



American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

2021-2022 Program Report



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President's Message

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation enjoyed another great year as a direct result of the combined efforts and generosity from our American 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 \$19 million dollars to nonprofit youth-oriented organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth. The grants aid 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 educate families and communities about the needs of special children across this nation.

I am pleased to report that during the 2022 calendar year CWF donations exceeded \$613,380. Over \$323,985 of that amount came from the Sons of The American Legion!

The American Legion Family continues to be the primary contributor to the success and growth of our foundation. Most of these donations have come in \$5 or \$10 at a time. 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 administrative overhead costs, including staff salaries, rent and utilities, money donated to the CWF 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 of the American Legion Child Foundation and all children throughout this great country of ours ... Thank You!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis R. Boland".

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 in the dissemination of knowledge about youth welfare research, studies, surveys or projects, and by supporting programs and activities that benefit the well-being 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.

On Oct. 15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Child Welfare Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Child Welfare 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.

To date, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded over \$19 million to organizations to improve the lives of the children of this country.



“On behalf of those families, their children and all of us here at the National Autism Association, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping us to keep our kids safe. We are giving families tools to help prevent those incidences (of wandering away from safety) from happening. Your support has had a great impact on the families that all of us serve at NAA, and it’s providing vital life-saving resources.”

– Wendy Fournier, president of the National Autism Association

The National Autism Association (NAA) has received three American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grants that have helped support the NAA's Big Red Safety Box program through the distribution of 60,000 free safety boxes to families with autistic children in the United States. The Big Red Safety Box provides tangible tools in a box that help in preventing and responding to the dangerous wandering-related incidents in the autism community.

2022 Grant Recipients

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 67th year, awarded \$639,328 in grants to 17 nonprofit organizations during the annual meeting of its board of directors held at the Indianapolis Sheraton Circle Center Hotel on Oct. 3, 2021. These grants have been awarded to support youth-serving projects which 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 2021.

Adoption Exchange Association of Linthicum, Md., was awarded \$22,780 for its project, “Every Child Deserves a Family.” This grant will provide a website to share useful information with other agencies to facilitate adoptions.

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$45,500 for its project, “American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships in the following areas: American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation, the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship, the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President Scholarship, and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$3,390 for its project, “American Legion Children and Youth Project.” The grant seeks to instill American Legion Family values in youth while teaching them about the poppy and safety. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, N.J., was awarded \$29,700 for its project, “Hope Binders.” This project will offer 12 sections of templates and resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation of Pittsburgh was awarded \$30,000 for its project, “Teach Higher for the Starz(l): Next Gen Online Resources for Child Liver Transplant Patients and their Families.” This grant seeks to create more patient and family tool kits, transplant care guides and educational videos for pediatric transplant patients that will help guide and support the patient and their family through their transplant journey. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome of Avon, Conn., was awarded \$26,500 for its project, “Reaching out: Resources for Parents with Children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.” This project seeks to print and distribute valuable resources and information that is relevant to parents and caregivers who have children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Chicago was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Mood Crew-Clinician Outreach.” This project seeks to create and distribute materials that will help parents, caregivers and health-care professionals recognize the signs when their loved one is experiencing mental health issues.

First Candle of New Canaan, Conn., was awarded \$34,965 for its project, “Education Campaign to Increase Safe Infant Sleep Practices.” This project seeks to create an educational campaign with downloadable resources that teach parents and caregivers the dangers of infants sleeping in adult beds.

Kids in Danger of Chicago was awarded \$5,000 for its project, “Safe from the Start.” This project seeks to create printed materials with information and resources for parents and caregivers about items that are potential dangers in a home.

National Braille Press of Boston was awarded \$19,000 for its project, “ReadBooks! Because Braille Matters.” This grant will fund the creation of a U.S. tactile map so that visually impaired children can learn about geography and the United States. And it will fund a braille book for a visually impaired child. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky of Lexington, Ky., was awarded \$3,193 for its project, “Project Outreach: Supporting Military Families.” This project will fund the printing and distribution of materials regarding child sexual abuse prevention.

