

Charitable Funding Organizations for Children with Special Needs

The organizations below may be able to assist with equipment or services for children with special needs. In addition to these organizations, families should also consider contacting local churches or service clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.) for assistance.

Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation: Assists children with Cerebral Palsy (CP), the families of children with CP, or any individual impacted by CP in maximizing independence. <https://www.alyssavphillipsfoundation.com/>

AMBUCS: Makes and gives away adaptive tricycles to individuals with special needs. There are over 150 chapters across the U.S. To find the nearest chapter, go to their website and click on Who Are We? <https://ambucs.org/>

American Mobility Project: Provides financial assistance for adaptive equipment for individuals with disabilities in the US: <https://www.americanmobilityproject.org/>

Angelman Syndrome Foundation: Provides support to individuals with Angelman Syndrome. Applications are open twice a year from April 1 – 30 and October 1 – 31. <https://www.angelman.org/resources-education/asf-family-fund/>

Cerner Foundation: Will fund up to \$2,000 towards adaptive bikes and \$2,500 toward vehicle modifications. They have some income-based restrictions. <https://www.cernercharitablefoundation.org/request-funding>

Chive Charities: Program only available to kids with rare medical conditions with parents who are first responders or veterans. <https://chivecharities.org/recipient>

Detroit Home Accessibility Program: Provides eligible Detroit residents (SSI, disabled veterans, and those on CSHCS) with grant-funded repairs and modifications to the entries and exits of their homes. <https://chnhousingpartners.org/Detroit/DHAP/>

Emily Ann Griffin Foundation: Will provide support for families who already have primary funding in-place. Apply to Inger Griffin at mgrif8@aol.com

Giving Angels Foundation: Awards grants for life-changing equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys to lower income families. Child must be under 21; up to \$500 in assistance. <https://givingangelsfoundation.org/apply-for-help/>

Giving Songs: Provides wheelchair accessible vehicle grants to families with children who are wheelchair users. Must have a disabled child (21 years of age or under) who is a wheelchair user and live in one of the following Southeastern Michigan counties: Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, or Wayne. <https://givingsongs.org/>

Help Hope Live: Crowdfunding platform geared towards medical expenses with a full team ready to support families with setting up fundraising pages and stimulating donations. <https://helphopelive.org/>

Holton's Heroes: Provides support, information and rehabilitative devices for children and their families affected by a post-birth brain injury. <https://www.holtonsheroes.org/submit-a-hero>

Jett Giving Foundation: Helps families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy to purchase accessibility vehicles, van conversions, and hand controls for disabled drivers. Applicants accepted into the program need to raise half of the needed amount (or more) to purchase their requested vehicle. Jett foundation then purchases the vehicle and gifts it to the family. <https://www.jettfoundation.org/giving-fund/accessible-vehicle-fund/>

Kids Mobility Network: Kids Mobility Network is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing children with disabilities with complex rehab technology and durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, standers, adaptive bikes, activity

chairs, and other medical equipment. Families are asked to make a donation at the time they receive their equipment to help sustain the program and continue helping families. <https://www.kidsmobility.org/families>

Laughing at my Nightmare: Non-profit with a focus on helping individuals with Muscular Dystrophy. <https://www.laughingatmynightmare.com/no-more-nightmares>

Lori's Voice: Provides financial assistance to children with neuromuscular and degenerative diseases. <https://www.lorisvoice.org/>

Megan Weisenbach Foundation: Provides financial assistance to families that have children with special needs to assist with quality of life. Requests are reviewed within seven days. <https://www.themwfoundation.org/family-support.html>

Michigan Elks Association: Assists special needs children in Michigan, regardless of race, creed, or color, who is unable to obtain assistance from other agencies or organizations, whose family's income will not allow them to give the child the needed treatment. Families in need of financial assistance must work with their local Elks Lodge to prepare a Request for Assistance form. <https://www.elks.org/states/stateproject.cfm?state=MI>

MI-UCP (Michigan United Cerebral Palsy Association): QuickRamps for Kids is a program providing portable ramp solutions for children who use a wheelchair. To download an application, visit their website: <https://www.mi-ucp.org/accessibilityandmobility>

Renew Mobility: Recycling, distributing, and maintaining mobility equipment (manual & power wheelchairs, walkers, bath aides, Hoyer lifts) for those in need. Serving families from West Michigan. <https://renewmobility.org/>

St. Joseph's Helpers: Helps families and individuals in need in Southeast Michigan, especially the elderly, people with disabilities, and those who just need a helping hand to stay in their own homes and remain independent. They connect people in need to volunteers with the skills and expertise to complete each unique home project or repair. <https://sjhelpers.org/>

Team Joseph: Provides personalized assistance, guidance and financial support to individuals and families affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy including help with equipment, home modifications, travel assistance, accessible vehicles and modifications, and emergencies. <https://www.teamjoseph.org/family-assistance>

TRICARE/ECHO Funding: Provides support to children with special needs with a parent who is active military. Families should work with an equipment dealer to access this funding. *All Tricare patients have access to the EFMP (exceptional family members program) department. Families must first enroll in EFMP; the EFMP departments have the application for ECHO.* <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-relationships/special-needs/>

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation: Provides grants up to \$5K. The families must carry private insurance (Medicaid does not qualify) and they prefer having a denial through medical insurance to qualify for their grant program. There are some income-based restrictions (often it is best to work through a durable medical equipment vendor). <https://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/apply-now/>

Variety, the Children's Charity of Detroit: Families must complete an application with supporting documents and submit for review. Typically seeking families from Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, or Washtenaw Counties. <http://variety-detroit.com/>

Wheelchairs 4 Kids: Provides wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, as well as other therapeutic equipment to children that have limited mobility due to illness, accident or abuse. <https://wheelchairs4kids.org/>