

**NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS DISBURSES \$253,700 IN GRANTS
AT THE SIXTEENTH CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND LUNCHEON**

**BEEBE MEDICAL FOUNDATION
LEWES, DELAWARE**

\$26,000

PROJECT: Women's and Children's Health Center for Excellence: Strengthening Beebe Healthcare's Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP). Beebe Healthcare serves a diverse farming and rural community and beach and resort area in Sussex County and strives to bring optimal medical care to its residents and visitors including its children. Intrinsic to any NRP is also having the recommended cardiac equipment for patient monitoring. Beebe has identified the Phillips MP50 ECG Cardiac Monitors as important tools for the recording and alarming of multiple physiological parameters of neonates in hospital environments by trained health care professionals. These units feature Neonatal Event Reviews that help to optimize respiratory therapy in neonates; Event Surveillance capabilities that keep a record of rapidly-changing conditions of neonate patients; and Customized Displays which give clinicians a convenient overview of the neonatal patient's most important vital signs, helping them to identify significant events - all recordings that can be performed at the neonate's bedside. This grant will fund the purchase of two of six Phillips MP50 ECG Cardiac Monitors for this second floor Women's and Children's Health Center for Excellence.

**THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

\$6,000

PROJECT: Therapeutic Horseback Riding. Students participating in therapeutic riding benefit through physical activity, psychologically, socially and educationally. Riding encourages cognitive activity, sensory integration, correct muscle tone, gross and fine motor skills, increased physical stamina and proper posture, independence and social skills, emotional stability and self-esteem, and vocalization. Horses on the farm have led rich lives, filled with many experiences that allow them to be trained in the nuances of working with children with special needs. This grant provides therapeutic horseback riding for ten students for five lessons in the spring session and five lessons in the subsequent fall session for a total of 100 therapeutic riding lessons for children who have been identified for this beneficial therapy.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF BALTIMORE, INC. (RMHC BALTIMORE)
\$7,341
BALTIMORE, MD**

PROJECT: Comfort of Our Families. This project is comprised of items that are essential to the care of the families who stay at RMHC Baltimore. It includes appliances, equipment, furnishings and essentials for kitchens, laundry rooms, guest rooms, playroom and game room. RMHC Baltimore relies on community support to sustain itself. They receive no government funding. Their need for operational funding is as constant as the stream of children and their families in medical crisis who come through their doors each day. Fully funding the Comfort of Our Families project for the living quarters will help reduce the ongoing expense associated with the maintenance and purchase of many items that are vital to the core of their mission, and allow RMHC Baltimore to provide the highest level of care to the children and their families.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM FOUNDATION
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

\$24,000

PROJECT: Equipment for the University of Maryland Children’s Hospital (UMCH) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The UMCH NICU is a designated Level IV NICU and as such offers the highest level of care for the smallest and sickest newborn babies, and it is one of two in Maryland that can address the most complex and life-threatening situations. Our grant will go towards the purchase of a SonoSite EDGE II Ultrasound System which can be used as a screening tool and provides improved cardiac and abdominal image quality needed when performing critical procedures on tiny infants. Point-of-care Ultrasound in the NICU is used for localization of catheters, lines, fluid collections, endotracheal tube placement, and better visualization of the veins and ensures safe placement of central lines. The goal of UMCH is to continue to provide the best possible care with the best possible outcomes for the tiny infants treated in the NICU.

**CAMP OAKHURST
\$5,755
OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

PROJECT: Therapeutically Adapted Recreation Activities at Camp Oakhurst. This camp enhances the quality of life for children with special needs, including autism and physical and intellectual disabilities, through a year-round camp experience. Its facility is structured to enable independence in a barrier-free and safe environment. Funding supports enhancing and improving therapeutic recreation activities, such as sports, swimming, arts and crafts, music, drama, media arts, cooking and nature studies, and thereby teaching social, communication, creative arts and other life skills.

**CHILDREN’S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC.
MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY**

\$10,000

PROJECT: Expansion of Clinical Spaces for Special Needs Primary Care. This grant helps to underwrite the costs of creating and outfitting a new exam room as part of clinical space expansion at this facility to provide team-based care with primary care pediatricians, specialists and sub-specialists. These medical providers serve children with chronic, complex physical and mental health needs including those suffering from brain/spinal cord injuries, autism, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder among other diagnoses. The new exam room will give them the opportunity to deliver more family-centered care efficiently, and effectively consolidating services to cut down on the number of repeat trips to the facility, which is especially important for children with these diagnoses in chronically underserved low-income communities.

**DEIDRE O'BRIEN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER INC.
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

\$35,000

PROJECT: On-site Medical Program for Child Victims of Physical and Sexual Abuse and/or Neglect. The purpose of this program is for specialized medical personnel from Hackensack Regional Medical Center, a New Jersey State designated Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center, to provide critical medical services on-site at Deidre's House to over 100 child victims of abuse and/or neglect. By receiving diagnosis and treatment by a medical professional, the exam can be specialized for the specific psychological, emotional, and medical needs of each of the child victims. The services are delivered in a house-like setting in order to minimize further trauma to the young victims. In addition, specialized medical personnel are also the expert witnesses needed to testify at trial to effectively bring perpetrators of crimes against children to justice.