Songs of Love Foundation of Forest Hills, N.Y., was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Songs of Love Outreach.” This grant will fund the printing and distribution of profile forms and song request forms that will help create personalized songs for seriously ill children up to the age of 21 with no charge to them. This grant will also update and maintain the website which provides detailed information on how to request a song.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$54,500 for its project, “2022 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs of The American Legion: Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year. The Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$203,500 for its program, “The American Legion National Oratorical Contest for 2022.” This grant will provide scholarships for youth competing in the 2022 American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$75,000 for its program, “The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2022.” This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to the minor child(ren) in the home of an eligible veteran or military servicemember maintain shelter, food, utilities and clothing. The American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

The National Children’s Cancer Society of Saint Louis was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Transportation Assistance Fund.” This project will update and disseminate promotional materials promoting the Transportation Assistance Fund, ensuring children with cancer have access to life-saving treatment. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Tourette Association of America of Bayside, N.Y., was awarded \$11,300 for its project, “Newly Diagnosed Backpack Program.” This grant will provide newly diagnosed children with Tourette Syndrome a backpack containing vital information and resources guide for children and parents so they can better understand their diagnosis.

The Lifeblood of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation: Our Donors

The primary source of foundation funds is contributions from individual members. Funds also come to us from American Legion posts and departments, American Legion Auxiliary units and departments, Sons of The American Legion squadrons and detachments, Eight & Forty salons and departementals, as well as national contributions from each of those organizations.

HERITAGE CIRCLE GIFT CLUB

BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$5,000 +)

The American Legion
Department of Ohio

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Georgia
Detachment of Indiana
Detachment of Kansas
Detachment of Minnesota
Detachment of New Jersey
Detachment of Texas

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Kentucky

Eight and Forthy

Department of Nebraska

PATRON LEVEL (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Alaska
Detachment of Maine

Detachment of Maryland
Detachment of Massachusetts
Detachment of Michigan
Detachment of Mississippi
Detachment of Nebraska
Detachment of New Hampshire
Detachment of New York
Detachment of West Virginia

SPONSOR LEVEL (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

The American Legion

Department of Connecticut
Department of Michigan
Department of New Hampshire
Department of South Carolina

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska
Department of New Jersey
Department of New York
Department of South Dakota
Department of Texas

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Connecticut
Detachment of Florida
Detachment of Illinois
Detachment of Iowa
Detachment of Missouri
Detachment of Montana
Detachment of Nevada
Detachment of South Carolina
Detachment of South Dakota
Detachment of Tennessee
Detachment of Vermont

CHILDREN FIRST GIFT CLUB

GUARDIAN LEVEL (\$1,000 +)

The American Legion

Post 1 – Alaska
Post 1 – Florida
Post 119 – Florida
Post 323 – Florida
Post 8 – Kentucky
Post 24 – Mississippi
Post 572 – Ohio
Post 791 – Pennsylvania
Post 178 – South Carolina
Post 200 – South Carolina
Post 243 – Texas
Post 521 – Texas

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 165 – Connecticut
Unit 103 – Florida
Unit 110 – Florida
Unit 275 – Florida
Unit 347 – Florida
Unit 69 – Florida
Unit 80 – Florida
Unit 311 – Minnesota
Unit 560 – Minnesota

American Legion Riders

Chapter 110 – Florida

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 237 – Alabama
Squadron 107 – Arizona
Squadron 34 – Arizona
Squadron 36 – Arizona
Squadron 62 – Arizona
Squadron 91 – Arizona
Squadron 155 – California
Squadron 283 – California
Squadron 103 – Colorado
Squadron 32 – Colorado
Squadron 1111 – Colorado
Squadron 15 – Colorado

