

American Legion **Child Welfare Foundation**



**Annual Report
2018**

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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 \$15 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 2018, the Board of Directors approved grants to 24 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$766,761 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2019.

I am pleased to report during the 2017 – 2018 contribution year (June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018) donations exceeded \$562,053 with over \$327,594 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 \$16.4 million to organizations to improve the lives of the children of this country.

2018 Grant Recipients

At its October 8, 2017, meeting, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$636,467 for 2018 to the twenty-eight organizations listed here:

Adoption Exchange Association of Linthicum, Maryland, was awarded \$9,192 for their project, “Every Child Deserves a Family”. This grant will provide a website to share useful information with other agencies to facilitate adoptions.

Angel Flight Soar, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded \$45,000 for their project, “Angel Flight Soars Website Revitalization and Native Pilot App” This grant will help redesign their website into a more patiently friendly website. A mobile app for the pilots will also be designed so that pilots may manage their flights better.

Art with Heart of Seattle, Washington, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, “Art with Heart as Partners in Possibility”. This project will provide therapeutic intervention to children that have suffered the loss of a parent, drug use or economic challenges. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

Arthritis Foundation, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded \$37,464 for their project, “JA Child Wellness Book”. This book will help children that have recently been diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis to better understand their disease.

Association of Birth Defects Children of Orlando, Florida, was awarded \$15,140 for their project, “Community Resource Center” This project will create a section on their website that will be the contact point for other communities to learn how to investigate concerns and collect data about children with birth defects.

Autism Speaks of New York, New York, was awarded \$31,000 for their project, “Interactive Guide to Individual Education Programs for Children on the Autism Spectrum”. This project will revamp the current Autism Speaks Guide and to include a video series highlighting experts on autism as well as adding interactive tools.

Camp Taylor, Inc. of Modesto, California, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “2017 Youth and Teen Camp Program”. This is free, three to five day, medically supervised camp for children with congenital heart defects. The camp uses 3D technologies to help kids better understand their heart condition.

Children’s Craniofacial Association of Dallas, Texas, was awarded \$32,000 for their project, “Wonder/Choose Kind”. This project will publish and print 5,000 of their “Wonder” books. The book help teach children value, empathy, and tolerance for people who are different from themselves.

CJ First Candle of New Canaan, Connecticut, was awarded \$16,440 for their project, “Safe Infant Sleep in Childcare Settings” This project will update current brochure to include new recommendations on AAP safe sleep recommendations. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Gratitude Initiative of Bryan, Texas, was awarded \$21,000 for their project, “Gratitude Initiative Promotional Video”. This project will provide resources to high school students that are military dependents, about how to apply for college. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Helping Families Cope Successfully with Brain Injury”. This project will create a Facebook ad campaign to provide comprehensive information and resources for those parents and or children who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Hope Flight Foundation- of Castro Valley, California, was awarded \$8,000 for their project, “Free Medical Flights for children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses...” This project will transport children with serious illnesses, and their families, from remote areas and fly them to the inner city hospitals for treatments. The Sons of the American Legion, Eight and Forty and the American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund of Oceanside, California, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “2017 Semper Fi Fund Kids Camp” This project will send military kids to camp whose parent/s suffer from PTSD. The camp will have fun activities along with the emotional support for the children. The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

Kansas Braille Transcription Institute of Wichita, Kansas, was awarded \$11,919 for their project, “Red Sight and Blue, I can SEE her too.” This project will provide 2,550 blind students the opportunity to learn about the American flag and the patriotic ideas behind our great nation. The Sons of the American Legion support this grant.

Kids in Danger of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$5,000 for their project, “New Material to Reach New Audiences”. This project will provide funding to update their KID Brochure, Sleep Safe Checklist and Step to Safety Magnet.

