

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



Annual Report - 2009

*"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 an outstanding year – due directly to the combined efforts of our Legion family. Our final total exceeded annual totals over the past decade. Without the unequalled support of the Sons of The American Legion this level of generosity would 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 \$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 2009, the Board of Directors approved grants to 19 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$636,870 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2010.

I am pleased to report during the 2009-2010 contribution year donations exceeded \$771,799 with over \$468,907 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, 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, over \$10 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"

2009 Grant Recipients

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



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, the American Humane Association 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



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 sponsored this grant.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) and its volunteers work to develop and implement public policies to improve the quality of life for people with asthma and allergies.

For more information: www.aafa.org



Caring Kids Television of Dana Point, California 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-its Show*. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsored this grant.

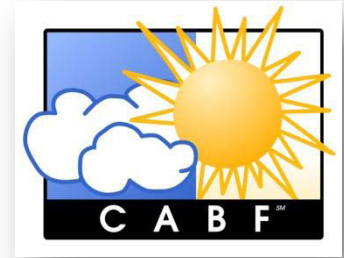
The Doo-its Show is an entertaining new children's television series that teaches kids to be kind and compassionate. Each half-hour episode introduces children to a new problem or cause such as hunger, Internet safety, literacy or obesity and helps children understand the challenges faced by people every day. Inspired by the work of great humanitarians, the heroic adventures of Dewey and the Helpful Doo-its entertain kids while teaching them the importance of helping others.

For more information: www.cktv.org

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

The Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation improves the lives of families raising children and teens living with bipolar disorder and related conditions.

For more information: www.bpkids.org



Children's Organ Transplant Association of Bloomington, Indiana 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 sponsored this grant.



The Children's Organ Transplant Association exists to assist patients who require a life-saving organ, bone marrow, cord blood or stem cell

transplant. COTA has assisted over 1,000 families with fundraising to meet transplant-related expenses...things not covered by insurance - from almost every state and every economic situation. They guide the family and their volunteers through every step including: organizing and training the campaign committee, planning successful events and activities, working with the media, and finding multiple sources of funding.

For more information: www.cota.org

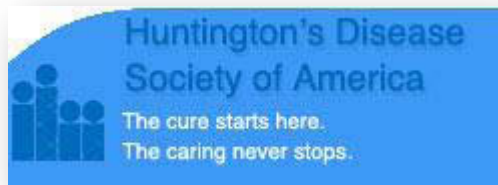
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America of New York, New York was awarded \$30,000 for their project, "IBD Activity Book for Children." This grant will produce and distribute an activity book for children ages 8-13. This book will help children learn about inflammatory bowel disease and provide strategies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



The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. It was founded in 1967 by Irwin M. and Suzanne Rosenthal, William D. and Shelby Modell, and Henry D. Janowitz, M.D.

Four decades ago, the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation created the field of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis research. Today, the Foundation funds cutting-edge studies at major medical institutions, nurtures investigators at the early stages of their careers, and finances underdeveloped areas of research.

For more information: www.ccfafa.org



Huntington's Disease Society of America of New York, New York 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.

The Society is a national, voluntary health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with Huntington's Disease and their families; to promote and support research and medical efforts to eradicate Huntington's Disease; to assist people and families affected by Huntington's Disease to cope with the problems presented by the disease and to educate the public and health professionals about Huntington's Disease.

For more information: www.hdsa.org



KidsPeace of Orefield, Pennsylvania 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 sponsored this grant.

KidsPeace is a private charity dedicated to serving the behavioral and mental health needs of children, families and communities. Founded in 1882, KidsPeace provides a unique psychiatric hospital; a comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; and a variety of foster care and community-based treatment programs to help people in need overcome challenges and transform their lives. KidsPeace provides emotional and physical health care and educational services in an atmosphere of teamwork, compassion and creativity.