Squadron 178 – Colorado
Squadron 2 – Colorado
Squadron 209 – Colorado
Squadron 211 – Colorado
Squadron 28 – Delaware
Squadron 103 – Florida
Squadron 119 – Florida
Squadron 323 – Florida
Squadron 347 – Florida
Squadron 172 – Georgia
Squadron 29 – Georgia
District 2 – Illinois
Squadron 42 – Illinois
Squadron 703 – Illinois
Squadron 295 – Indiana
Squadron 31 – Indiana
Squadron 331 – Indiana
Squadron 341 – Indiana
Squadron 42 – Indiana
Squadron 47 – Indiana
Squadron 500 – Indiana
Squadron 97 – Indiana
Squadron 145 – Louisiana
Squadron 208 – Louisiana
Squadron 222 – Louisiana
Squadron 19 – Maryland
Squadron 28 – Michigan
Squadron 428 – Minnesota
Squadron 1990 – Mississippi
Squadron 30 – Nevada
Squadron 7 – New Hampshire
Squadron 524 – New Jersey
Squadron 116 – North Carolina
Squadron 77 – North Carolina
Squadron 82 – North Carolina
Squadron 283 – Ohio
Squadron 28 – Oregon
Squadron 83 – Oregon
District 17 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 177 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 329 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 34 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 350 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 365 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 474 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 534 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 665 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 730 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 799 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 186 – South Carolina
Squadron 243 – Texas

Squadron 447 – Texas
Squadron 573 – Texas
Squadron 19 – Vermont
Squadron 1 – Vermont
Squadron 284 – Virginia
Squadron 327 – Virginia
Squadron 27 – Vermont
Squadron 28 – Wyoming
Squadron 42 – Wyoming

ADVOCATE LEVEL (\$750 - \$999)

The American Legion

Post 75 – California
Post 90 – Florida
Post 44 – New Mexico
Post 82 – North Carolina
Post 109 – Pennsylvania
District 20 – Texas
Post 7 – Washington

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 44 – Arizona
Squadron 911 – Illinois
Squadron 320 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 7 – Vermont

Eight and Forty

Salon 164 – Arizona
Salon 92 – Nebraska

CARETAKER LEVEL (\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

Post 133 – Alabama
Post 28 – Alaska
Post 8 – Arizona
Post 509 – California
Post 2 – Colorado
Post 137 – Florida
Post 166 – Florida
Post 321 – Florida
Post 178 – Georgia
Post 124 – Idaho
Post 70 – Maryland
Post 311 – Minnesota
Post 428 – Minnesota
Post 316 – New York
Post 429 – New York
Post 637 – New York

Post 192 – Pennsylvania
Post 234 – Pennsylvania
Post 272 – Pennsylvania
Post 113 – Virginia
Post 1836 – Virginia

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 107 – Arizona
Unit 152 – Florida
Unit 186 – Florida
Unit 24 – Florida
Unit 252 – Florida
Unit 193 – Massachusetts
Unit 428 – Minnesota
Unit 172 – Minnesota
Unit 186 – South Carolina
Unit 50 – Vermont

American Legion Riders

Chapter 91 – Arizona
Chapter 102 – Indiana
Chapter 3 – Nebraska

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 153 – Alabama
Squadron 24 – Arizona
Squadron 39 – Arizona
Squadron 61 – Arizona
Squadron 4 – Arizona
Squadron 82 – California
Squadron 1985 – Colorado
Squadron 1 – Colorado
Squadron 177 – Connecticut
Squadron 136 – Florida
Squadron 159 – Florida
Squadron 219 – Florida
Squadron 336 – Florida
District 5 – Georgia
Squadron 12 – Georgia
Squadron 28 – Illinois
Squadron 20 – Indiana
Squadron 241 – Iowa
Squadron 40 – Massachusetts
Squadron 253 – Michigan
District 3 – Minnesota
Squadron 595 – Minnesota
Squadron 9 – Minnesota
Squadron 58 – Missouri
Squadron 112 – Nebraska
Squadron 149 – Nevada
Squadron 72 – New Hampshire
Squadron 8 – New Hampshire
Squadron 174 – New Jersey

