



## **FUNDING SOURCES for CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

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The following foundations and organizations may be helpful to Euro-Peds patients who need financial assistance for intensive therapy, equipment, and/or travel costs. We have noted their general mission and application process here for your convenience. Please feel free to contact them either online or by phone for more specific guidelines and to request a grant.

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### **AMBUCS**

P.O. Box 5127  
High Point, NC 27262  
Phone: 800.838.1845  
Fax: 336.852.6830  
Email: [amtryke@ambucs.org](mailto:amtryke@ambucs.org)  
Web: [www.ambucs.com](http://www.ambucs.com)

AMBUCS Inc. is a national service organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for persons with disabilities. One of their missions is to provide AmTrykes, adapted bikes and tricycles for children with disabilities. Visit the websites for more information about the AmTryke Project, products and accessories.

### **Building Blocks for Kids**

([www.BB4K.org](http://www.BB4K.org))  
7577 Central Parke Blvd. ~ Suite 111  
Mason, OH 45040  
Contact: Dynette Clark  
(513) 770-2900 Phone  
(513) 297-0605 Fax  
[www.twitter.com/BB4K](http://www.twitter.com/BB4K)

The Building Blocks for Kids (BB4K) mission is to improve the quality of life for children with health-related needs that are unmet through traditional means by offering grants, referrals, and alternative resources. These are needs not being met due to lack of insurance, insurance coverage, government assistance, and/or family resources.

### **Children's Charity Fund**

6623 Superior Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
800-643-5787  
[www.childrenscharityfund.org](http://www.childrenscharityfund.org)

Offers grants for medical equipment or education to disabled and handicapped children. Also provides referral and advocacy services.

## Danielle's Foundation

One Liberty Place  
1650 Market Street 36th FL  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

[www.Daniellesfoundation.org](http://www.Daniellesfoundation.org)

Email: [info@daniellesfoundation.org](mailto:info@daniellesfoundation.org)

Toll Free: (800) 511-2283

Danielle's Foundation realizes how difficult it is for parents of children with cerebral palsy and brain injury to get their children the therapies and medical equipment they desperately need. In an effort to provide financial assistance, each quarter one deserving family will be awarded a grant of typically \$2,000 (although it can range up to \$5,000 depending on the funds the foundation has available) to help get this necessary care that insurance has denied.

The grant will be given out four times a year, with the following deadlines:

- March 31
- June 30
- September 30
- December 31

Your child must have a diagnosis of cerebral palsy or brain injury, and you must be requesting the grant for assistance towards a specific therapy or medical equipment. For more information and to receive an application please contact their toll free hotline **1.800.996.1148**

## Disabled Children Relief Fund

P.O. Box 89  
Freeport, New York 11520  
Phone: 516.377.1605  
Web: [www.dcrf.com](http://www.dcrf.com)

A potential resource for children throughout the United States who are under age 18 and do not have adequate health insurance. Financial assistance provided for assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Although there are no restrictions on the type or eligible disabilities, preference is given to applications that benefit children with physical challenges in need of prosthetic and other assistive devices (not computers). The amount of financial assistance is generally between \$25 and \$200 and is most often for wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, walkers, lifts, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, physical therapy, and surgery.

## Euro-Pēds<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program

461 West Huron Street  
Pontiac, MI 48341

Website: [www.europeds.org](http://www.europeds.org)>How To Apply>Program Costs>Financial Assistance

E-mail: [mhaney@dhofm.com](mailto:mhaney@dhofm.com)

Phone #: 248.857.7137

Contact: Michelle Haney, PT, MSPT, Director-Euro-Peds

Doctors' Hospital of Michigan awards scholarships to help with costs for their Euro-Peds Intensive Pediatric PT program. You may apply for a grant after your application to Euro-Peds is approved. The *Euro-Peds Scholarship* application can be printed from a link on the Euro-Peds website at [www.europeds.org](http://www.europeds.org)>How To Apply>Program Costs>Financial Assistance

