



*Thank you for funding the building of Jacob's ramp. This will ease a burden on us and let Jacob enjoy our house and yard safely and in comfort.*

*Family of Jacob S.*

The Children with Special Needs Fund (CSN Fund) provides family-centered support for children in Michigan with special health care needs by helping with the purchase of equipment to promote the child's mobility, health, and well-being.

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, other gifts have added to the Fund over the years.

The CSN Fund works with the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS). It is administered through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

## Helping children with special needs since 1944

### Eligibility

Children under age 21 who are enrolled in Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) (or medically eligible to enroll) can apply for funding from the Children with Special Needs (CSN) Fund.

The CSN fund can only pay for items not covered by another health program. If the child is enrolled in a state health program, you must apply to it first.

Contact your local CSHCS office to find out if your child is medically eligible.

### Making a request

All requests are made by filling out an application and providing the requested materials. Applications are available to download or they can be mailed to you.

- ☀ Online at [www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund](http://www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund)
- ☀ Visit or call your local health department CSHCS office
- ☀ Call the CSN Fund at 517-241-7420
- ☀ Call the CSHCS Family Phone line at 800-359-3722

### What to include

- ☀ Application form
- ☀ Letter from the child's parent/caregiver explaining the need for the item
- ☀ Letter of medical necessity from the child's specialty physician
- ☀ Proof that other organizations have been contacted for assistance in purchasing the requested item
- ☀ 2-3 bids are required for most items (*See application instructions for more details*)



### Contact Us

To learn more about the Children with Special Needs Fund, please contact us!

🌐 Website: [www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund](http://www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund)

✉ Email: [csnfund@michigan.gov](mailto:csnfund@michigan.gov)

☎ Telephone: 517-241-7420

✉ Mail: CSN Fund

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## How the CSN Fund Can Help

The CSN Fund helps families purchase items not covered by insurance or other state or federal programs. We may cover part or all costs of equipment, such as these items:

- ☀ Adaptive recreational equipment
- ☀ Air conditioners\*
- ☀ Ceiling/stair lifts\*\*
- ☀ Electrical service upgrades
- ☀ Therapeutic tricycles
- ☀ Transit options
- ☀ Vehicle accessibility devices
- ☀ Weighted blankets/vests
- ☀ Wheelchair ramps



\*for certain medical conditions  
\*\*when special grant funds are available

## Consider Donating

The CSN Fund operates entirely on donations, and no tax dollars are used. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us help children with special needs in Michigan.

Donate online at [www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund](http://www.Michigan.gov/CSNFund) or mail your contribution. Checks made payable to *Children with Special Needs Fund* can be sent to:

CSN Fund  
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## 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 to 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.



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MDHHS does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability.

The CSN Fund is comprised entirely of private dollars. No state or federal dollars, including tax dollars, were used.

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

