

Child Welfare Foundation Awards over \$506,000 in grants

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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 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, 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.