

Grant Funding Resource List

If you have a child with a special need or disability and are in need of financial assistance, you may be eligible for one or more of the following grants.



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Adaptive Bicycles

[Vermont Ambucs](#) provides Amtryke therapeutic tricycles for individuals who are not able to ride a traditional bike. Open house with bike fitting in May of each year.

[McLindon Family Foundation](#) for children with special needs that want to ride a bike and need an adapted bicycle.

Basic Needs

[Junior League of Champlain Valley](#) (VT) has a Diaper Bank that supports six local food shelves with bimonthly distributions: The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, Aunt Dot's and town food shelf programs in Williston, Richmond, Milton and Hinesburg.

[Giving Angels Foundation](#) for income-eligible families with a child, birth to 21 years, with a special need. They award grants for life-changing equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys.

[Modest Needs](#) provides emergency grants for income-eligible families.

Camps and Respite

[Camp Ta-Kum-Ta](#) is a camp for Vermont and Northern New York children who have or have had cancer, and their families. This camp is provided at no cost to families.

[Healing Winds Vermont](#) provides individuals with cancer, and their loved ones, the therapeutic experience of sailing at no cost.

[A Mother's Rest's](#) mission is to improve the emotional and physical health of caregivers through proactive, affordable, and restorative respite opportunities. Depending on funding, they may also have grants to help with the cost of summer camps.

[Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation](#) provides respite housing to critically ill children and their families year round.

[David's Refuge](#) provides respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life-threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their role as caregivers.

Home Repairs and Modifications

[Chive Charities](#) (see detail under [Medical section](#))

[Rebuilding Together-Greater Burlington](#) volunteers help repair homes for VT families with limited resources. This may include building a ramp.

[Vermont Center for Independent Living The Home Access Program \(HAP\)](#) provides home entry and bathroom accessibility modifications for income-eligible Vermonters with physical disabilities. These modifications increase opportunities for participation in the civic and social life of the community.

[Zoe's Race](#) is a Howard Center program to help families fund home modifications. Families must be receiving services from the Howard Center to be considered.

Medical

[Lions Club](#) local chapter in VT will help people in need obtain eyeglasses.

[Medically Necessary Supplemental Fund](#) Vermont Family Network provides income-eligible families of children with special health needs (birth to 21) with grants up to \$1,000 per 12 month period for their child's unmet medically necessary needs such as equipment, medications, travel, and therapies.

[Aubrey Rose Foundation](#) helps families with children who are currently living with a life-threatening medical condition. Grants are awarded based on need and are considered for outstanding medical bills that insurance will not cover.

[Chive Charities](#) spreads awareness by sharing stories for individuals with rare medical diagnoses, first responders, and veterans, as well as providing grants to individuals and non-profit organizations.

[First Hand Foundation](#) funds treatment, equipment, travel expenses, and vehicle modifications not covered by insurance, for families with children under 18 years of age.

[Healing The Children](#) helps underserved children around the world secure medical care. HTC also has a domestic program to help provide medical care, resources, and equipment for vulnerable children in the US.

[Healthwell Foundation](#) provides financial assistance for eligible people to help pay for coinsurance, copays, premiums, and deductibles for certain medications and therapies.

[The Maggie Welby Foundation](#) provides grants or scholarships for families with school-aged children K-12 for camps, medical bills, and other special needs.

[National Organization for Rare Disorders](#) for certain rare conditions, NORD's Patient Assistance Program includes free drug, co-pay and premium assistance, travel/lodging assistance for clinical trials, and expanded or emergency access.

[Needy Meds](#) provides a database of resources to help families find funding/scholarships for prescriptions, camps, and other diagnosis-specific assistance.

[PAN Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to underinsured individuals with life threatening/chronic/rare disease. The program can help pay for out-of-pocket medication costs, co-pays, insurance premiums, and travel expenses.

[The Parker Lee Project](#) helps families of children with medical needs obtain the supplies/equipment, education, and support they need.

[Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#) will help find prescription assistance for medications, free of charge.

[Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) provides financial assistance for families receiving care at Shriners Hospital that are income eligible and needing assistance with medical expenses.

[United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#) offers medical grants to help children 16 or younger gain access to health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their family's commercial health insurance plan. Families must be income eligible.

[The Weber Foundation of Helping Hands, Inc.](#) provides direct financial assistance to individuals and their families who are facing life-threatening illnesses or other catastrophic situations.

Medical Equipment and Assistive Tech

[Vermont Assistive Technology Program](#) provides equipment demonstrations, a loan program for equipment trials, and a Funding Guide to help locate alternative funding options. VATP also hosts an AT Exchange where users can sell or give away pre-owned durable medical equipment.

