." This grant will fund the production and dissemination of Parent Help information and outreach materials targeted to - U.S. Military Dads and Moms. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



**Children's Organ Transplant Association** of Bloomington, Indiana was awarded \$46,500 for their project, "One Million Miracles Initiative." This grant will update, produce and distribute COTA publicity materials, including public service announcement and targeted communications resources. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation** of Avon, Connecticut was awarded \$22,295 for their project, "Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Information Clearinghouse." This grant will create a CdLS Information Clearinghouse, providing a high-level of current, relevant information to parents and professionals.



- **Father Flanagan's Boys Home dba Boys Town** of Boys Town, Nebraska was awarded \$62,000 for their project, Boys Town National Hotline Public Service Announcement." This grant will develop, produce and distribute an additional Teen TV PSA in 2011.

**Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia was awarded \$28,900 for their project, "Home Safety at Your Fingertips: the iSafety Program." This grant will produce an interactive iPhone app that will teach parents via video, audio, pictures, and interaction to locate home hazards and remove them.

**Kansas Braille Transcription Institute, Inc.** of Wichita, Kansas



was awarded \$6,500 for their project, "Red, Sight and Blue, I Can "See" Her Too." This grant will produce and distribute 1,000 packets of educational information of the U.S. Flag and the Tactile/Braille American Flag to blind students in grades K-12 throughout the United States by way of the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**Make-A-Wish Foundation of America** of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded \$31,572 for their project, "Branding the Adopt-A-Wish Program." This grant will create promotional materials that will enable Make-A-Wish to promote the Adopt-A-Wish program to donors and potential donors. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Mercy Flight Southeast, Inc.** of Leesburg, Florida was awarded \$10,000 for their project, "Project Outreach USA." This grant will produce promotional materials to health facilities informing them of the services provided by Mercy Flight when planning long distance health care with families.



**National Autism Association** of Nixa, Missouri was awarded \$50,000 for their project, "Autism Safety Toolkit." This grant will produce the Autism Safety Toolkit and make it available to families free of charge to help them protect their children and prevent future wandering incidents. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



**National Braille Press** of Boston, Massachusetts was awarded \$13,270 for their project, "Literacy Guides for Sighted Parents of Blind Children." This grant will produce two guides for sighted parents of blind children that teach them about the importance of literacy, Braille, and tactile graphics, and how to introduce them to their children.



**National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** of Seattle, Washington was awarded \$49,000 for their project, "Flex Training – A Blended Approach to Preservice CASA/GAL Volunteer Training." This grant will develop a Flex Training Pre-Service Curriculum that will enable prospective volunteers to obtain over half of their needed training online. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**National Marfan Foundation** of Port Washington, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "'The Marfan Question' Web Based Video Series for Children and Teens." This grant will produce thirty to forty short (2 to 5 minute) easily accessible online videos about the diagnosis and management of Marfan syndrome and related connective tissue disorders.



**National Meningitis Association, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia was awarded \$40,000 for their project, "They Think They're Invincible; You Know They're Not." This grant will provide a direct-to-parents postcard mailing and radio public service announcements in two additional states. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.





**National Organizations for Youth Safety** of Gainesville, Virginia was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Youth Empowered Community Engagement to Prevent Distracted Driving." This grant will produce a youth engagement guide addressing youth traffic safety. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Our Military Kids** of McLean, Virginia was awarded \$50,100 for their project, "Informational Video and Brochures." This grant will create a video and information brochures that can be used to promote the organization to prospective grantee families and prospective donors. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**Songs of Love Foundation** of Forest Hills, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Songs of Love Outreach Project." This grant will produce and distribute 20,000 Songs of Love brochures and update SOL website.



**The American Legion Post 225** of Fultondale, Alabama was awarded \$12,000 for their project, "The Crippled Lamb Program." This grant will allow The American Legion to purchase copies of "The Crippled Lamb" for the pediatric units in Alabama hospitals. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**The National Children's Cancer Society (N.C.C.S.)** of St. Louis, Missouri was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Beyond the Cure (BTC)." This grant will create a video to educate and inspire childhood cancer survivors to embrace the future-to recognize their conquests and to successfully handle the challenges ahead of them.