Squadron 348 – New Jersey
 Squadron 88 – Ohio
 Squadron 158 – Oregon
 Squadron 180 – Oregon
 Squadron 185 – Pennsylvania
 District 15 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 40 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 44 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 998 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 46 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 461 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 470 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 516 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 517 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 559 – Pennsylvania

Squadron 221 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 644 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 662 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 751 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 773 – Pennsylvania
 Squadron 34 – South Carolina
 Squadron 43 – South Carolina
 Squadron 120 – Tennessee
 Squadron 231 – Texas
 Squadron 453 – Texas
 Squadron 321 – Texas
 Squadron 368 – Texas
 District 4 – Texas
 District 5 – Texas
 Squadron 36 – Vermont

Squadron 3 – Vermont
 Squadron 67 – Vermont
 Squadron 91 – Vermont
 Squadron 10 – Virginia
 Squadron 130 – Virginia
 Squadron 25 – Virginia
 Squadron 293 – Virginia

Eight and Forty
 Salon 456 – California

CORNERSTONE GIFT CLUB

FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS (\$1,000 +)

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 Mark Harambasic
 Michael Hayward
 Autrey James
 George Lanning
 Emily and William Mote
 Laura Piscetta
 Clifford Smith
 George Snyder
 Gary Weaver
 Virginia & Willie Williams
 Don Zajic

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE (\$500 - \$999)

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 David Blair
 Dianne Boland
 Myron Dawson
 Robert & Patricia Edwards
 George Fleming Jr.
 Jason Gelwicks
 Donald Graham
 Shawn Horton
 Kevin Logan
 Dolores Pellerin
 David Roll

Dean Staknys
 Paul Woodyard

FOUNDATION PARTNERS (\$250 - \$499)

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 William F. Brinley
 Kent Cole
 Noel Epke
 Alyssa Jimenez
 Norris Kiern
 Matthew & Marri Krupco
 Mark & Lisa Natale
 Sam Odom
 Michelle Pentecost
 Debra Stratton
 Michael Theriault
 Harold Thompson Jr.
 Lawrence & Ruth Wade
 George Weaver
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 Layne Construction

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 Dan Benes
 John Bishop
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 Peter Bozzelli
 Ron Bradstreet

Theresa Bradt
 Edward Bryant
 Robert & Patricia Cadreau
 Balance Casey
 Michael Cotton
 Terence Coyne
 Frederick Craigie
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 PNC Daniel & Margaret Dellinger
 Clyde and Valentina Drumheller
 Dorinda Emberton
 Charles Ervin
 Doug Evans
 Thomas & Victoria Fernlund
 Richard & Cary Fisher
 Michael Foote
 Miguel Garcia
 Kat Giroux
 Beverly Glover
 Laura Gold
 David Graham
 Erin Grotheer
 Melody Hagler
 Daryl Harrison
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 Bryan Hine
 David Horn
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James Martin
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Janelle Mendelson
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Donald & Margery Suchy
PNC Bruce & Graetian Thiesen
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“Thank you so much for this generous donation and interests in helping kids because we have found creative arts therapy is a great way of helping our patients, more than just their physical needs but really thinking about a person holistically. Thank you for allowing us to provide this kind of care.”

- Kaitlin Knapp, clinical programs manager at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital

The Child Welfare Foundation provided a \$6,714 grant to the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation in Indianapolis to support its **Peyton Manning Children's Hospital** healing arts program. The healing arts program launched hospital wide in late 2017 to provide holistic care to patients of all ages.

2021-22 Foundation Award Winners

U.S. "UDIE" GRANT LEGACY AWARD

Presented to the top American Legion department nationally

(Based upon a combined total of donations from The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and the Eight and Forty.)

The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania **\$55,314.86**

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD

Presented to the most active American Legion department, American Legion Auxiliary department, Sons of The American Legion detachment, and Eight & Forty departmental in the nation.

The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania **\$15,615**

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida **\$13,690**

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Pennsylvania **\$38,798**

Eight & Forty Departemental de Arizona **\$2,666**

EXCELLENCE AWARD

A national award presented to the top 10 departments, detachments or departmental within each organization with the highest per capita (per member) contribution average.