[Vermont Center for Independent Living Sue Williams Freedom Fund \(SWFF\)](#) provides funding for services and equipment to help people with disabilities achieve or maintain independence in their own homes.

[Chive Charities](#) (see detail under [Medical section](#))

[Different Needz Foundation](#) for medical equipment or services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

[Fund It Forward](#) for families who have a child with a diagnosed disability or medical condition and is in need of a medical device or equipment that can enhance the quality of their life.

[Go Baby Go](#) provides modified ride-on-cars to young children who experience limited mobility. Depending on the year, St. Michael's College in VT has a Go Baby Go community organization.

[JJ's Toys for Friends](#) is a foundation providing toys and assistive devices to children with special needs, with both new and gently used equipment.

[My Gym Challenged America](#) accepts applications from or on behalf of children with physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities and those coping with chronic illness. Requests, limited to gifts of \$500 or less, may include but are not limited to: rehabilitative therapy, assistive devices, medical equipment and sensory items.

[National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility](#) for individuals with disabilities that have secured the majority of the funding needed for vehicle modification, and just need a little additional help to achieve their mobility goals.

[Pass It On Center](#) is a national AT reuse center that provides gently used assistive technology and durable medical equipment.

[Santa's Little Hackers](#) makes modifications to toys for children that have varying abilities so that all children can access toys independently.

[Sharing the Weight](#) offers free weighted blanket for children with special needs.

[Special Kids Fund](#) provides help to children, adults, and disabled veterans with accessible vans.

[Stepping Stones for Stella](#) provides buggies for sand or snow to children with disabilities.

[Wheel Chairs 4 Kids](#) provides children with physical disabilities with wheelchairs, small home and vehicle modifications, as well as assistive devices such as gait trainers, standers, hoist lifts, etc. Provides fun events for children in wheelchairs and donates gently-used equipment.

[WheelchairTravel.org](#) provides information on traveling with a wheelchair and accessibility throughout the travel process.

Speech and Language Disorders

[AAC Funding Help](#) offers updated information about programs that cover and provide funding for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices.

[Small Steps in Speech](#) will help cover therapies, treatments, and communication devices for children ages 3-22 with speech and language disorders.

Service Dogs

[Assistance Canine Training Services](#) is an all volunteer organization that trains Service Dogs for adults confined to a wheelchair or electric chair and Facility Therapy dogs.

[Canine Assistant](#) covers medical, food, and training costs for service dogs.

[Canine Companion for Independence](#) breeds, raises and trains service dogs, hearing dogs, skilled companions, and facility dogs.

[Canines for Disabled Kids](#) provides scholarships for children under the age of 18 who have a physical or psychological disability, or who are on the Autism Spectrum.

[Canines for Kids](#) offers scholarships for training programs that help children with physical, psychological, or Autism diagnoses to receive canine assistance.

[Guiding Eyes for the Blind](#) (based in NY) provides trained dogs to people who are blind and visually impaired. They offer a variety of programs and there is no cost for their services to people who are blind and visually impaired.

[NEADS](#) (based in NH) trains Service Dogs and Assistance Dogs to meet the needs of people with a variety of disabilities or hearing loss, including children with disabilities. Clients do not pay a fee for their dogs, but instead, they work alongside NEADS staff to raise funds (with a minimum required amount) to help support the organization.

Travel

Tip- Families can contact airlines to see if there are any donated airline miles that can be used towards a flight for medical appointments.

[Air Charity Network](#) offers free air transportation to health care facilities for families who are income eligible and are in need of transportation.

[Angel Wheels](#) provides non-emergency, long-distance ground transportation to financially disadvantaged, ambulatory patients who are traveling for treatment.

[Angel Flight NE](#) offers free flights for children and their families traveling for medical care that have limited financial resources. Majority of patients are traveling within the northeast.

[Children's Flight of Hope](#) provides air transportation for children in need of specialized medical care who also need financial assistance. For most families, they reserve tickets on commercial airlines for the child and one adult companion to travel for treatment.

[Hospitality Homes](#) provides free short-term housing in volunteer host homes and donated apartments for families and friends of patients seeking care at Boston, MA-area healthcare organizations.

[Mercy Medical Angels](#) assists with costs associated with ground or air transportation to vital healthcare services for people who do not require medical care (e.g., doctor or nurse) en route.

[Miracle Flights](#) offers free flights for distance, specialized care and second opinions.

[Patient Airlift Services Northeast](#) free air transportation for individuals receiving medical care for acute or chronic health conditions in the northeast.

[Patient Travel Referral Program](#) a program of Mercy Medical Angels, provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medically-related transportation and provides referrals to all appropriate sources of help available in the national charitable medical transportation network.

[Project Angel Fares](#) provides all travel expenses to visit Morgan's Wonderland, an all-accessible amusement park.