**Young Marines** of Washington, DC was awarded \$40,808 for their project, "'Red Ribbon' Project." This grant will enable the Young Marines to expand their Drug-Demand Reduction program kits to youth in more than 300 communities.



## Recent Grants

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 57<sup>th</sup> year, has awarded \$506,683 to 18 non-profit 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 9, 2011, have been awarded to support worthwhile projects through the dissemination of information to the general public and specific target groups. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2012:



**Alstrom Syndrome International** of Mount Desert, Maine was awarded \$13,125 for their project, "The Alstrom Syndrome Handbook." This grant will produce a soft cover binder with 12 topic dividers and approximately 40 pages of content, (photographs, figures, graphs, timelines, and supporting materials). The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



**AMERICAN HUMANE**  
Protecting Children & Animals Since 1877

**American Humane Association** of Englewood, Colorado was awarded \$35,250 for their project, "Family Group Decision Making Docutaining." This grant will fund production and distribution of 3,500 Docutaining workbooks, 100 Facilitator Guides and DVDs and marketing materials. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

**Angel Flight Soars, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia was awarded \$16,564 for their project, "Angel Flight Soars 'Broadcast Outreach Campaign'." This grant will fund production and dissemination of information for pilot recruitment and outreach to the general community through medical and other facilities.



**AUTISM SPEAKS™**  
It's time to listen.

**Autism Speaks, Inc.** of New York, New York was awarded \$22,500 for their project, "100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families." The 100 Day Kit for Newly-Diagnosed Families puts critical information on autism directly in the hands of the people who need it most - parents. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Be The Match Foundation** of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$16,050 for their project, "Super Sam vs. the Marrow Monsters: A Guide to Bone Marrow Transplant for Children." This grant will produce 3,000 copies of the DVD "Super Sam." The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**Birth Defect Research for Children** of Orlando, Florida was awarded \$18,500 for their project, "Birth Defect Research for Children's Accessibility & Outreach Project." This grant will purchase software to allow website visitors to hear the website's content. Grant will also purchase three ads in the "Healthy Mom and Baby" magazine.

*Birth Defect Research  
for Children, Inc.*

**children's  
institute**



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL AND  
EMOTIONAL HEALTH

**Children's Institute, Inc.** of Rochester, New York was awarded \$9,500 for their project, "Building Strong Military Families Through Play." This grant will disseminate nationwide the DVD package (1,000) to National Guard and reserve centers, and other centers serving military children and families.

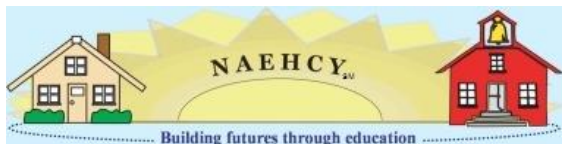


# Mercy Medical Airlift

**Dedicated To Helping Those In Need Of Air Medical Transportation**

Program - Info Dissemination Upgrade." This grant will provide for five modernized and upgraded websites and a full social media presence providing information to the public and pediatric medical world regarding child patient long-distance medical transportation. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**Mercy Medical Airlift** of Virginia Beach, Virginia was awarded \$43,400 for their project, "Child Health



## **National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)**

of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$41,000 for their project, "Voices for Homeless Students." This grant will produce a redesigned website, "Advocate's Toolkit" and PSA. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** of Alexandria, Virginia was awarded \$25,500 for their project, "Child ID App." This grant will fund the development of an iPhone Child ID application. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Organization for Autism Research** of Arlington, Virginia was awarded \$49,355 for their project, "Understanding Autism: A Guide for Secondary Teachers." This grant will produce a video based learning module to provide educators with a working understanding of autism. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**Second Wind Fund, Inc.** of Lakewood, Colorado was awarded \$23,724 for their project, "Teen Suicide IS Preventable: Campaign to educate school gatekeepers about suicide prevention and how Second Wind Fund, Inc. can help reduce the teen suicide rate in their communities." This grant will allow the Second Wind Fund to develop a short multi-media presentation to be used as a practical

guide for school mental health staff, showing the success of the SWEF model's success in lowering teen suicide rates. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