For more information: www.kidspeace.org

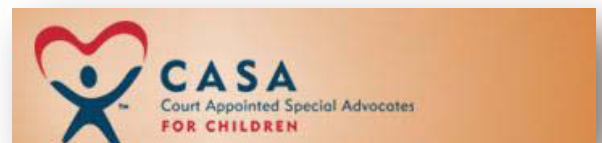


National Autism Association of Nixa, Missouri was awarded \$15,000 for their project, "Autism Outreach." This grant will produce and distribute outreach materials to local and state autism organizations to enable families affected by autism to access current information on autism intervention and medical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

The mission of the National Autism Association is to educate and empower families affected by autism and other neurological disorders, while advocating on behalf of those who cannot fight for their own rights. We will educate society that autism is not a lifelong incurable genetic disorder but one that is biomedically definable and treatable. NAA will raise public and professional awareness of environmental toxins as causative factors in neurological damage that often results in autism or a related diagnosis. NAA will encourage those in the autism community to never give up in their search to help their loved ones reach their full potential, funding efforts toward this end through appropriate research for finding a cure for the neurological damage from which so many affected by autism suffer.

For more information: www.nationalautismassociation.org

National CASA Association of Seattle, Washington 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.



CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster home. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence—the one adult who cares only for them. Last year, more than 70,900 CASA volunteers served more than 237,000 abused and neglected children through 1,055 program offices. CASA volunteers have helped more than two million abused children since the first program was established in 1977.

For more information: www.casaforchildren.org



National Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, New York 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.

The National Marfan Foundation is dedicated to saving lives, and improving the quality of life for individuals and families affected by the Marfan Syndrome and related disorders. The NMF works to achieve its mission through a comprehensive resource center that includes a toll-free number and personalized email/phone communication; an annual conference for affected people, their families and health care providers; informative publications targeted to both the public and medical community; a coast-to-coast support network; national and international scientific symposia; public awareness campaigns; medical education initiatives at hospitals and national professional meetings; and an aggressive research program that funds meritorious projects in basic, clinical and translational research.

For more information: www.marfan.org

National Organization for Youth Safety of Gainesville, Virginia 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.

NOYS is a collaborative network of national organizations and federal agencies that serve youth and focus on youth safety and health. NOYS was created in 1994 as a coalition of national nonprofit organizations and federal agencies to promote collaboration of youth member and youth serving organizations and agencies. Through this network, NOYS influences more than 80 million young people, ages 5 to 24 and adult advisors. Our vision is to be the premier national youth health and safety coalition. Our mission is to promote youth empowerment and leadership and build partnerships that will save lives, prevent injuries, and promote safe and healthy lifestyles among all youth.

For more information: www.noys.org





Organization for Autism Research of Arlington, Virginia was awarded \$40,980 for their, "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.

The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) was created in December 2001—the product of the shared vision and unique life experiences of OAR's seven founders. Led by these parents and grandparents of children and adults on the autism spectrum, OAR set out to use applied science to answer questions that parents, families, individuals with autism, teachers and caregivers confront daily. No other autism organization has this singular focus.

For more information: www.researchautism.org



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 sponsored 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

The Progeria Research Foundation of Peabody, Massachusetts 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.



In the summer of 1998, Dr. Leslie Gordon and Dr. Scott Berns found out that their son Sam, who was then 22 months old, had been diagnosed with Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome ("Progeria"), commonly referred to as a "premature aging" syndrome. It quickly became apparent to Sam's parents that there was an enormous lack of medical information and resources dedicated to Progeria. They recognized that there was no place for these children to go for medical help, no place for parents or doctors to turn for information, and no source of funding for researchers who wanted to do Progeria research. The lack of information available to families, combined with the lack of research and research-funding opportunities inspired Sam's family, together with their friends and colleagues, to launch The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc. ("PRF"), the only non-profit organization in the world dedicated to Progeria research.

For more information: www.progeriaresearch.org



RAND Corporation of Santa Monica, California, 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.

RAND is a nonprofit institution whose research is supported by a global clientele that includes government agencies, foundations, and private-sector firms. Additionally, generous philanthropic contributions, combined with earnings from RAND's endowment, make possible RAND's Investment in People and Ideas program, which supports innovative research on issues crucial to the policy, but that reach beyond the boundaries of traditional client funding.

For more information: www.rand.org

Reach Out and Read of Boston, Massachusetts 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 sponsored this grant.



