

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



Annual Report - 2008

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

-- Henry A. Rosso

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has enjoyed a strong year – due directly to the combined efforts of our Legion family. While our final total, reflects the economic downturn our nation has experienced, showing a 10 percent decrease in contributions over last year. Without your demonstrated caring and support this decrease would have been much greater.

In 1954, The American Legion allowed the separate incorporation of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Since then, the Foundation has granted nearly \$10 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 2008, the Board of Directors approved grants to 18 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$639,695 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2009.

I am pleased to report during the 2008-2009 Contribution Year, donations exceeded \$631,507 with over \$339,727 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, it 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 \$9.8 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"

2008 Grant Recipients



American Legion Children's Home of Ponca City, Oklahoma was awarded \$64,000 for their project titled "American

Legion Children's Home National Awareness Initiative." This grant will support a national campaign to raise awareness and funds for the children's home. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

The American Legion Children's Home was established in 1928 as an orphanage for children of veterans who could not provide care for their young. The land, as well as the funds for the first dormitory, were donated by E.W. Marland, Conoco Oil man and past Governor of Oklahoma. The facility now serves as a Home to 62 children, ages 11 - 18.

Over the past 80 years we have served children from a wide variety of backgrounds with very diverse needs caused by loss of family, depravity, abuse or neglect. Since opening in 1928, the Home has served approximately 8,000 children and still stands as the one and only American Legion Children's Home in our nation.

For more information: www.americanlegionchildrenshome.org

American Humane Association of Englewood, Colorado was awarded \$24,879 for their project titled "Exploring Differential Response." This grant will produce and distribute 7,500 copies of the *Protecting Children* journal. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.



Founded in 1877, the American Humane Association is the only national organization dedicated to protecting both children and animals. Through a network of child and animal protection agencies and individuals, American Humane provides national leadership in developing policies, legislation, curricula and training programs -- and taking actions -- to protect children and animals from cruelty, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

For more information: www.americanhumane.org



Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, Inc. of McHenry, Illinois was awarded \$24,351 for their project titled "Mentoring Answer Book." This grant will produce and distribute the *Parents Handbook* to 2,034 mentoring agencies throughout

the nation. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, Inc., is located in the 3rd fastest growing county in Illinois. The organization served 549 children last year and hopes to continue serving even more children in the future. Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County is community supported and is viewed throughout the area as a premier agency in the youth development field.

The organization accomplishes this through education and service activities emphasizing experience-sharing relationships between youth and adults.

For more information: www.bbbsmchenry.org

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, New Jersey was awarded \$42,000 for their project titled "Hope Binders." This grant will distribute templates and support materials to 140 pediatric oncology hospitals throughout the United States to help families begin to feel some degree of control over devastating circumstances.



The Childhood Leukemia Foundation is a national non-profit organization that offers a wide range of services at no charge to children living with cancer and their families. Our goal is to make sure children battling cancer know they are not alone. All of our programs have been designed to: Educate and entertain, provide a sense of physical normalcy and help raise self esteem, encourage physical participation and therapeutic play, maintain a communications lifeline and provide care management tools.

For more information: www.clf4kids.org



Children's Hunger Alliance of Columbus, Ohio was awarded \$20,000 for their project titled "CARES Project." This grant distributes two hundred CARE kits to family childcare providers nationwide to provide children with quality early learning experiences.

Children's Hunger Alliance is the statewide nonprofit organization committed to breaking the cycle of childhood hunger in Ohio.

For more information: www.childrenshungeralliance.org/



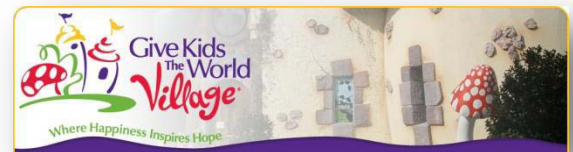
Family & Children's Service of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$40,000 for their project titled "Family Strengths Toolkit." This grant will produce and distribute a fun, interactive printed publication that will provide children and families with opportunities to spend time together while learning what makes them strong as a family.

Family & Children's Service is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities. For more than 130 years, our organization has given help and hope to more than one million people. Over 600 volunteers help support our mission of building

strong families, vital communities and capable children.