## **Starr Commonwealth- National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC)**

of Albion, Michigan was awarded \$20,000 for their project, "Trauma Informed and Resilience Focused Virtual Resource Center for Military Parents." This grant

will produce a web-based service entitled "Trauma Informed and Resilience Focused Virtual Resource Center for Military Parents." The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

**Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation (TXNGFSF)** of Austin, Texas was awarded \$40,000 for their project, "My Parent Is Deploying To Combat." This grant will provide brochures for children in schools that will explain to teachers, counselors, and administrators what it means to have a parent deployed.



**The American Legion Department of Arizona/ Detachment of Arizona** of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded \$49,500 for their project, "Deployment Josh Development Program." This grant is for a portion of start-up costs for the "Deployment Josh" Program. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

**The American Legion, Department of Kansas** of Topeka, Kansas was awarded \$32,000 for their project, "Drug Free America - Ruler - Bookmark." This grant will produce a six-inch ruler/bookmark containing an anti drug message on one side and the Pledge of Allegiance on the other. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



**ThinkFirst Foundation (ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation)** of Naperville, Illinois was awarded \$25,715 for their project, "ThinkFirst Campaign to Prevent Childhood Injuries." This grant will fund ThinkFirst For Kids Curricula (grades 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8) 100 sets for each grade level. Additionally, it would fund posters and brochures. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

**Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. (TAPS)** of Washington, DC was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "TAPS Grieving Children's Care Kit - "Klinger: A Story of Hope"." This grant will fund a second printing of "Klinger" and purchase stuffed horses. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor 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.

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Detachment of Nebraska  
Detachment of New Hampshire  
Detachment of New Jersey  
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Detachment of Ohio  
Detachment of Oregon  
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Detachment of Texas  
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Detachment of Washington

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Department of Missouri  
Department of North Carolina  
Department of Virginia

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Department of Indiana  
Department of Kansas  
Department of Minnesota  
Department of New York  
Department of Ohio  
Department of Wisconsin  
Department of Wyoming

##### Eight and Forty

Departmental de California

##### Sons of The American Legion

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Detachment of Connecticut  
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Detachment of Mississippi  
Detachment of South Carolina  
Detachment of Tennessee  
Detachment of Vermont  
Detachment of Wisconsin  
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Department of New Jersey  
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##### American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of Texas  
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##### Sons of The American Legion

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Detachment of Kentucky  
Detachment of Louisiana  
Detachment of Massachusetts  
Detachment of Maine  
Detachment of North Carolina  
Detachment of Nevada  
Detachment of South Dakota  
Detachment of West Virginia

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#### Guardian (\$1,000 +)

##### The American Legion

Post 119 - Florida  
Post 145 - Florida  
Post 2007 - Illinois  
Post 24 - Mississippi  
Post 271 - Florida  
Post 28 - Florida  
Post 283 - California  
Post 284 - Florida  
Post 311 - Florida  
Post 368 - North Carolina  
Post 403 - Pennsylvania  
Post 560 - Minnesota  
District 4 - Florida

##### American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 162 - Florida  
Unit 165 - Connecticut  
Unit 25 - Florida  
Unit 274 - Florida  
Unit 275 - Florida  
Unit 316 - Florida  
Unit 323 - Florida  
Unit 69 - Florida

##### Eight and Forty

Salon 1 - California  
Salon 11 - Indiana  
Salon 2 - Michigan  
Salon 31 - Arizona  
Salon 32 - Texas  
Salon 9 - Nebraska

##### Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 - Arizona  
Squadron 10 - Virginia  
Squadron 107 - Alabama  
Squadron 107 - Arizona  
Squadron 1097 - Virginia  
Squadron 1111 - Colorado  
Squadron 117 - Arizona  
Squadron 119 - Florida  
Squadron 120 - Florida  
Squadron 122 - Oregon  
Squadron 129 - Arizona  
Squadron 129 - New Jersey  
Squadron 14 - Arizona  
Squadron 143 - Pennsylvania  
Squadron 15 - Colorado  
Squadron 155 - California  
Squadron 161 - Colorado  
Squadron 17 - Colorado  
Squadron 178 - Colorado  
Squadron 178 - South Carolina  
Squadron 1832 - New York  
Squadron 186 - South Carolina

Squadron 194 - Ohio  
 Squadron 2 - Colorado  
 Squadron 2007 - Illinois  
 Squadron 21 - Colorado  
 Squadron 216 - Michigan  
 Squadron 23 - Ohio  
 Squadron 237 - Alabama  
 Squadron 24 - Arizona  
 Squadron 24 - Colorado  
 Squadron 241 - Indiana  
 Squadron 25 - Virginia  
 Squadron 253 - Missouri  
 Squadron 26 - Arizona  
 Squadron 27 - Arizona  
 Squadron 273 - Florida  
 Squadron 275 - Florida  
 Squadron 28 - Delaware  
 Squadron 283 - Florida  
 Squadron 284 - Virginia  
 Squadron 287 - Illinois  
 Squadron 29 - Arizona  
 Squadron 291 - California  
 Squadron 316 - Florida  
 Squadron 327 - Virginia  
 Squadron 331 - Nebraska  
 Squadron 338 - New Jersey  
 Squadron 34 - South Carolina  
 Squadron 347 - Florida  
 Squadron 36 - Arizona  
 Squadron 389 - Ohio  
 Squadron 400 - Kansas  
 Squadron 42 - Wyoming  
 Squadron 44 - Arizona  
 Squadron 447 - Texas  
 Squadron 470 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 500 - Indiana  
 Squadron 525 - Michigan  
 Squadron 532 - Ohio  
 Squadron 557 - Michigan  
 Squadron 559 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 56 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 58 - Arizona  
 Squadron 62 - Ohio  
 Squadron 730 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 76 - Washington  
 Squadron 77 - North Carolina  
 Squadron 799 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 84 - Texas  
 Squadron 95 - Tennessee  
 Squadron 97 - Ohio  
 Squadron 998 - Pennsylvania  
 District 3 - Indiana  
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 District 11 - Pennsylvania  
 District 28 - California  
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(\$750 - \$999)

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(\$500 - \$749)

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 Post 111 - Oklahoma  
 Post 137 - Florida  
 Post 14 - Wyoming  
 Post 160 - Mississippi  
 Post 193 - California  
 Post 278 - New Jersey  
 Post 331 - Florida  
 Post 334 - Florida  
 Post 337 - New York  
 Post 66 - Georgia  
 Post 69 - Mississippi  
 Post 7 - New Mexico  
 Post 72 - Indiana  
 Post 73 - New Jersey  
 District 13 - Florida  
 Voiture 1593 - Mississippi

**American Legion Auxiliary**

Unit 131 - Arizona  
 Unit 136 - Florida  
 Unit 152 - Florida  
 Unit 176 - Illinois  
 Unit 219 - Florida  
 Unit 245 - Texas  
 Unit 252 - Florida  
 Unit 267 - Florida  
 Unit 309 - Florida  
 Unit 36 - Wyoming  
 Unit 432 - Pennsylvania  
 Unit 86 - Washington