Reach Out and Read (ROR) is an evidence-based nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. ROR builds on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers to develop critical early reading skills in children, beginning at 6 months of age. The 3.9 million families served annually by ROR read together more often, and their children enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed, with larger vocabularies and stronger language skills.

For more information: www.reachoutandread.org

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 sponsored 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 55th year, has awarded \$636,870 to 19 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 11, 2009, 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 2010:

American Legion Children's Home of Ponca City, Oklahoma was awarded \$41,000 for their project, "American Legion Children's Home National Awareness Initiative Phase II." This grant will support an endeavor to increase the awareness of the American Legion Children's Home by campaigning to increase support and expand services to children in need. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsored this grant.

American Legion of Nevada of Las Vegas, Nevada was awarded \$3,037.25 for their project, "Hear Today-Learn Tomorrow (HT-LT)." This grant will develop and distribute letters requesting discount services from medical providers and hearing aid manufacturers for participants in the HT-LT program, produce information sheets about the availability of support to families of hearing impaired children, and produce public service announcements related to the HT-LT program.

Boy Scouts of America, Exploring Program of Denver, Colorado was awarded \$35,717 for their project, "Experience 9 to 5." This grant will produce course catalogs, flyers and posters associated with the Experience 9 to 5 program.

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, New Jersey was awarded \$48,000 for their project, "Hope Binders." This grant will print and ship Hope Binders to 160 hospitals nationwide to be given to families facing the diagnosis of childhood cancer. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored this grant.

Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) of Norfolk, Virginia was awarded \$30,050 for their project, "A Guide to Chest Wall Deformities in Children: Info for parents, patients and physicians." This grant will develop and distribute a CD-ROM to better educate families and physicians. The Sons of The American Legion sponsored this grant.

Children's Institute Inc. of Rochester, New York was awarded \$30,500 for their project, "Building Connections for Military Families through Play." This grant will provide the DVD 'Possibilities of Play: Building Connections through Play' to schools and community agencies that work with children and families in the Military. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored this grant.

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation of Avon, Connecticut was awarded \$16,744 for their project, "Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Screening Checklist for Medical Professionals." This grant will create a CdLS Screening Checklist and distribute it nationally to pediatric offices.

Diabetes Education and Camping Association of Huntsville, Alabama was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Ready, View, Go - Diabetes Camp Web Training Project." This grant will produce diabetes training videos that will prepare camp directors and staff to handle diabetes issues in a camp setting.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of New York, New York was awarded \$39,500 for their project, "I'm Aaron and I'm Bionic." This grant will produce DVDs that educate teachers, classmates and friends about the history of treatment for type 1 diabetes and the newest innovation, the artificial pancreas. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored this grant.

Mercy Medical Airlift of Virginia Beach, Virginia was awarded \$45,700 for their project, "Child Health Program-Info Dissemination Upgrade." This grant will provide modernized and updated websites and a full social media presence providing full information dissemination to the public and pediatric medical world regarding available charitable child patient long-distance medical air transportation. The Sons of the American Legion sponsored this grant.

The MY HERO Project of Laguna Beach, California was awarded \$28,872.50 for their project, "The MY HERO Report-Youth Edition, Volume Two." This grant will research, produce and distribute training videos for students to tell their own hero stories through video and filmmaking.

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) of New York, New York was awarded \$45,500 for their project, "Empowering Parents to Advocate for their Children with Learning Disabilities." This grant will revise and enhance the NCLD website to ensure parents of children with learning disabilities are aware of their children's rights and inform parents that they can advocate for them.

National Exchange Club Foundation of Toledo, Ohio was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Child Abuse Prevention Kits." This grant will produce, print and distribute Child Abuse Prevention kits, and expand and enhance their website.

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation of Bryan, Ohio was awarded \$38,200 for their project, "Reye's Syndrome/Influenza Awareness School Mailing." This grant will mail postcards to schools across the U.S. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored this grant.

PKS Kids of Florissant, Missouri was awarded \$29,500 for their project, "Recognizing A Pallister-Killian Child." This grant raises awareness of Pallister-Killian Syndrome.

