

**NEWS RELEASE
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The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 52nd year, has awarded \$410,569 to 16 non-profit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Radisson Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday, October 15, 2006, 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 2007:

Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc. (BDRC) of Orlando, Florida was awarded \$14,753 for their project titled "Birth Defect Prevention Initiative." This grant will add The Healthy Baby Resource section to the BDRC website to provide comprehensive information on how to have a healthier baby. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Child Development Resources of Norge, Virginia was awarded \$23,368 for their project titled "Giving Children Their Best Chance." This grant will produce and post on a new web page a developmental checklist for parents of children from birth to age five. The checklist will also contain referral information to guide physicians in determining available early intervention services in their state.

Children Awaiting Parents, Inc. (CAP) of Rochester, New York was awarded \$9,329 for their project titled "The CAP Book – Enhanced." This grant will produce and distribute an enhanced CAP Book by combining print and DVD media that provides photo listings, narratives and video portraits of waiting children and successful adoptive families.

Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) of Bloomington, Indiana was awarded \$40,000 for their project titled "COTA Volunteer Resources: Web and Media Fundraising Tools." This grant will produce and distribute donor registration cards, CDs and other media templates for fundraising, organ and donor registration drives. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Diabetes Camping Association of Huntsville, Alabama was awarded \$15,500 for their project titled "Diabetes Camp Survival Manual: A Guide To Help Start or Enhance Programs for Children with Diabetes." This grant produces and distributes three hundred manuals for diabetes camps that include resources camp leaders need to ensure safe effective programs.

Huntington's Disease Society, Inc. of America of New York, New York was awarded \$18,500 for their project titled "Juvenile Huntington's Disease Handbook." This grant will produce and distribute 1,000 copies of the Juvenile HD Handbook: A Guide for Physicians, Neurologists and Other Medical Professionals. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

International Institute for Alcohol Awareness of Alexandria, Virginia was awarded \$33,078 for their project titled "Teens Drink, You Lose." This grant will develop a website to educate parents about the dangers of underage drinking and social hosting issues.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of New York, New York was awarded \$35,750 for their project titled "You Can't Catch Diabetes From A Friend." This grant will produce and distribute 4,000 copies of a ten-minute DVD that will educate children who do not have Juvenile Diabetes about the disease.

National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) of Raleigh, North Carolina was awarded \$20,000 for their project titled “Youth Voices...Grown-Up Choices!” This grant will produce and distribute 7,500 Back to School Activity Guides and SAVE Youth Violence Prevention Activity Calendars. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Autism Association (NAA) of Nixa, Missouri was awarded \$14,850 for their project titled the “NAA Autism Outreach.” This grant will produce and distribute copies of 2006 National Autism Conference DVD sets to 110 autism organizations throughout the country, providing them with current information on autism treatment and management.

National Exchange Club Foundation of Toledo, Ohio was awarded \$25,000 for their project “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Campaign.” This grant will produce educational kits, brochures and purchase space for billboards to increase awareness and educate the general public on the dangers of shaking babies. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Marfan Foundation, Inc. of Port Washington, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project titled “Children’s Educational Storybook.” This grant will produce and distribute an illustrated Children’s Educational Storybook, geared toward children under age 12, about dealing with a diagnosis of Marfan Syndrome.

National Meningitis Association of Marietta, Georgia was awarded \$40,000 for their project titled: “Helping to Educate and Lead the Public on Meningitis Education (HELP ME).” This grant will produce and distribute DVDs and teacher’s guides to members of the National Association of School Nurses in all 50 states to increase awareness about meningococcal meningitis and prevention approaches among students and parents. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Our Military Kids, Inc. of McLean, Virginia was awarded \$46,500 for their project titled “Our Military Kids Informational Materials.” This grant will produce materials that will be used for fundraising and information dissemination to support the continued expansion of Our Military Kids as a national program. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Toledo Children’s Hospital of Toledo, Ohio was awarded \$36,941 for their project titled “Injury Prevention Booklet for Children with Special Health Care Needs.” This grant will produce and distribute 30,000 “Safety Tips for Children with Special Health Care Needs” booklet and 2,000 CDs of the booklet in PDF format.

Women of Substance Ministries, Inc. of Lindenhurst, New York was awarded \$12,000 for their project titled “Development & Distribution of Background Check Handbooks.” This grant will produce and distribute a manual, teaching specific methods for identifying prior sex offenders, to include detailed instructions for researching the backgrounds of prospective employees and volunteers. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

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