[We Got This](#) provides travel assistance to children who live with life threatening, chronic, and/or complex medical conditions.

[Wings Flights of Hope](#) helps people in need of free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes, including accessing medical treatments.

[USGS](#) provides a free, lifetime Access Pass to National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands for U.S. citizens who have a permanent disability. \$10 processing fee.

Wish Programs

[Mahana Magic](#) provides support to Vermont children who have a parent or caregiver who has been diagnosed with cancer. They offer programs at no cost to families.

[Make-A-Wish Vermont](#) grants wishes to make life better for kids with life-threatening medical conditions and critical illnesses.

[Catch-A-Dream Foundation](#) provides hunting and fishing experiences to children 18 and under with a life-threatening illness.

[Cherished Creations](#) provides wishes for seriously ill children through the age of 21. Grants special requests for practical items not covered by insurance such as small generators and recycled furniture and clothes.

[Children's Wish Foundation International](#) fulfills wishes of children under 18, diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The child must not have received or be in the process of receiving a wish.

[Do It For The Love](#) brings people with life-threatening illnesses, children with severe challenges and wounded veterans to live concerts.

[Dream Foundation](#) fulfills dreams to adults, 18 and older, that have a limiting illness with a life expectancy of nine months or less.

[Hunt of a Lifetime](#) grants hunting and fishing dreams for seriously ill children through the age of 21.

[The Marty Lyons Foundation](#) grants wishes to children ages 3-17 who have been diagnosed with a terminal or life-threatening disease. Child must be receiving treatment in Massachusetts or one of the other participating states. There is no VT chapter.

[Outdoor Dream Foundation](#) grants outdoor adventures to children who have been diagnosed with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

[Sunshine Foundation](#) provides grants for children that are chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused, ages 3-18 from all over the country.

Diagnosis/ Condition Specific

Autism

[Flutie Fund](#) Vermont Family Network Families offers grants of up to \$200 on a limited basis for families who have children birth to age 22 with an autism diagnosis for needed equipment, respite, camp, therapies, emergency childcare, or to attend a conference related to their child's diagnosis.

[Act Today! Autism Care and Treatment](#) provides funding for effective treatments, assessments and needed life supports for families affected by autism.

[Autism Speaks](#) provides support for families affected by autism during natural disasters and other catastrophic life events. The program helps families to cover costs associated with critical expenses related to the well-being of the family member with autism on a case-by-case basis.

[Danny's Wish](#) provides free iPads to families of nonverbal children with Autism.

[Doug Flutie Foundation](#) meets families' needs by ensuring access to services, active lifestyles, and adult independence.

[MyGOAL Autism](#) offers grants for families of children with autism for therapies and programs not covered by insurance.

[National Autism Association, Give A Voice Program](#) provides communication devices to individuals with autism who are non-verbal or minimally verbal, and whose communication challenges put them at increased risk of injury or harm.

Cancer

[Alex's Lemonade Stand](#) provides emotional, financial and logistical support to childhood cancer families. Their Travel Program helps to offset travel expenses for families who must travel to receive potentially lifesaving treatment for a child.

[Cancer Patient Support Foundation](#) provides emergency funding for patients with cancer and their families; all other funding options must be exhausted.

[Clayton Dabney Foundation](#) helps income-eligible families with a child in the last stages of terminal cancer to make lasting memories by providing last wishes, gifts, special events, family travel and financial assistance with household expenses.

[Feel Better Friends](#) sends children with cancer and other illness a crocheted doll stuffed with love and well wishes.

[Jesse Rees Foundation the Year of Joy Program](#) provides a year of hope, joy and love for children and their families with cancer.

[Love Your Melon](#) an apparel brand dedicated to giving a free hat to children with cancer.

[Lucy's Love Bus](#) (New England) pays for children with cancer in New England (MA/NH/ME) to receive integrative therapies through their program. They also provide a list of other resources for families of children and young adults with cancer.

[The Magic Yarn Project](#) provides homespun yarn wigs embellished to resemble princesses, for children fighting cancer.

[Stupid Cancer](#) provides a list of resources/organizations that provide financial assistance.

Cardiac Care

[Eli's Heart](#) assists families with travel expenses for medical care.

[Ethan M. Lindberg](#) provides grants for families traveling to Boston Children's Hospital for cardiac care.

Deaf/ Hard of Hearing

[Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing](#) offers a variety of resources, including financial aid for members.

[CaptionCall](#) is a captioned telephone service available at no-cost to people with hearing loss.

[ClearCaptions](#) is a free phone captioning service that provides near real-time call captions of phone conversations for individuals whose hearing loss inhibits their phone use.

[Dorothy Ames Trust Fund](#) provides grants for purchase of hearing aids and auditory trainers for children that are deaf living in New England.