SADD, Inc. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) of Marlborough, Massachusetts, was awarded \$54,549 for their project, "SADD's Parents' Corner Program." This grant will redesign the website and integrate a new feature called the "Parents Corner." The Sons of the American Legion sponsored this grant.

Spina Bifida Association of Washington, DC was awarded \$40,000 for their project, "Faces of Spina Bifida." This grant will produce a social network for children with Spina Bifida designed to facilitate peer-to-peer support.

Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. of Bayside, New York was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "The Tourette Youth Ambassador Program: Kids Teaching Kids." This grant will create and produce presentation kits.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. (TAPS) of Washington, DC, was awarded \$35,000 for their project, "TAPS Children's Grief Kit and Interactive Website." This grant will produce Caisson Horse/Comfort Book packages and a website for children who have lost a parent serving in the military, to assist them in understanding their grief. The Sons of The American Legion sponsored 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.

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Detachment of Missouri
Detachment of New Jersey
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(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

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American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of Indiana
Department of Michigan
Department of Nebraska
Department of New York
Department of Ohio

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Department of Wyoming

Eight and Forty

Departmental de California

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Detachment of Nebraska
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Department of Texas
Department of Washington
Department of Wisconsin
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American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of Iowa
Department of Kentucky
Department of Missouri
Department of North Dakota
Department of New Mexico
Department of Oregon

Eight and Forty

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Departmental de Idaho
Departmental de Indiana
Departmental de Michigan
Departmental de Minnesota
Departmental de Texas
Departmental de Washington

Sons of The American Legion

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Detachment of Louisiana
Detachment of Maine
Detachment of Montana
Detachment of North Dakota

Detachment of New Mexico
Detachment of Utah
Detachment of Wisconsin

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(\$1,000 +)

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Post 145 – Florida
Post 15 – South Carolina
Post 166 – South Carolina
Post 24 – Mississippi
Post 284 – Florida
Post 356 – Florida
Post 44 – New Mexico
Post 64 – Maryland
Post 69 – Florida
Post 73 – New Jersey

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 135 – Florida
Unit 162 – Florida
Unit 273 – Florida
Unit 274 – Florida
Unit 275 – Florida
Unit 293 – Wisconsin
Unit 309 – Florida
Unit 316 – Florida
Unit 439 – Texas
Unit 62 – Arizona
District 16 – Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 1 – Idaho
Salon 2 – Michigan
Salon 389 – Ohio
Salon 7 – California

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 10 – Virginia
Squadron 105 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 1111 – Colorado
Squadron 113 – Kentucky
Squadron 122 – Oregon
Squadron 127 – Georgia
Squadron 143 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 143 – Nebraska
Squadron 15 – Colorado
Squadron 155 – California
Squadron 159 – New Jersey
Squadron 161 – Colorado
Squadron 164 – Ohio
Squadron 17 – Colorado
Squadron 178 – Colorado
Squadron 180 – Virginia
Squadron 194 – Ohio
Squadron 1992 – Colorado
Squadron 21 – Colorado
Squadron 211 – Colorado
Squadron 216 – Michigan
Squadron 23 – Colorado
Squadron 23 – Ohio

Squadron 237 - Alabama
Squadron 24 - Kentucky
Squadron 251 - Georgia
Squadron 253 - Missouri
Squadron 26 - Arizona
Squadron 26 - New Hampshire
Squadron 27 - Arizona
Squadron 27 - Arizona Legion Riders
Squadron 273 - Florida
Squadron 275 - Florida
Squadron 28 - Delaware
Squadron 28 - Indiana
Squadron 283 - Florida
Squadron 29 - Arizona
Squadron 29 - Georgia
Squadron 291 - California
Squadron 297 - Texas
Squadron 3 - Arizona
Squadron 327 - Virginia
Squadron 336 - Ohio
Squadron 338 - New Jersey
Squadron 34 - South Carolina
Squadron 346 - New Jersey
Squadron 365 - Illinois
Squadron 406 - Indiana
Squadron 500 - Indiana
Squadron 502 - Indiana
Squadron 532 - Ohio
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Advocate

(\$750 - \$999)