National Braille Press of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$10,370 for their project, “Free Materials to Blind Children”. This project will expose blind children to the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

PAB’s Packs of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was awarded \$15,000 for their project, "Packs of Comfort for Chronically Ill Teens." This project will provide custom designed backpacks, filled with special comfort items, to chronically ill teens in the hospital. The Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Eight and Forty support this grant.

Partnership for Food Safety Education of Arlington, VA, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Keeping Children Safe from Foodborne Illness”. This grant will provide webinars that will bring attention to food borne illnesses, while also providing helpful resources to reduce the rate of foodborne illness among children.

Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$6,250 for their project, "Raising Awareness of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children." This grant will raise awareness of sexually exploited children and provide children with tools for prevention and intervention.

Saint Francis Community Services, Inc. of Salina, Kansas, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, "Awareness of Child Sexual Human Trafficking in the Heartland". This grant will create a video on human trafficking that will show individual stories of children and how they are coerced in to that lifestyle. The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion both support 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 provide personalized songs to seriously ill children up to the age of 21 at no charge to them. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

Talking about Curing Autism of Irvine, California, was awarded \$22,070 for their project "Autism Journey Guides and Educational Materials". This grant will offer educational support to families that have children with Autism. The education materials will give insight on life changing therapies, current research and statistics, and references for support networks to improve the long-term outcome.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$55,500 for their project "2018 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 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-2018". 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 support this grant.

The JAYC Foundation of Los Angeles, California, was awarded \$50,000 for their project "Communication and Mental Health Disorders in Children involved with Law Enforcement." This grant will help bridge the gap between law enforcement and children with mental disabilities. The educational materials will teach law enforcement officers what signs to look for in mentally ill children and provide them with information on how to interact with those children.

The National Children's Cancer Society of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded \$6,715 for their project "Beyond the Cure: Preparing for life after Cancer." This grant will help children who have survived cancer and provide them with insight as to what happens next. It will also help prepare families for the long-term effects and survivorship and cancer.

The Progeria Research Foundation of Peabody, Massachusetts, was awarded \$18,331 for their project "Progeria Treatment Guidelines Handbook -2nd Edition". This grant will update the book from the 2010 version. The book will contain the most recent research and findings along with the latest recommendations of children with progeria.

The Sage Hawk Foundation of Coffeyville, Kansas was awarded \$5,076 for their project "Sage Hawk Computer Literacy Program". This grant will provide a junior scholarship to a student with the highest GPA and a laptop computer to the student with the second highest GPA.

Recent Grants

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 64th year, has awarded \$766,761 to 24 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 14, 2018, 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 2019.

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 fund 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.

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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 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.

The Lifblood 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

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(\$5,000 +)

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Department of Florida

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Detachment of Florida
Detachment of Nevada
Detachment of New York
Detachment of Ohio
Detachment of Pennsylvania
Detachment of Vermont
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Hampshire

Patron
(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

The American Legion
Department of Nevada
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Auxiliary**
Department of Kentucky
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Massachusetts
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Hampshire
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Carolina
Department of South
Carolina
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Hampshire
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Departemental de Arizona

Sons of The American Legion

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Carolina
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Detachment of Florida
Detachment of New Jersey
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The American Legion
Post 104 - Florida
Post 119 - Florida
Post 173 - Florida
Post 176 - Virginia
Post 1776 -Mississippi
Post 186 - Florida
Post 209 - Colorado
Post 217 - Pennsylvania
Post 31 - Maryland
Post 323 - Florida
Post 5 - Florida
Post 69 - Mississippi
Post 74 - Virginia
Post 998 - Pennsylvania

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 135– Florida
Unit 24 – Florida
Unit 274 – Florida
Unit 275 – Florida
Unit 323 – Florida
Unit 33 – Texas
Unit 69 – Florida
Unit 80 – Florida