## First Hand Foundation

2800 Rockcreek Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64117  
Website: [www.firsthandfoundation.org](http://www.firsthandfoundation.org)  
E-mail: [Firsthandfoundation@cerner.com](mailto:Firsthandfoundation@cerner.com)  
Phone #: 816.201.1569

The First Hand Foundation helps with clinical necessities (such as medication and surgeries), medical equipment and travel related to a child's care. Additionally, the Foundation implores doctors, hospitals and equipment providers to discount their services below listed prices. Funding is distributed directly to the child's immediate healthcare provider. An application and financial guidelines may be found on their website, [www.firsthandfoundation.org](http://www.firsthandfoundation.org) under "Request Our Help" button.

## Gracie's Hope

P.O. Box 1597  
Davidson, NC 28036  
[www.gracieshope.org](http://www.gracieshope.org)  
704-892-0640

Provides funding for therapies such as PT, OT, ST, chelation and Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment. Also helps provide needed equipment and assist families in finding respite care and other services.

## Kya's Crusade

947 E. Johnstown Rd., Ste. 143  
Gahanna, OH 43230  
Website: [www.kyaskrusade.org](http://www.kyaskrusade.org)  
E-mail: [info@kyaskrusade.org](mailto:info@kyaskrusade.org) or [financialassist@kyaskrusade.org](mailto:financialassist@kyaskrusade.org)  
Phone #: 614.750.2198  
Fax #: 614.478.3223

Contact: Kylie Miles (Co-founder, Chief Executive Officer & Development Director),  
[kylie@kyaskrusade.org](mailto:kylie@kyaskrusade.org)

Kya's Crusade provides two types of Financial Assistance Grants to help families with expenses not covered by insurance:

1. Adaptive Equipment [Up To \$1,000]
2. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Hippotherapy Sessions [Up To \$500]

### Who is eligible to receive financial assistance?

Children under the age of 18 with a confirmed diagnosis of a life-long physical disability affecting the child's motor skills, for which physical/occupational therapy is part of the treatment regimen, are eligible to receive financial assistance. For guidelines on granting requests, go to [www.kyaskrusade.org](http://www.kyaskrusade.org) under "Programs & Services," "Financial Assistance" buttons.

## Luke Billings Foundation (for Ohio Families only)

[www.lukebillingsfoundation.org](http://www.lukebillingsfoundation.org)

The purpose of **The Luke Billings Foundation** for the treatment of children with **Cerebral Palsy** (a donor advised fund under the Columbus Foundation), is to offer financial help to Central Ohio children with CP, so they can receive ongoing and necessary therapy. One such avenue is intensive and episodic physical therapy.

Go to their website, [www.lukebillingsfoundation.org](http://www.lukebillingsfoundation.org) "Contact Us" form to submit your request for information or questions.

## Make-A-Wish Foundation

[http://www.wish.org/chapter\\_locator](http://www.wish.org/chapter_locator)

Make-A-Wish is a national organization that grants the wishes of **medically eligible children who have reached the age of 2½ and are under the age of 18**. They grant the wishes of medically eligible children (i.e. those diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions such as progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy). Each state has its own chapter.

## **Miles for Special Smiles**

(currently only granting to Kent County & Ottawa County, Michigan, residents)

3272 Rosewood Street

Hudsonville MI 49426

[www.milesforspecialsmiles.com](http://www.milesforspecialsmiles.com)

E-mail: [info@milesforspecialsmiles.com](mailto:info@milesforspecialsmiles.com)

Phone #: 616.371.1155

Children must qualify for Special Education Services or Have a Diagnosed Disability. Children must be under the Age of 21 and currently resided in Kent or Ottawa County, Michigan. Medical services must help the child advance. Parents are given a fundraising goal as part of our efforts. MfSS will expand the geographical area as we grow. Miles for Special Smiles is a non-profit organization dedicated to help disabled children reach their God-given potential. Our goal is to empower local families in the acquisition of equipment or therapy by providing financial assistance to those that lack the resources needed to attain the medical services for their children. MfSS believes every child should have access to services that will help him or her become a success story.

