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Ultimate List of Grants and Resources for Families with Special Needs

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Ultimate guide to:

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Are you a family of a child with special or medical needs? Do you know someone who is? Then this is the must have resource for grants for medical equipment such as wheelchairs or adaptive bikes, grants to help with medical costs, wish organizations and other ways you can brighten up your child's day.

I chose organizations that serve larger areas or are nationwide. Ask your local children's hospital or your physician about any local organizations that may also be able to help you. Raising a child with medical needs is expensive and insurance does not cover all costs. Feel free to give your favorite non-profit a shout out in the comments. We appreciate their hard work to make life a bit easier for families like ours.

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Wish Organizations

These organization will grant a wish to a child with a life threatening or sometimes chronic health condition.

[Make-A-Wish](#)

[Dream Factory](#)

[Sunshine Foundation](#)

[Kids Wish Network](#)

[Hope Kids](#)

[Jason's Dream for Kids](#)

[The Marty Lyons Foundation](#)

[Angelwish](#)

[A Special Wish](#)

[Take a Breather Foundation](#), for children with cystic fibrosis

[Clayton Dabney for kids with cancer](#), assists families in making memories during end stage cancer

*each organization has their own criteria for referring a child and geographical area they serve

Medical Equipment/Medical Assistance

[UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation](#), offers grants for kids 16 years old or younger for services health insurance does not cover

[McLindon Family Foundation](#), provides adaptive bicycles for children with special needs.

[Danielle's Foundation](#), provides assistance for families of children with cerebral palsy and brain injuries

[Alex's Lemonade Stand](#), provides travel grants to medical institutions for families battling childhood cancer

[The Arya Foundation](#), provides medical equipment such as ramps, special beds and walking aides.

[MY GYM Challenged America](#), provides grants for medical equipment and therapy equipment for families with special needs

[The Lindsay Foundation](#), provides medical care, treatment and rehab equipment grants

[Stepping Stones for Stella](#), provides buggies for children with special needs to enjoy outdoors to its fullest

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

[First Hand Foundation](#), provides financial assistance for medical care, vehicle

modification and travel

[Chelsea Hutchison Foundation](#), provides seizure monitoring and seizure assistance dogs

[June Brandy Foundation](#), assists families with children who have pediatric illness/disability

[Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation](#), assists children with cerebral palsy to help with therapies or other medical treatments insurance doesn't cover

[Variety of United States](#), provides equipment and services for mobility, independence and social inclusion

[The Prayer Child Foundation](#), provides assistance to children with disabilities to enhance quality of life

[Wheel to Walk Foundation](#), assists with equipment not provided by insurance

[Small Steps in Speech](#), grant funds for speech and language disorder therapies

[Gwendolyn Strong Foundation](#), provides iPads for children with spinal muscular atrophy

[Silent Stars](#), provides iPads for children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech

[Go Shout Love](#), features a family battling a rare illness and raises funds for them

[Angel Flight](#), free medical and compassion flights

[Aubrey Rose Foundation](#), assists families with medical expenses

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

[Bryan's Dream Foundation](#), assist families of children with brain tumors

[Eden's Hope](#), assists families of children with neuroblastoma

[Friend's of Man](#), assists with medical and mobility equipment and prothesis

[Snap4Kids](#), provides modest grants to families in need

[Fred's Footsteps](#), provides financial assistance to families during a child's illness

[Family Reach](#), financial assistance for families of children with cancer

[Matthew Larson Foundation](#), assists families of children with brain tumors

[Wheelchairs 4 Kids](#), provides assistive devices and medical equipment to families in need

[Project Mend](#), refurbishes mobility devices and assists families with medical equipment needs

[TJ Joy Memorial Fund](#), assists families in obtaining seizure monitoring devices

[Gia Nicole Angel Foundation](#), assist with purchase of medical equipment

[Building Blocks for Kids](#), provides grants for health related needs

[Challenged Athletes Foundation](#), provides grants for paralympic sports related needs

[Different Needz Foundation](#), provides grants for medical equipment and/or services.

[Hands to Angels](#), helps families of children with rare genetic disorders

[Hannah and Friends](#), provides quality of life grants for individuals with developmental disabilities in Indiana, the Michiana area, New York, Rhode Island, and Florida

[Grotto Humanitarian Foundation](#), provides dental services for children with special needs

[The HIKE Fund](#), provides hearing devices for children in need

[Kya's Crusade](#), grants for therapies

[Maggie Welby Foundation](#), provides grants to families in need

[Mark's Money](#), grants for individuals with Down Syndrome residing in Tennessee or Indiana

[Miracle Ear Foundation](#), provides free hearing aids to individuals in need

[Molly Bear Foundation](#), grants for families of children with Trisomy 18

[Ray Tye Medical Foundation](#), funds life saving medical care and surgeries for those without insurance

[The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project](#), provides the tools for a therapeutic and fun experience to children with physical and developmental needs

Free Gifts and Services

[Santa's Little Hackers](#), sends children with special needs an adaptive toy at Christmas time

[Seedlings Braille Books](#), free braille books/articles for students in grades 1-12

[Wishers and Dreamers](#), free hospital gowns for your child's doll/bear

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

[The Butterfly Fund](#), clothing, services and care for children with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)

[Kyler Coat Project](#), provides warm capes for children and adults in wheelchairs