**Eight and Forty**

Salon 24 - Minnesota  
 Salon 41 - Washington  
 Salon 48 - Kentucky

**Sons of The American Legion**

Squadron 1 - Colorado  
 Squadron 10 - Oregon  
 Squadron 102 - New Jersey  
 Squadron 103 - Ohio  
 Squadron 104 - Florida  
 Squadron 104 - Oregon  
 Squadron 11 - Indiana  
 Squadron 11 - Ohio  
 Squadron 111 - Colorado  
 Squadron 111 - Wisconsin  
 Squadron 112 - Mississippi  
 Squadron 119 - Colorado  
 Squadron 137 - Florida  
 Squadron 15 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 162 - Virginia  
 Squadron 180 - Oregon  
 Squadron 182 - Indiana  
 Squadron 184 - Oregon  
 Squadron 189 - Wisconsin  
 Squadron 19 - Vermont  
 Squadron 194 - New Jersey  
 Squadron 20 - Indiana  
 Squadron 230 - Indiana  
 Squadron 238 - Florida

Squadron 24 - Florida  
 Squadron 24 - Illinois  
 Squadron 251 - Georgia  
 Squadron 28 - Indiana  
 Squadron 29 - Georgia  
 Squadron 292 - Ohio  
 Squadron 3 - Vermont  
 Squadron 31 - Indiana  
 Squadron 312 - Florida  
 Squadron 312 - Missouri  
 Squadron 36 - Wyoming  
 Squadron 365 - Illinois  
 Squadron 379 - Texas  
 Squadron 39 - Arizona  
 Squadron 4 - Colorado  
 Squadron 423 - Indiana  
 Squadron 425 - Iowa  
 Squadron 481 - Wisconsin  
 Squadron 502 - Indiana  
 Squadron 512 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 54 - Washington  
 Squadron 55 - Florida  
 Squadron 550 - Michigan  
 Squadron 56 - Oregon  
 Squadron 584 - Ohio  
 Squadron 598 - Texas  
 Squadron 6 - Michigan  
 Squadron 60 - West Virginia  
 Squadron 615 - Illinois  
 Squadron 64 - Indiana  
 Squadron 66 - Arizona  
 Squadron 7 - Delaware  
 Squadron 7 - Vermont  
 Squadron 73 - Mississippi  
 Squadron 733 - Ohio  
 Squadron 75 - Oregon  
 Squadron 751 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 773 - Pennsylvania  
 Squadron 8 - Virginia  
 Squadron 81 - Kentucky  
 Squadron 84 - New Jersey  
 Squadron 88 - Illinois  
 Squadron 91 - Arizona  
 Squadron 96 - Ohio  
 Squadron 979 - Illinois  
 Squadron 984 - Pennsylvania  
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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.

**Remember...100 percent of your contribution goes to helping children.**

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.

## 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

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 provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation.

## Planned Gifts

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 gifts, you can ensure that your generosity lives on in perpetuity, both for your family, and on behalf of our nation's young people.

- ❑ **Your Will** 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.

## 2011-2012 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 Ohio**

### **GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD**

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

<b>Legion</b>	<b>Department of Ohio</b>	<b>\$40,852.72</b>
<b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>Department of Florida</b>	<b>\$22,572.90</b>
<b>SAL</b>	<b>Detachment of Arizona</b>	<b>\$77,000.22</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40</b>	<b>Departmental de California</b>	<b>\$ 3,242.74</b>

### **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
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>
Ohio	Florida	Colorado	Massachusetts
Hawaii	Connecticut	Mississippi	Alaska
Wyoming	Alabama	France	Texas
Florida	Hawaii	Nevada	California
Idaho	Washington	South Carolina	Maine
New Mexico	Idaho	Oregon	Kentucky
Kansas	Kansas	Alabama	Nebraska
Alaska	Kentucky	Wyoming	Arizona
Mississippi	Virginia	Kansas	Florida

### **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
<b>Department of Nevada</b>	<b>Department of Connecticut</b>	<b>Detachment of Mississippi</b>	<b>Departmental de Alaska</b>



## 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.

Serving with the Board of Directors is a Liaison Committee: three appointed by the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary; three appointed by the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion; and three appointed by Le Chapeau Nationale of the Eight and Forty.

### Board of Directors 2011 – 2012

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**Annual Audit**

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