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

-- Henry A. Rosso
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"
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 57th 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 Association** of Englewood, Colorado was awarded $35,250 for their project, “Family Group Decision Making Docutraining.” This grant will fund production and distribution of 3,500 Docutraining 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, 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.

**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 of Virginia Beach, Virginia was awarded $43,400 for their project, "Child Health 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.

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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Unit 86 – Washington

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Salon 24 – Illinois
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Salon 29 – Georgia
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Salon 64 – Indiana
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Salon 7 – Delaware
Salon 7 – Vermont
Salon 73 – Mississippi
Salon 733 – Ohio
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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.”
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- 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.

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(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.

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

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**MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
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