For more information: www.everyfamilymatters.org/

Give Kids The World of Kissimmee, Florida was awarded \$14,700 for their project titled "Dream & Go Guides: Handbooks for Happiness." This grant will produce and distribute Dream & Go Guides to ensure that the one-week stay of children with life-threatening illnesses and their families is the vacation of a lifetime that provides joy and memories that endure long term.



Give Kids The World is a non-profit organization that exists only to fulfill the wishes of all children with life-threatening illnesses and their families from around the world to experience a memorable, joyful, cost-free visit to the Central Florida attractions, and to enjoy the magic of Give Kids The World Village for as long as there is a need.

Countless smiles, endless laughter... and a week full of dreams come true. Each day, Give Kids The World lives by this mission and has made a promise to never turn a child away. The Village was built through the selfless commitment and generous spirit of individuals and corporations who wanted to make a difference in the life of a child. Since 1986, more than 93,000 children have had their dream come true at Give Kids The World. No child in need has ever been turned away – and no child ever will. Give Kids The World is a place where families find joy, laughter, serenity, and a lifetime of memories. Through the tireless support of our volunteers, employees and generous partners, we dedicate each and every day to these special families.

For more information: www.gktw.org



Kids In Danger of Chicago, Illinois was awarded \$16,400 for their project titled "Safe from the Start." This grant will produce and distribute child safety materials (brochures, checklists and newsletters) to health care professionals, childcare providers and parents nationwide.

Kids In Danger (KID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety.

KID was founded in 1998 by the parents of sixteen-month-old Danny Keysar who died in his Chicago childcare home when a portable crib collapsed around his neck.

For more information: www.KidsInDanger.org

Mercy Medical Airlift of Virginia Beach, Virginia was awarded \$43,000 for their project titled "Child Health Program." This grant will develop and modernize five websites providing information to the public and the pediatric medical world regarding available charitable air transportation. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Mercy Medical Airlift (MMA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in situations of compelling human need through the provision of charitable air transportation. MMA is totally supported through charitable giving and the services of volunteer pilots and office assistants. MMA manages and coordinates large-scale charitable air medical transportation programs for individuals, often children, who need access to medical research centers and disease-specific treatment programs. MMA operates a free, long-distance, ambulatory outpatient transport service for individuals in medical and financial crisis.

For more information: www.mercymedical.org

National Ability Center of Park City, Utah was awarded \$9,600 for their project titled the "Summer Camp Brochures." This grant will produce 12,000 brochures to educate parents of the quality summer camps and year-round programs designed to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

The National Ability Center is committed to the development of lifetime skills for people of all ages and abilities by providing affordable outdoor sports and recreational experiences in a nurturing environment.

The objective of these experiences is to build self-esteem, confidence and physical development, thereby enhancing active participation in all aspects of community life. As a national role model, the Center promotes the concept of ability through integration, public awareness and education.

Founded in 1985, the National Ability Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Programs are supported through special events, grants from private corporations and foundations, individual donations and program fees. All activities are offered at an affordable rate and scholarships are available, ensuring participation for all applicants.

For more information: www.discovernac.org



National Autism Center of Randolph, Massachusetts was awarded \$39,150 for their project "Implementing Evidence-based Educational Interventions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in School Settings." This grant will produce a publication targeted to provide school systems with a tool to enable them to more

effectively serve students with ASD within their school systems.

The National Autism Center is dedicated to serving children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) by providing reliable information, promoting best practices, and offering comprehensive resources for families, practitioners, and communities.

The National Autism Center has completed an unprecedented multi-year project-the National Standards Project- to establish a set of standards for effective, research-validated educational and behavioral interventions for children on the spectrum. These standards identify treatments that effectively target the core symptoms of ASD. The resulting National Standards Report is the most comprehensive analysis available to date about treatments for children and adolescents with ASD. It is a single, authoritative source of guidance for parents, caregivers, and service providers as they make informed treatment decisions.

For more information: www.nationalautismcenter.org

National Exercise Trainers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$25,870 for their project titled "Fitness for Today's Youth." This grant will produce and distribute manuals and journals through schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCAs to educate, motivate and reinforce the concept of healthy, active lifestyles.

NETA: National Exercise Trainers Association Since its founding in 1977, NETA (formerly known as NDEITA) has certified over 120,000 fitness professionals and is recognized as a leader in the fitness industry. NETA offers certification and continuing education workshops in Group Exercise, Personal Training, Pilates, and Yoga. NETA Certifications are recognized at over 18,000 fitness facilities across the US.

