

*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 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 Children's Special Health Care Services and the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. 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 assist with items not covered by insurance or another program. If the child is enrolled in a state health program, including community mental health, 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.

- ☀ Download 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 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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Lansing, Michigan 48909

## 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/central air<sup>1</sup>
- ☀ Ceiling/stair lifts<sup>2</sup>
- ☀ Electrical service upgrades
- ☀ Platform lifts<sup>3</sup>
- ☀ Therapeutic tricycles
- ☀ Vehicle accessibility devices
- ☀ Wheelchair ramps

<sup>1</sup> For certain medical conditions

<sup>2</sup> When special grant funds are available

<sup>3</sup> Only when ADA-compliant ramp cannot be installed



## 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.

Online donations can be made on our website, at [csnfund@michigan.gov](https://csnfund@michigan.gov) or donation checks, made payable to **Children with Special Needs Fund**, can be mailed to:

CSN Fund

PO Box 30734

Lansing, Michigan 48909

## Mission Statement

The Children with Special Needs Fund helps Michigan children with special health care needs obtain equipment that promotes the child's mobility and optimal health when no other funding sources are available. The Fund collaborates with other programs to support services that promote the development and independence of children with special needs.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group on the basis of race, national origin, color, sex, disability, religion, age, height, weight, familial status, partisan considerations, or genetic information. Sex-based discrimination includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, sex characteristics, and pregnancy.

Spanish	ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 800-359-3722 (TTY 711).
Arabic	ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 800-359-3722 (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 711).

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