**Sons of The American
Legion**
Squadron 1 - Nebraska

Squadron 103 - Colorado
Squadron 103 - Indiana
Squadron 111 - Colorado
Squadron 119 - Florida
Squadron 122 - Oregon
Squadron 15 - Colorado
Squadron 155 - California
Squadron 17 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - Colorado
Squadron 180 - Virginia
Squadron 185 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 186 - South
Carolina
Squadron 2 - Colorado
Squadron 2 - Indiana
Squadron 21 - Colorado
Squadron 222 - Louisiana
Squadron 237 - Alabama
Squadron 24 - Arizona
Squadron 25 - Virginia
Squadron 26 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 274 - Florida
Squadron 275 - Florida
Squadron 28 - Delaware
Squadron 285 - Florida
Squadron 29 - Arizona
Squadron 294 -
Massachusetts
Squadron 295 - Indiana
Squadron 331 - Nebraska
Squadron 338 - New Jersey
Squadron 437 - Indiana
Squadron 470 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 64 - Indiana
Squadron 703 - Illinois
Squadron 87 - Colorado

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(\$750 - \$999)

American Legion

Auxiliary

Unit 43 - Oregon

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District 4 – Texas
Squadron 1 – Colorado
Squadron 110 – Florida
Squadron 117 – Arizona
Squadron 24 – Florida
Squadron 28– Michigan
Squadron 34– South Carolina
Squadron 974 – Illinois

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(\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

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Post 129 – Florida
Post 145 - Florida
Post 165 - Connecticut
Post 200 - South Carolina
Post 42 - Arizona
Post 44 - New Mexico
Post 46 - Illinois
Post 70 - Maryland
Post 8 - Arizona
Post 352 - New Jersey
Post 45 - Florida

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Auxiliary

Unit 148 - Florida
Unit 152 - Florida
Unit 165 - Connecticut
Unit 178 - South Carolina
Unit 219 - Florida
Unit 252 - Florida
Unit 267 - Florida
Unit 283 - Florida
Unit 336 - Florida
Unit 347 - Florida
Unit 359 - Florida
Unit 95 – Texas

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Legion**

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Squadron 104 - Florida

Squadron 105 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 107 - Alabama
Squadron 116 - North
Carolina
Squadron 12 - Georgia
Squadron 120 - Florida
Squadron 15 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 154 - Florida
Squadron 162 - Michigan
Squadron 177 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 189 - Wisconsin
Squadron 190 - Oregon
Squadron 20 - Indiana
Squadron 208 - Texas
Squadron 208 - Louisiana
Squadron 22 - Maryland
Squadron 22 -
Massachusetts
Squadron 230 - Indiana
Squadron 252 - Nebraska
Squadron 253 - Michigan
Squadron 28 - Indiana
Squadron 284 - Virginia
Squadron 3 - West Virginia
Squadron 32 - Colorado
Squadron 323 - Florida
Squadron 413 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 516 - Oregon
Squadron 52 - Nebraska
Squadron 60 - West Virginia
Squadron 658 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 665 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 773 -
Pennsylvania
Squadron 88 - Alabama

Eight and Forty

Salon 7 – Florida

**CORNERSTONE GIFT
CLUB**

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(\$1,000 +)

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2017 – 2018 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	\$ 27,974.00
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$ 21,990.00
SAL	Detachment of Ohio	\$ 31,389.48
8 & 40	Departemental de Arizona	\$ 1,790.60

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
Kansas	Wyoming	Nevada	Arizona
Mississippi	Florida	Colorado	Florida
Nevada	Kentucky	Mississippi	Alabama
Florida	South Carolina	Wyoming	California
Delaware	North Dakota	Louisiana	Texas
France	Connecticut	Oregon	Washington
Alabama	Texas	Virginia	Kentucky
Washington	Tennessee	Alabama	Michigan
Maryland	Alabama	Vermont	Massachusetts
Virginia	Wisconsin	New Hampshire	Missouri

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 Kansas	Department of Ohio	Detachment of Louisiana	Departemental de Kentucky

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 2017 – 2018

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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.