For more information: www.netafit.org



National Exchange Club Foundation of Toledo, Ohio was awarded \$39,866 for their project titled: "Believe in the Blue Campaign." This grant will produce and distribute materials designed to provide families across the nation with tips on positive parenting.

The National Exchange Club Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of children, families and our communities through its national project, the prevention of child abuse. The NEC Foundation's most successful method of countering abuse is by working directly with parents through the parent aide program. The NEC Foundation coordinates a nationwide network of nearly 100 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers who utilize the parent aide program and provide support to families at-risk for abuse. To date, the NEC Foundation and its Exchange Club Centers have helped more than 140,000 children and 100,000 families eliminate child abuse in their daily lives.

For more information: www.preventchildabuse.com and www.nationalexchangeclub.org



National Indian Child Welfare Association of Portland, Oregon was awarded \$24,625 for their project titled: "Ensuring the Seventh Generation: Youth Suicide Prevention Toolkit." This grant will produce and distribute toolkits to guide tribal child welfare workers and programs throughout the United States in implementing early suicide prevention and intervention methods. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is a national voice for American Indian children and families. We are the most comprehensive source of information on American Indian child welfare and the only national American Indian organization focused specifically on the tribal capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect.

NICWA is a private, non-profit, membership organization based in Portland, Oregon. Our members include tribes, individuals—both Indian and non-Indian—and private organizations from around the United States concerned with American Indian child and family issues. Our board of directors is made up of 26 American Indians, and we have a staff of 24, most of whom are American Indians. Together, our partners, board, and staff work to protect the most vital resource of American Indian people—our children.

For more information: www.nicwa.org

National Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project titled: "Marfan Teen Space." This grant will produce an online teen community space on the organization's website that will provide a safe place for teens with Marfan Syndrome to network and provide teen-specific information on Marfan syndrome.



Founded in 1981, The National Marfan Foundation (NMF) is dedicated to saving lives, and improving the quality of life for individuals and families affected by the Marfan syndrome and related disorders. Together with their National Volunteer Network, including Chapters, Support Groups and other local contacts, NMF disseminates accurate information, provides support and fosters research.

For more information: www.marfan.org/

Our Military Kids, Inc. of McLean, Virginia was awarded \$33,800 for their project titled "Our Military Kids Informational Materials Phase II." This grant will produce a quarterly newsletter and develop a user-friendly website to assist in making essential extracurricular activities, including tutoring, available to the school-aged children of deployed and severely injured Reserve and National Guard personnel. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



The mission of Our Military Kids, Inc. is to ensure that the children of deployed and severely injured Reserve and National Guard personnel can afford to participate in activities such as youth sports, fine arts and tutoring programs that are so

important in their young lives during this stressful time. Deployed Reserve and National Guard parents are making enormous sacrifices for our country. Our Military Kids, Inc. is dedicated to minimizing the sacrifices their children must make here at home.

For more information: www.ourmilitarykids.org/

TechMission of Dorchester, Massachusetts was awarded \$5,000 for their project titled "Safe Families." This grant will produce and distribute 50,000 copies of parental control software and provide online safety manuals and resources to 1 million visitors through their website. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.



Our vision for the next 10 years is to provide hundreds of millions of dollars worth of resources to ministries serving the poor by providing urban ministry resources and training to tens of millions of web visitors, placing millions of volunteers, equipping tens of thousands of urban ministry students and placing thousands of interns. By doing this, we can transform communities by connecting millions of people to the poor.

For more information: www.techmission.org



ZERO TO THREE of Washington, DC was awarded \$38,459 for their project titled "Coming Together Around Military Families." This grant will produce books, flyers and kits to provide professionals with strategies and resources to support the unique needs of military families with young children. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

ZERO TO THREE is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

For more information: www.zerotothree.org

Recent Grants

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 54th year, has awarded \$639,695 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 12, 2008, 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 2009:

American Humane Association of Englewood, CO was awarded \$7,020 for their project "A Plan for Tyrone." This grant will produce and distribute nationwide the first children's book about FGC that is designed to aid child care professionals and families protect children from abuse and neglect.

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America of Washington, DC was awarded \$14,351 for their project "Exercise-Induced Asthma Educational Program." This grant will produce and distribute CDs that will help ensure that children with asthma can exercise, stay healthy and improve their quality of life. The Eight & Forty sponsor this grant.