## **National Transplant Assistance Fund & Catastrophic Injury Program**

150 N. Radnor Chester Rd.

Suite F-120

Radnor, PA 19087

1-800-642-8399

[www.ntafund.org](http://www.ntafund.org)

Helps families develop successful fundraising campaigns to be used for uninsured medical expenses, including alternative therapies.

## **New Gateways, Inc.**

5642 West Maple Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Ph: (248) 538-7830

Fax: (248) 538-7860

[www.newgateways.net](http://www.newgateways.net)

To assist adults with developmental disabilities to feel safe, interdependent, and "included" in their community, while supporting them in making safe and healthy choices; resulting in self directed, purposeful, and productive individuals.

## **Next Step Kids SCI Foundation**

[www.nextstepkids.org](http://www.nextstepkids.org)

2817 Dover Drive

Troy, MI 48083

(586) 604-0709

Email: [mlm71174@aol.com](mailto:mlm71174@aol.com)

Next Step Kids Foundation is a non profit dedicated to the needs of children with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) or other defects of the spinal cord. Their mission is to make life easier for kids with SCI and their families by providing new and used medical equipment through their donation/gifting program. They also provide funding for extra therapy intensives and some alternative treatments.

## Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)

P.O. Box 221858

Charlotte, NC 28222-1858

Phone: 1.866.316.7263, Fax: 1.866.316.7261

An independent non-profit established in 2004 and dedicated to assisting patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with their treatment needs. To be eligible for assistance, you must be a U.S. resident and meet certain financial, insurance, and medical criteria established by the Foundation's board of directors. All applications must be verified by patients and their physicians and be supported by appropriate documentation including income verification. **You can start the application process for yourself or on someone else's behalf one of two ways:**

**1. Call 1.866.316.PANF (7263) A PAN counselor will work with you directly to help you:**

- Assess your eligibility for assistance.
- Provide you with an application for assistance.
- Complete your application.
- Answer questions regarding the application process.

**2. [Start Application Online](#)**

Complete a pre-screen online, print and fill out the PDF application provided after the pre-screen, and submit it by mail or fax. All applications and accompanying materials can be submitted by Mail or Fax (see address and FAX # above.)

## Prayer Child Foundation

3903 E. Huber St.

Mesa, AZ 85205

Administrator: Laura Dobbins

Website: [www.Prayerchildfoundation.org](http://www.Prayerchildfoundation.org)

E-mail: [info@prayerchild.org](mailto:info@prayerchild.org)

Phone #: 480.889.6141

The Foundation seeks to provide this assistance to living children that are eighteen years old and younger with physical and emotional challenges. The Foundation provides support to national children's charities, individuals and organizations located within our supporters' local communities. Every month, the Board of Directors of the Prayer Child Foundation meets to review grant requests. Based on the funding available that given month, requests are approved or denied. A letter is distributed to the requestors advising them of the status of their submission. Most requests are addressed within 4-6 weeks of being received.

## Queen of Hearts Foundation

1153 Malabar Rd. NE #8-185

Palm Bay, FL 32907

321-626-2267

[www.queenofheartsfoundation.org](http://www.queenofheartsfoundation.org)

Assists disabled children in gaining their independence from disabilities caused by complications arising from premature birth and brain trauma leading to conditions like Cerebral Palsy and Hydrocephalus.

## Sunshine Foundation - Headquarters

1041 Mill Creek Drive

Feasterville, PA 19053

Website: [www.sunshinefoundation.org](http://www.sunshinefoundation.org)

E-mail: [philly@sunshinefoundation.org](mailto:philly@sunshinefoundation.org)

Phone #: 215.396.4770

Fax #: 215.396.4774

Sunshine Foundation's sole purpose is to answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children ages three to eighteen, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to the financial strain that the child's illness may cause.