American Legion departments	American Legion Auxiliary departments	Sons of The American Legion detachments	Eight & Forty departmentals
Alaska – \$.40	Kentucky – \$1.19	Nevada – \$11.93	Nebraska – \$21.12
Mississippi – \$.24	Wyoming – \$.76	Mississippi – \$7.01	Arizona – \$20.35
South Carolina – \$.23	Oklahoma – \$.46	Hawaii – \$6.94	Florida – \$7.68
Hawaii – \$.20	Massachusetts – \$.38	Louisiana – \$2.28	Oregon – \$6.58
Virginia – \$18	Vermont – \$.37	Alaska – \$2.16	California – \$7.22
Wyoming – \$.17	Florida – \$.35	Georgia – \$1.79	Texas – \$4.03
Ohio – \$.16	Connecticut – \$.34	Texas – \$1.79	Michigan – \$5.27
Vermont – \$.15	Washington – \$.28	Tennessee – \$1.72	Connecticut – \$3.31
Alabama – \$.13	Alaska – \$.27	West Virginia – \$1.58	Idaho – \$2.50
Pennsylvania – \$.13	Minnesota – \$.26	Idaho – \$1.49	Ohio – \$2.40

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A national award presented to the top department, detachment or departmental within each organization experiencing the highest increase in per capita giving.

American Legion department	American Legion Auxiliary department	Sons of The American Legion detachment	Eight & Forty departmental
Alaska 32%	Kentucky 1.19%	Hawaii 14.94%	Nebraska 1712%



“The energy behind a book, the memories, the connections ... that’s what we’re all about. What’s special about what you all are doing is you’re providing the books for those servicemembers.”

- Kara Dallman, senior director of Development and Strategic Alliances at United Through Reading.

Child welfare Foundation grant recipient **United Through Reading** has connected military families who are separated for deployment or military assignment for the past 30 years by providing a bonding experience of shared story time. United Through Reading allows servicemembers to be video recorded at one of the 200 United Through Reading Story Stations around the world reading a storybook aloud to their child.

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 for an individual to recognize someone who has made a difference in their 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 charitable planned giving, one may ensure that their generosity lives in perpetuity, for their family and on behalf of our nation’s young people.

Wills

After providing for the needs of their loved ones, an individual may choose one of several ways to benefit the foundation. One may use their will to make a gift of a dollar amount or bequeath a specific property or a percentage of their estate.

Life Insurance

One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is for an individual 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 the foundation be designated, there are important tax savings for which the irrevocable owner and beneficiary are entitled.

Each personal financial situation is unique. An individual should discuss estate plans with their family and their financial and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.

Board of Directors and Staff

The foundation, though created by The American Legion, is 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

2021-22

President	Dennis R. Boland	American Legion Department of Florida
Vice President	Peggy Moon	American Legion Department of Minnesota
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Appointed Staff

2021 -22

Assistant Treasurer	Shawn Long	American Legion National Headquarters
Executive Secretary	Stacy Cope	American Legion National Headquarters



“Our mission is to provide adoption assistance grants to bring the most vulnerable children into permanent, loving families and really changing the trajectory of their lives. A donation to a Gift of Adoption really does change a child’s life forever.”

– Julie Pendell, chief development officer at Gift of Adoption Fund.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided grants to **Gift of Adoption** of Northbrook, Ill. In its 25-year history, Gift of Adoption has provided over \$11 million in grants to unite more than 3,800 children with permanent families.

THANK YOU!

The Board of Directors of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has heartfelt appreciation for all foundation donors for their kind and generous support. Charitable gifts make an important difference in the lives of children across America. All contributions are tax deductible. Every gift received is acknowledged by official receipt and accurate records are kept according to state, organization, and donor. All contributions are acknowledged by the foundation regardless of the amount.

The foundation appreciates The American Legion for generously taking care of overhead costs. As a result, 100 percent of the money donated is deposited into the trust fund to be used for grants. Few, if any, other foundations can make this claim.

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