Caring Kids Television of Dana Point, CA was awarded \$45,000 for their project "Dewey's Teacher's Kits." This grant will produce and distribute teacher's kits that work in conjunction with the PBS program *The Doo-it Show*. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation of Wilmette, IL was awarded \$40,000 for their project "Website Redesign and Integration." This grant will produce a website that will provide knowledge and support to families, children and teens living with bipolar, depression or related conditions.

Children's Organ Transplant Association of Bloomington, IN was awarded \$40,000 for their project "Miracle Makers: COTA Volunteers in Action." This grant will provide opportunities for COTA patients across the country to raise awareness of the need for more organ and tissue donors. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America of New York, NY was awarded \$30,000 for their project "IBD Activity Book for Children." This grant will produce and distribute an activity book for children ages 8-13. This book will help children learn about inflammatory bowel disease and provide strategies to help them face and overcome mental health challenges.

Huntington's Disease Society of America of New York, NY was awarded \$38,000 for their project "Comprehensive Resource Guide for Families of Children Affected by Juvenile Onset HD." This grant will produce and distribute a resource directory outlining programs and services available to children affected by JHD on the federal, state and community levels.

KidsPeace of Orefield, PA was awarded \$57,610 for their project "Improving Foster Care for America's Kids: KidsPeace's Radio Public Service Campaign." This grant will produce a radio public service awareness campaign to be aired in local communities throughout the US where KidsPeace has established foster care services. The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Autism Association of Nixa, MO was awarded \$15,000 for their project "Autism Outreach." This grant will produce and distribute outreach materials to local and state autism organizations to enable families affected by autism to access current information on autism intervention and medical care. The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National CASA Association of Seattle, WA was awarded \$46,915 for their project "Forgotten Children Event Toolkit." This grant will enable National CASA to produce and distribute a toolkit that will help local CASA programs produce the Forgotten Children project in their communities.

National Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, NY was awarded \$25,000 for their project "Marfan Syndrome: A Reference for Teachers." This grant will produce a reference guide for teachers that will be distributed nationally through their resource center, specialty medical clinics and their volunteer network comprised of families affected by Marfan Syndrome.

National Organization for Youth Safety of Gainesville, VA was awarded \$58,250 for their project "Makin' Noise for Youth Traffic Safety." This grant will produce and distribute nationally traffic safety lesson plans, posters and calendars for youth and educators.

Organization for Autism Research of Arlington, VA was awarded \$40,980 for their project "An Autism Guide for Military Families." This grant will produce a web-based resource and written guidebook that will inform military parents about autism and provide information about military healthcare, schools, educational resources and other supports in or near military installations.

Our Military Kids, Inc. of McLean, Virginia was awarded \$48,800 for their project "Our Military Kids Informational Materials Phase III." This grant will produce a newsletter that will be sent to program supporters, Pentagon officials and members of Congress, and an anniversary yearbook and keepsake package that will be distributed nationally to "military kids." The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

The Progeria Research Foundation of Peabody, MA was awarded \$15,680 for their project "Progeria Medical Assistance Packet." This grant will produce a medical assistance packet that will be distributed to patients and physicians throughout the World.

RAND Corporation of Santa Monica, CA, was awarded \$10,089 for their project "Dissemination of CBITS Adaptions Manual and Implementation Guidelines." This grant will produce and distribute through school districts implementation guides for conducting Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools and adaption manuals for youth in foster care.

Reach Out and Read of Boston, MA was awarded \$57,000 for their project "ReachOut and Read in the Military Initiative." This grant will produce and distribute specialized tools and resources to support early literacy development of young children in military families. The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

ZERO TO THREE of Washington, DC was awarded \$50,000 for their project titled "Coming Together Around Military Families." This grant will produce books, flyers and kits to provide professionals with strategies and resources to support the unique needs of military families with young children. The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion sponsor 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 Eight & Forty, and the Sons of The American Legion.

