



## Questions?

If you have questions and would like more information regarding the Children with Special Needs Fund, you can:

Visit the website  
[www.michigan.gov/csnfund](http://www.michigan.gov/csnfund)

Send an e-mail  
[csnfund@michigan.gov](mailto:csnfund@michigan.gov)

Call the CSN Fund Main line  
517-241-7420

Write to:  
Children with Special Needs (CSN) Fund  
320 S. Walnut  
Lansing, MI 48913



## Mission Statement

The Children with Special Needs Fund provides family-centered support for children in Michigan with special health care needs when other funding sources are not available by assisting with the purchase of equipment that promote the child's mobility and optimal health. The Fund collaborates with other programs to support services that promote the development and independence of children with special needs.

\*The Fund functions as a funder of last resort and cannot be used to substitute state or federal health programs.

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## Children with Special Needs Fund



...enhancing the  
lives of children  
with special needs in  
Michigan  
since 1944



## What is the Children with Special Needs Fund?

The CSN Fund provides family-centered support for children in Michigan with special health care needs by helping with the purchase of equipment that promote the child's mobility and health.

The CSN Fund was created in 1944 when Dr. and Mrs. James T. Pardee donated Dow Chemical Company stocks to the State of Michigan to support children with special needs. Although the Pardee's gift remains a major portion of the Fund, donations have supplemented the Fund over the years.

The CSN Fund collaborates with Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) and is administered through the Michigan Department of Community Health.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Children under age 21 who are enrolled in, or medically eligible to enroll in CSHCS are eligible for funding from the CSN Fund.

Children enrolled in, or receiving benefits from state health programs must apply to those first because CSN Fund is a funder of last resort.

To find out if your child is medically eligible, contact the CSHCS office at your local health department.

## What does the Fund cover?

The Fund may provide funding towards items including but not limited to:

- **Wheelchair ramps**
- **Van lifts and tie-down systems**
- **Therapeutic tricycles**
- **Air conditioners**
- **Adaptive recreational equipment**
- **Electrical service upgrades**

## How do I apply?

Applications are available online at [www.michigan.gov/csnfund](http://www.michigan.gov/csnfund).

Call the Fund at (517) 241-7420 or the CSHCS Family Phone line at (800) 359-3722 to request an application to be mailed to you.

You can also contact the CSHCS office at your local health department for an application.

## What must I provide when applying?

- Application form
- A letter from the child's parent/caregiver explaining the need for the item
- A letter of medical necessity from the child's specialty physician
- Proof that other organizations have been contacted for assistance in purchasing the item being requested
- Bids as required

\*Additional information may be requested

## How can I make a donation?

The Fund operates entirely on donations. No tax dollars are used.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so:

Online: [www.michigan.gov/csnfund](http://www.michigan.gov/csnfund)

Check: Make payable to **Children with Special Needs Fund** and mail to: Children with Special Needs Fund, 320 S. Walnut, Lansing, MI 48913

All donations are tax-deductible.