2019 CHILDREN’S MEDICAL FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Anchored in Hope  $16,198.50
Lake Forest, Illinois
Project: Licensed Nursing Staff and Medical Supplies for Camp Hope for Children with Special Needs
Their campers are their main constituents and consist of adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities, including Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Autism, Williams Syndrome, Epilepsy. This grant will provide funding for 2020 and 2021.

Child’s Voice  $25,000
Wood Dale, Illinois
Project: Child’s Voice Early Intervention (EI) Program
Their mission is to empower children with and at-risk for hearing loss to be successful in all educational and social settings by optimizing their listening, speaking, and academic skills. Funding will support this important programming for 15 to 25 children.

Elyssa’s Mission  $11,520
Northbrook, Illinois
Project: Elyssa’s Mission Evidence-Based Signs of Suicide (SOS) Program in New Middle and/or High Schools in Plainfield School District 202
Elyssa’s Mission provides the resources to support at-risk teens and prevent suicide via the SOS Program: education to raise awareness and related issues, and brief screening for depression and other risk factors associated with suicidal behavior. This grant will fund the program in 5 New Schools in the District.

Hadley School for the Blind  $16,298
Winnetka, Illinois
Project: Hadley Distance Learning for Visually Impaired Youth
This project uses instructional videos to teach 14–18-year-old blind and visually impaired youth how to use the low-vision/voice-enabled features built into Smart Phones and iPads, as well as to learn braille or adaptive techniques. This grant will fund one of two low-vision workshops for 40 youth.

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls  $20,000
Chicago, Illinois
Project: Health and Safety Programming
This project serves young lives in crisis by providing a safe, nurturing residential treatment home, after care support, and mentoring. Support is being provided for the organization’s substance use disorders treatment programming by funding the individual and group counseling sessions and comprehensive drug testing services.

Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) Foundation  $15,000
Gages Lake, Illinois
Project: Weekend Backpack Program
SEDOL’s mission is to provide resources that enrich educational, vocational, and social opportunities for special needs children ages 3–22 in Lake County who are physically, mentally and emotionally disabled.
This grant will expand the Weekend Backpack Program providing enough nutritious food for additional 112 special needs children plus two siblings for 35 weeks of school year.

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Chicago, Illinois  
Project: Car Seats Save Lives
The hospital’s constituencies are 92% minority patients who primarily live below the poverty line. The majority of their patients are underserved and come from disadvantaged, lower socio-economic status families, with limited access to health care. This project will provide funding for 600 infant car seats.

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary  
Chicago, Illinois  
Project: Identification of Demographic and Family Related Factors That Impede Successful Implementation of Amblyopia Treatment in Chicago-Area Children
Amblyopia, also known as lazy eye, is a vision development disorder in which an eye fails to achieve normal vision acuity, even with prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses. It is the most common form of visual impairment. This grant will fund important research that will impact amblyopia therapy for the pediatric population across the U.S. for decades to come.

Beacon Children’s Hospital  
South Bend, Indiana  
Project: Improving Care for Critically Ill Children and Premature Babies
The goal of this project is to improve patient care and outcomes in the areas of respiratory management, sedation, and IV starts by reducing the complications associated with these procedures. This grant will provide the necessary funding for the purchase of 10 Neopuff Infant Resuscitators and 1 Vein Finder.

Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana  
Hammond, Indiana  
Project: Parents as Teachers (PAT)/Empowering Teens as Parents (ETAP)
PAT is an early childhood home-visiting model, including personal visits, group meetings, behavioral screenings, and resource networking to help children grow up healthy and safe. Funding will expand services to include more families, as well as providing program materials and direct service staff.

Unity Point Health, St. Luke’s Foundation  
Sioux City, Iowa  
Project: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Patient Monitors Project
This grant will allow the organization to complete the needed patient monitors project in 2019 as part of 26 IntelliVue MX550 monitors for NICU rooms, which showcase all their littlest patients’ vitals on one screen.

Fairview Foundation  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Project: Diagnosing and Treating Infant Hearing Loss in Rural Minnesota
Early identification and treatment give a child with hearing loss the best chance to develop speech and language similar to normal-hearing peers. This grant will provide funding toward the purchase of a Vivosonic Integrity System V500 G2 (Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) Testing Equipment).
Hennepin Health Foundation  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
$13,261.50

*Project: Promoting Infant Safe Sleep Conditions for Families Experiencing Poverty*

Through this program, a Pack ‘n Play crib that includes a Bassinet is provided for each at-risk and high-risk family living in the target service area. The grant will provide for the purchase of 175 Pack ‘n Play Cribs/Bassinets.

Family Forward, Brentwood Children’s Home  
St. Louis, Missouri  
$15,000

*Project: Specialized Bathtub for Non-Ambulatory Children*

This grant will go toward the purchase of a specialized bathtub and lifter for the Brentwood Children’s Home for residential and respite care to provide for the basic hygiene needs of these fragile children with significant developmental disabilities with medical complications.

University of Missouri Health Care  
Columbia, Missouri  
$5,000

*Project: Neonatal Outreach Education Program*

The goal of this program is to educate the staff at rural hospitals so they can provide the highest quality care to improve the outcome of these infants. This grant will provide funding to purchase equipment as part of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP).

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
$12,500

*Project: Child Life Services: Non-Pharmacological Pain Management*

For those children in pain, this program promotes effective coping through play, preparation, education, guided imagery, and self-expression activities. Funding is designated to purchase of hospital- approved supplies for approximately one year, for use in children’s specialty, primary and urgent care clinics which are not located on the hospital campus or regularly staffed with a child life specialist.

Rogers Behavioral Health Foundation  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin  
$25,000

*Project: Expanding Specialized Mental Health Treatment for Children and Adolescents at Rogers Behavioral Outpatient Clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin*

The goal of this project is to help serve 32 children and adolescents per day and provide specialty treatment for obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and anxiety, depression recovery, eating disorders, addiction recovery, trauma recovery, and mental health challenges for individuals on the autism spectrum. This grant will provide increased services and innovative equipment for a sensory room.