HERITAGE CIRCLE GIFT CLUB

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Department of Ohio

American Legion Auxiliary

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Detachment of New Jersey
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Detachment of Ohio
Detachment of Oregon
Detachment of Pennsylvania
Detachment of Texas
Detachment of Vermont
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(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

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American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of California
Department of Nebraska
Department of Ohio
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Eight and Forty

Departmental de Michigan

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Detachment of Maine
Detachment of Minnesota
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(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

The American Legion

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Department of Hawaii
Department of Idaho
Department of Kansas
Department of Louisiana
Department of Maine
Department of Michigan
Department of Mississippi
Department of New Hampshire
Department of New Jersey
Department of Pennsylvania
Department of Virginia

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona
Department of Connecticut
Department of Georgia
Department of Kentucky
Department of Michigan
Department of Minnesota
Department of Missouri
Department of New Hampshire
Department of New Mexico
Department of Wyoming

Eight and Forty

Departmental de Arizona
Departmental de California
Departmental de Florida
Departmental de Indiana
Departmental de Massachusetts

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Alaska
Detachment of Alabama
Detachment of Arkansas
Detachment of Connecticut
Detachment of Delaware
Detachment of France
Detachment of Georgia
Detachment of Kentucky
Detachment of Louisiana
Detachment of Missouri
Detachment of New Hampshire
Detachment of Tennessee
Detachment of Utah
Detachment of Wisconsin

CHILDREN FIRST GIFT CLUB

Guardian

(\$1,000 +)

The American Legion

Post 132 - Maine
Post 135 - Florida
Post 145 - Florida
Post 21 - Maine
Post 24 - Mississippi
Post 208 - Florida
Post 240 - Florida Legion Riders
Post 284 - Florida

Post 356 - Florida
Post 44 - New Mexico
Post 566 - Ohio
Post 90 - New Mexico
District 1 - Louisiana
District 6 - Ohio
Help Corporation

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 129 - Florida
Unit 135 - Florida
Unit 187 - Illinois
Unit 274 - Florida
Unit 275 - Florida
Unit 323 - Florida
Unit 439 - Texas

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 - Arizona
Squadron 10 - Virginia
Squadron 107 - Arizona
Squadron 1111 - Colorado
Squadron 129 - Arizona
Squadron 143 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 143 - Nebraska
Squadron 146 - Virginia
Squadron 15 - Colorado
Squadron 155 - California
Squadron 161 - Colorado
Squadron 164 - Ohio
Squadron 17 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - Ohio
Squadron 180 - Virginia
Squadron 181 - Ohio
Squadron 1832 - New York
Squadron 194 - Ohio
Squadron 1992 - Colorado
Squadron 21 - Colorado
Squadron 214 - Ohio
Squadron 216 - Michigan
Squadron 23 - Colorado
Squadron 24 - Arizona
Squadron 24 - Kansas
Squadron 255 - Alabama
Squadron 26 - Arizona
Squadron 27 - Arizona
Squadron 27 - Arizona Legion Riders
Squadron 28 - Delaware
Squadron 283 - Florida
Squadron 29 - Arizona
Squadron 29 - Ohio
Squadron 291 - California
Squadron 327 - Virginia
Squadron 338 - New Jersey
Squadron 346 - New Jersey
Squadron 36 - Arizona
Squadron 36 - Vermont
Squadron 365 - Illinois
Squadron 37 - Iowa
Squadron 39 - Arizona
Squadron 447 - Texas
Squadron 532 - Ohio
Squadron 54 - Colorado
Squadron 54 - Washington
Squadron 557 - Michigan
Squadron 56 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 58 - Arizona

Squadron 615 – Ohio
Squadron 730 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 76 – Washington
Squadron 96 – Texas
Squadron 97 – Ohio
District 4 – Texas
District 5 – Kansas
District 6 – Indiana
District 7 – Kansas
SAL PDC - Ohio

Advocate

(\$750 - \$999)

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 10 – Colorado
Squadron 102 – New Jersey
Squadron 104 – Oregon
Squadron 113 – New Jersey
Squadron 116 – Oregon
Squadron 1830 – New York
Squadron 218 – Missouri
Squadron 328 – California
Squadron 453 – Texas
Squadron 466 – California
Squadron 550 – Michigan
Squadron 568 – Michigan
Squadron 68 – Kansas
Squadron 81 – Kentucky
Squadron 84 – New Jersey
District 1 - Ohio

Caretaker

(\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

Post 119 – Florida
Post 149 – Michigan
Post 219 - Florida
Post 271 – Florida
Post 278 – New Jersey
Post 334 – Florida
Post 7 – New Mexico