**Criteria to Refer a Child:**

- The child must be between the ages of 3-18.
- The child must be seriously or terminally ill, physically challenged or abused.
- The child must be a citizen of the United States
- Sunshine does not fulfill requests for children or any other family members who have had a previous dream granted by Sunshine Foundation or any other organization. Sunshine Foundation grants ONE DREAM PER FAMILY.

## **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

P.O. Box 41  
Minneapolis, MN

Web: [www.unitedhealthcarechildrensfoundation.org](http://www.unitedhealthcarechildrensfoundation.org) / or [www.uhccf.org/](http://www.uhccf.org/)  
Phone: 800.328.5979 or 952.992.4459 (voice mail line only)

- The United Healthcare Children's Foundation offers support to meet the needs of children nationwide with financial assistance grants for health care services that are not fully covered by their health insurance. Parents and caretakers are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000.00 for health care services that will help improve a child's quality of life.

**The child needing services must:**

- Be under 17yrs. of age and live in any United Healthcare region of the United States
- Be covered by a commercial health insurance policy (available through an employer)
- Have an insurance policy that has limitations on the health care service needed, does not cover the service at all, and/or the required co-payments will be a serious financial burden on the family
- Live in a family whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$20, 000 for each individual in the home
- There are no other financial resources to meet this health care need

## **Variety, The Children's Charity - "Kids On the Go!" program**

5757 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 445  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Website: [www.usvariety.org](http://www.usvariety.org)

E-mail: [Erica@usvariety.org](mailto:Erica@usvariety.org)

Phone #: 323.954.0820

Fax #: 323.954.8630

Contact: Erica Lopez, Communications Coordinator

Variety-The Children's Charity's *Kids On The Go!* Program provides equipment to enable children to participate in their communities. Variety helps children with disabilities, 21 years of age and younger by providing enabling equipment (wheelchairs, van lifts, house ramps, adaptive car seats & strollers, specially-equipped bicycles & tricycles, stair lifts, and other items) and assistive technology and communication devices when this equipment cannot be obtained from any other source. An application is made available on their website, [www.usvariety.org](http://www.usvariety.org), or by emailing Erica Lopez at Variety at [Erica@usvariety.org](mailto:Erica@usvariety.org). The application will require a letter from your child's treating therapist. Please inquire about getting a letter from your Euro-Peds therapist.

## **Wheelchair Foundation World Headquarters**

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle

Danville, California 94506

Phone: 877.378.3839 (toll free) or 925.791.2340

Fax: 925.791.2346

Email: [info@wheelchairfoundation.org](mailto:info@wheelchairfoundation.org)

A nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world, who needs one, but cannot afford one.

## **Wheels For The World**

Joni and Friends Headquarters

P.O. Box 3333

Agoura Hills, CA. 91376-3333

Phone: 818.707.2391

TTY: 818.707.9707

Web: [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

Wheels for the World aims to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the disabled around the world by providing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. They do this by connecting the disabled with the church through creating disability awareness and by educating and training the local churches and disability ministry. The Joni and Friends Christian Fund for the Disabled also offers funding for assistive equipment as well as special education. Requests must be channeled through a Christian church or area Joni and Friends coordinator. Contact the main office at the address, phone number, or website above.

## **Wings of Mercy East Michigan**

15057 Lindberg Court

Linden, Michigan 48451

Phone: 866.32.MERCY

Fax: 989.652.6531

Email: [codywelch@charter.net](mailto:codywelch@charter.net)

Contact: Suzanne Rutkowski

Wings of Mercy East Michigan, a non-profit charity, is assisting families with ill children by flying these young patients to medical facilities for treatment for free. Founded in 1996 by a group of pilots from the Midland-Saginaw-Bay City Michigan area, it is the sister organization to Wings of Mercy, Inc. which services the western half of Michigan and persons who required specialized medical treatment at distant medical centers. Wings of Mercy East Michigan serves a radius of approximately 500 miles.

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Note: if you would like to submit other funding resources that we may pass along to other parents in search of funding, please contact Euro-Peds at [Europeds@dhofm.com](mailto:Europeds@dhofm.com), (248) 857-6776 #3