**EMBRACE KIDS FOUNDATION
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

\$33,250

PROJECT: David E. Zullo Pediatric Palliative Care Program (PACCT). The overarching goal of PACCT is to lighten the burden, maintain normalcy, and improve the quality of life for pediatric patients facing cancer, sickle cell anemia and other serious health challenges. PACCT provides the highest quality, interdisciplinary care for these children's physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs as well as continuity of care throughout the duration of their illnesses. To that end specific outcomes include maintaining a continuity of care by providing the same nurses from hospital to home for all PACCT patients, managing pain and other symptoms that cause discomfort, and facilitating improved communication between the patient, family members, and the healthcare team.

**SOUND START BABIES FOUNDATION
MOUNTAIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY**

\$15,000

PROJECT: The Sound Start Babies Early Intervention Program. This comprehensive approach to early intervention for babies with hearing impairments serves children from birth to age three. With a brief critical window of opportunity for children with hearing loss to develop listening, language, and communication skills, it is important that intervention takes place. The award-winning Sound Start Program is recognized as a national leader in innovative approaches to maximize speech and language outcomes for children with hearing loss. Their team of professionals provides individualized services in the family's home as well as in small groups at the Lake Drive School. This grant funds care and services for early intervention with multi-disciplinary team of specialists for three babies born with hearing impairments where state reimbursement falls short.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

\$10,000

PROJECT: Social Work Emergency Fund. This fund was launched at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to make dealing with the logistics and stress of caring for a child easier by providing assistance at a family's most vulnerable moments. Many families encounter financial and logistic barriers to accessing care and participating in care at CHOP when their child is ill or injured. In addition, there are many costs associated with care that are not covered by insurance. To help with this project, the grant will go towards the Social Work Emergency Fund and provide support to families for transportation, lodging, meals, medications, supplies and equipment.

**OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

\$23,479

PROJECT: Creation of Therapeutic Resource Rooms for Overbrook School for the Blind (OSB) Students. Since its founding, the population of students has changed. Once a school for children who were living with blindness or visual impairment as their primary disability, today OSB serves an increasing number of children who are faced with additional physical challenges. As a result, OSB is continuously striving to become a more adaptable and accessible campus. Part of this effort is to convert or modify two of six rooms on the ground floor of the main building to serve as therapeutic spaces that will provide a variety of services critical for their population. Lifts will be installed in the therapeutic rooms to help students to the bathroom or to a changing table. This grant will fund the purchase and installation of two SureHands HandiMove Lift and Care Systems for Therapeutic Resource Rooms 1 and 2.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS, INC.
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

\$14,900

PROJECT: The Child Abuse Program at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter (CHKD). The Child Abuse Program at CHKD houses the region's experts in child abuse, providing a variety of assessment and intervention services to children who are suspected of being abused or neglected. As a fully accredited center by National Children's Alliance and a nationally recognized center for its work, its dedicated team cares for approximately 1,200 children and their families each year. The program provides a level of care that is unavailable elsewhere in their community, filling a tremendous need to help children and families, as well as help the investigative agencies responsible for the child's care. Current services of the Child Abuse Program at CHKD include medical services, mental health service, forensic interviews, case management and family advocacy services, and expert testimony. This grant will fund soundproofing renovations for the hospital's forensic interview room and facilitate the conducting of 24 forensic interviews for victims of abuse.

**INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA**

\$5,975

PROJECT: Pediatric Diabetes Education. Over the last three years, Inova Children’s Hospital has seen the number of children diagnosed with diabetes increase significantly. Their number one priority is the newly diagnosed child patient and his/her family. Educating the caregiver, and in some cases the child, will provide their families with safe discharge home as well as the confidence to care for their child with a life changing diagnosis. The Certified Diabetes Educator, along with a core group of trained nurses, instruct the bedside nurses on the unit how to teach and guide the families in the skills necessary to manage the child with diabetes for successful outcomes. This grant will fund Nurse Resource Booklets for 80 nurses and Family Education packs for 175 families with children diagnosed with diabetes.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA**

\$17,000

PROJECT: The Magic Room. The mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia (RMHC Southwest Virginia) (the House) is to provide a comfortable and supportive “home away from home” each year for the 700 families of sick or injured children who must come to Roanoke for medical treatment at Carilion Children’s Hospital as inpatients or outpatients. Although there is a Ronald McDonald Family Room, a room in the hospital for parents to rest and regroup, the goal of the RMHC Southwest Virginia is to create a Magic Room in the House for the children. The Magic Room promises to provide an escape and bring a sense of magic, comfort, and smiles to children who are currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer and are staying at the House before or after their treatments and so they can forget their illness and enjoy the time with their siblings. This grant will fund the creation of the Magic Room and enhance the lives of many children.

**SPECIAL LOVE, INC.
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA**

\$20,000

PROJECT: Camp Fantastic. Special Love’s mission is to enrich the lives of children with cancer by providing quality programs where patients and their families can enjoy normal camping activities and develop a community of support in their fight against cancer. Camp Fantastic is Special Love’s hallmark camp. This weeklong summer camp program with 75 to 100 counselors also builds self-esteem and hope for more than 100 children by teaching them skills they can take home, such as swimming, fishing, canoeing and similar recreational hobbies, as well as crafts and other success-focused projects. Unique to Camp Fantastic, children at all stages of cancer treatment are welcomed. Special Love cares for even the sickest campers, thanks to support from the National Cancer Institute, a part of the National Institute of Health (NIH). NIH sends dozens of volunteer oncology doctors and nurses to camp, offering the highest level of medical support of any oncology camp in the country. This grant will fill in the financial gaps that other funding sources do not cover so that Camp Fantastic can provide this valuable service.