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 104 – Florida
Unit 152 – Florida
Unit 155 – Florida
Unit 165 – Connecticut
Unit 176 – Illinois
Unit 18 – Wisconsin
Unit 219 – Florida
Unit 245 – Texas
Unit 271 – Florida
Unit 284 – Florida
Unit 306 – Wisconsin
Unit 33 – Texas
Unit 55 – Florida
Unit 57 – Florida
Unit 575 – Texas
Unit 6 - Wyoming
Unit 8 – Florida
Unit 80 – Florida
Unit 91 – Wisconsin
District 29 - California

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 – Colorado
Squadron 109 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 1097 – Virginia
Squadron 112 – Georgia
Squadron 113 – Kentucky
Squadron 12 – Arizona
Squadron 122 – Oregon
Squadron 122 – Washington

Squadron 129 – Wisconsin
Squadron 130 – Maryland
Squadron 132 – Minnesota
Squadron 137 – Florida
Squadron 137 – Washington
Squadron 14 – Arizona
Squadron 142 – Ohio
Squadron 15 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 158 – Maine
Squadron 163 – Washington
Squadron 175 – New Jersey
Squadron 183 – Maryland
Squadron 183 – Ohio
Squadron 183 – Washington
Squadron 186 – South Carolina
Squadron 19 – Vermont
Squadron 191 – Maryland
Squadron 193 – Colorado
Squadron 1985 – Colorado
Squadron 199 – Ohio
Squadron 2 – Virginia
Squadron 211 – Colorado
Squadron 274 – Florida
Squadron 284 – Virginia
Squadron 286 – Florida
Squadron 29 – Virginia
Squadron 304 – Florida
Squadron 323 – Florida
Squadron 329 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 347 – Nebraska
Squadron 35 – Arizona
Squadron 352 – New Jersey
Squadron 365 – Michigan
Squadron 379 – Texas
Squadron 4 – Colorado
Squadron 420 – New York
Squadron 428 – Minnesota
Squadron 434 – California
Squadron 471 – Ohio
Squadron 49 – Michigan
Squadron 513 – Ohio
Squadron 516 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 522 – Texas
Squadron 55 – Florida
Squadron 56 – Oregon
Squadron 564 – California
Squadron 566 – Ohio
Squadron 58 – Ohio
Squadron 584 – Ohio
Squadron 59 – Vermont
Squadron 594 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 6 – Michigan
Squadron 60 – West Virginia
Squadron 610 – Ohio
Squadron 697 – Illinois
Squadron 73 – Wisconsin
Squadron 74 – Virginia
Squadron 741 – California
Squadron 751 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 8 – Virginia
Squadron 817 – Texas
Squadron 91 – Minnesota
Squadron 96 – Ohio
Squadron 984 – Pennsylvania
District 4 – Ohio
District 5 – Texas
District 6 – Texas
District 19 – Pennsylvania
Division 1 - Texas

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Mark Arneson
Jim Ashley
Louis R. Baldessari
Jim Beischel
Steven Blank
Michael Bloom
Dennis R. Boland
Dale Brandt
Robin Brewer
John Burroughs
William Chitwood
David Downey
Jeff Evans
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Remember...100 percent of your contribution goes to helping children.

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.

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

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 provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation.

Planned Gifts

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 gifts, you can ensure that your generosity lives on in perpetuity, both for your family, and on behalf of our nation's young people.

- ❑ **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 would 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.

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U.S. "UDIE" GRANT LEGACY AWARD

Presented to the Top Department nationally
(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.

Legion	Department of Ohio	\$84,933.00
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$28,600.00
SAL	Detachment of Ohio	\$49,512.00
8 & 40	Departmental de Michigan	\$ 2,803.00

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
Ohio	Florida	France	New Mexico
Nevada	Alabama	Arizona	Massachusetts
Hawaii	Wyoming	Colorado	Minnesota
New Mexico	Hawaii	Virginia	Nevada
Florida	Kentucky	Hawaii	Michigan
Idaho	Nevada	Kansas	South Dakota
North Dakota	Connecticut	Oregon	Florida
Maine	New Mexico	Vermont	Utah
District of Columbia	Texas	Washington	Virginia
Maryland	Idaho	Wyoming	Arizona

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 North Dakota	Department of Alabama	Detachment of France	Departmental de Massachusetts

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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.

Serving with the Board of Directors is a Liaison Committee: three appointed by the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary; three appointed by the National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion; and three appointed by Le Chapeau Nationale of the Eight & Forty.

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