[Foundation for Sight and Sound](#) provides high quality hearing aids for income-eligible families. Application fee of \$125 and funding is considered a last resort. Families must exhaust all other resources for payment (credit, mutual funds, 401(k) plans).

[The Hike Fund](#) offers funding for children under the age of 20 who have a need for hearing aids or an assistive hearing device. Family annual income must be less than \$100,000.

[Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation](#) provides free hearing aids, services and support materials to children and adults with limited income, who are not receiving resources through Medicaid, insurance, or state or federal programs.

[Starkey Hearing Foundation Hear Now Program](#) provides hearing aids to families that have limited resources for acquiring hearing aids. The Hear Now program requires that a local professional volunteer help with the fitting and any follow-up that may be needed.

[Travelers Protective Society of America](#) financial aid for people that are deaf or hearing impaired to obtain hearing devices, specialized treatment, speech classes, note takers, interpreters and more.

Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

[Epilepsy Foundation Vermont](#) offers scholarships for children and teenagers with epilepsy living in VT to attend a camp of their choice. Also provides grants for seizure detection devices.

[Chelsea Hutchison Foundation](#) provides support and assistance for children and young adults with epilepsy, as well as seizure monitoring and seizure assistance dogs.

[The Danny Did Foundation](#) provides seizure/epilepsy devices to children in need.

[J Kiffin Penry Patient Travel Assistance Fund](#) helps cover travel expenses for families traveling more than 50 miles to receive FDA-approved medical care or treatment for epilepsy/a seizure disorder.

[Josh Provides](#) grants for seizure response dogs, medical services, seizure detection and prediction devices, and other technologies not covered by insurance, that are related to epilepsy or other seizure disorders.

Muscular Dystrophy and Muscle Disorders

[Jett Foundation](#) provides medical and accessibility equipment to families that have a child with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy that insurance won't cover.

[Laughing At My Nightmare](#) assists people living with muscular dystrophy by providing free adaptive and medical equipment to people in need.

[Never Give Up](#) is a fund from the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation for anyone with Spinal Muscular Atrophy to apply for iPads and iTunes gift cards to build app library.

Traumatic Brain Injury/ Spinal Cord Injury

[Holton's Heroes](#) assists families affected by post birth traumatic brain injury.

[Kelly Brush Foundation](#) for those that have experienced a spinal cord injury and need adaptive sports equipment in order to lead an active life.

[Travis Roy Foundation](#) provides assistance for adaptive equipment for families in financial need that have a family member with a spinal cord injury. Survivors with paraplegia and quadriplegia paralysis must be due to a spinal cord injury that was caused by an accident, separate from complications caused at birth.

More Grants

[Conference Fund](#) Vermont Family Network offers a small grant to attend a conference related to their child's diagnosis.

[Joe Shook](#) Vermont Family Network provides grants, when funding is available, for parents who may apply or up to \$100 to help offset a current distinct need.

[Support Group Fund](#) Vermont Family Network grant of \$200 for parents interested in starting a new support group to help offset the costs of startup.

[Blanket Hugs](#) sends blankets and care packages to children with life- threatening illnesses.

[Challenged Athletes Foundation](#) offers grants for Paralympic sports-related needs.

[Do Not Pay In Full](#) is a blog resource list for funding sources and dream sites, run by a mom.

[Gracie's Gowns](#) offers free custom-made hospital gowns for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

[Graham's Foundation](#) provides care packages for parents with premature babies in the neonatal intensive care unit.

[Hugginz by Angel](#) provides blankets and pillows for children dealing with serious illness, medical condition or tragedy.

[Icing Smiles](#) works with bakers to provide a free birthday cake to a child or sibling impacted by a serious illness.

[Peach's Neet Feet](#) provides services that include distributing personalized shoes to children with a chronic illness and disability; organizing and sending care packages to families with children inpatient or in hospice; workshops for school-aged children to encourage kindness; and supportive art programs.

[Lara's Gowns for Smiles](#) provides colorful hospital gowns for children in hospitals.

[Project Fairy Dust & Magic Wands](#) provides handmade tiaras for princesses in need.

[Shadow Buddies](#) sends a doll buddy to your child for emotional support in time of need.

[Songs of Love Foundation](#) Free personalized songs written for children ages 1-21 who are facing life-threatening and life-limiting mental, emotional, and physical challenges.

[Sweet Dreams for Kids](#) donates free pajamas to children in hospitals.

[Team Impact](#) connects children with serious or chronic illness to local college athletic teams.

[Tiny Superheroes](#) offers personalized superhero capes for children with an illness, medical condition or disability.

[Ween Dream](#) gives Halloween costumes to children who have unique challenges.

[Wishers and Dreamers](#) provides free hospital gowns for your child's doll, bear, or little buddy.



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