Eight and Forty

Salon 32 - Texas
Salon 7 - Florida

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 122 - Washington
Squadron 130 - Maryland
Squadron 14 - Arizona
Squadron 163 - Washington
Squadron 284 - Virginia
Squadron 336 - Florida
Squadron 470 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 550 - Michigan
Squadron 56 - Oregon
Squadron 564 - California
Squadron 566 - Ohio
Squadron 828 - Texas
Squadron 88 - Ohio
Squadron 90 - New Mexico

Caretaker

(\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

Post 10 - Virginia
Post 120 - Florida
Post 137 - Florida
Post 167 - Florida
Post 19 - Florida

Post 193 - California
Post 194 - Maryland
Post 271 - Florida
Post 278 - Maryland
Post 289 - California
Post 303 - Florida
Post 317 - Wisconsin
Post 331 - Florida
Post 4 - Nevada
Post 400 - Ohio
Post 53 - Virginia
Post 67 - New Hampshire
Post 7 - New Mexico
Post 90 - New Mexico
District 13 - Florida

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 104 - Florida
Unit 152 - Florida
Unit 176 - Illinois
Unit 18 - Wisconsin
Unit 219 - Florida
Unit 245 - Texas
Unit 284 - Florida
Unit 323 - Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 11 - Indiana
Salon 21 - Illinois
Salon 31 - Arizona
Salon 37 - Virginia
Salon 41 - Washington

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 - Arizona
Squadron 1 - Colorado
Squadron 108 - Wisconsin
Squadron 1097 - Virginia
Squadron 11 - Indiana
Squadron 112 - Georgia
Squadron 116 - Oregon
Squadron 119 - Colorado
Squadron 120 - Florida
Squadron 139 - Indiana
Squadron 15 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 158 - Oregon
Squadron 183 - Ohio
Squadron 1830 - New York
Squadron 19 - Vermont
Squadron 230 - Indiana
Squadron 24 - Florida
Squadron 24 - Kansas
Squadron 25 - Virginia
Squadron 26 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 261 - Indiana
Squadron 262 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 27 - New Hampshire
Squadron 274 - Florida
Squadron 29 - Oregon
Squadron 29 - Virginia
Squadron 3 - Vermont
Squadron 309 - Florida
Squadron 312 - Missouri
Squadron 328 - California
Squadron 331 - Nebraska
Squadron 346 - Indiana
Squadron 347 - Florida
Squadron 352 - New Jersey
Squadron 36 - Vermont
Squadron 36 - Wyoming
Squadron 379 - Texas
Squadron 4 - Colorado
Squadron 428 - Minnesota
Squadron 435 - Minnesota

Squadron 453 - Texas
Squadron 46 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 47 - North Carolina
Squadron 51 - Georgia
Squadron 51 - Oregon
Squadron 513 - Ohio
Squadron 54 - Washington
Squadron 55 - Florida
Squadron 584 - Ohio
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Squadron 610 - Ohio
Squadron 62 - Ohio
Squadron 737 - Ohio
Squadron 74 - Virginia
Squadron 751 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 77 - Massachusetts
Squadron 799 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 8 - Virginia
Squadron 81 - Kentucky
Squadron 810 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 82 - Indiana
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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 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.

2009-2010 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 Ohio

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD

Presented to the most active Department (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Eight & Forty) in the nation.

Legion	Department of Ohio	\$28,040.00
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$23,188.75
SAL	Detachment of Ohio	\$72,799.57
8 & 40	Departmental de Ohio	\$ 5,345.00

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
District of Columbia	Wyoming	Colorado	Minnesota
Nevada	Florida	France	Idaho
Ohio	Hawaii	Alabama	Ohio
North Carolina	Washington	Virginia	Wyoming
New Mexico	Virginia	Hawaii	Florida
Wyoming	Alabama	Arizona	Maryland
South Carolina	Kentucky	Oregon	Michigan
Idaho	Texas	Tennessee	Texas
Maryland	New Mexico	South Carolina	Kentucky
Indiana	Oregon	Wyoming	California

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 District of Columbia	Department of Washington	Detachment of Alabama	Departmental de Minnesota

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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 and Forty.

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