[Ben's Blankets](#), free weighted blankets for children with sensory needs

[Special Kids Photography of America](#) provides grants for family pictures

[Grains of Love](#), provides love packages for individuals in need of comfort

[Blessing Boxes](#), provide toys for children with chronic illnesses or injuries

[Feel Better Friends](#), sends children with cancer and other illnesses a crochet doll stuffed with love and well wishes

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

[Sweet Dreams for Kids](#), provides a free pair of pajamas for children who are in hospitals

[Lara's Gowns for Smiles](#), provides a colorful hospital gown for children who are in hospitals

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

[Project Fairy Dust & Magic Wands](#), provides a handmade tiaras for princesses in distress

[Peach's Neet Feet](#), creates custom decorated shoes for children with a qualifying medical condition

[Tiny Superheroes](#), sends a cape to your little superhero

[Bianca's Kids](#), provides needed wishes for families

[Knitting Rays of Hope](#), knits hats for cancer patients, babies in NICU and other special deliveries

[Ween Dream](#), collects and delivers Halloween costumes for children with medical conditions and children in need

[Butterflies for Courageous Kids](#), sends a butterfly of encouragement for children battling cancer and other medical conditions

[Sharing the Weight](#), provides free weighted blankets to children who could benefit from one

[Special Spaces](#), creates dream bedrooms for children with critical illnesses

[Room to Dream](#), bedrooms designed for children in need

[Graham's Foundation](#), sends a care package to families with premature babies

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



Free Places to Go

Dream Night: ask your local Zoo if they participate in this wonderful program reserved only for medical/special needs families

[Surf Dreams Foundation](#): currently various cities on the east coast, helping children experience surfing for the first time

[Give Kids the World](#): a popular wish organization destination, see database for participating organizations

[Buckmaster's Life Hunts](#) provides a hunting experience for a child with critical illness or severe disability

[Camp Sunshine](#) a retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families

[Catch-A-Dream](#), once in a lifetime hunting and fishing experiences for children with life-threatening illnesses

[Hunt of a Lifetime](#), hunting and wishing dreams for children with life-threatening illnesses

[Outdoor Dream Foundation](#), outdoor adventures for children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses

[Ride A Wave](#), a special day at the beach for children with special needs

[United Special Sportsmen Alliance](#), sends critically ill and terminally ill youth and disabled veterans on outdoor adventures

[Epilepsy Foundation-Texas](#), free summer camps for children with epilepsy

[Amputee Coalition](#), free summer camp for children with limb differences in Ohio

[Connecticut Burns Foundation](#), free summer camp for children with life altering burn injuries

[Paul Newman Camps: Double H Ranch, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and Camp Boggy Creek](#) (and many more) are all free to campers

Some tips when applying for grants:

1. Read the criteria and requirements carefully. That way you are not wasting your time filling out applications and the non-profit can focus on the people they have set up their program for.
2. Speak with your child's physician or therapist to see if a particular equipment

would be helpful or if there might be a better choice before applying.

3. If you are chosen for a grant, follow up with a thank you letter and pictures. Many non-profits depend on these updates to share with their donors so that other children can be served.
4. Don't give up. If you are not chosen for a grant, check out local lending closets, ask around in local mom groups or set up a personal fundraiser. We all need a little help sometimes.

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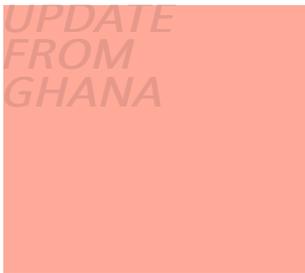
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Kristen Malfara says

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We also offer free pediatric medical equipment to families of children with special needs and have facilitated the exchange of equipment and supplies to/from thousands of families over the past 15 years – please add us to your resource list!

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project

<http://themorganproject.org/available-equipment/>

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Jenni says

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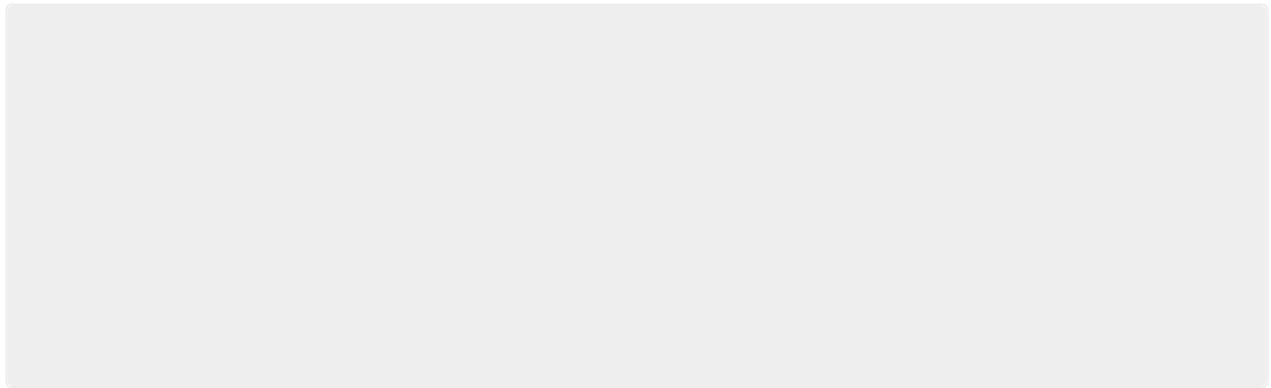
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Kristen, thank you for letting me know. I will gladly add you to our resource list.

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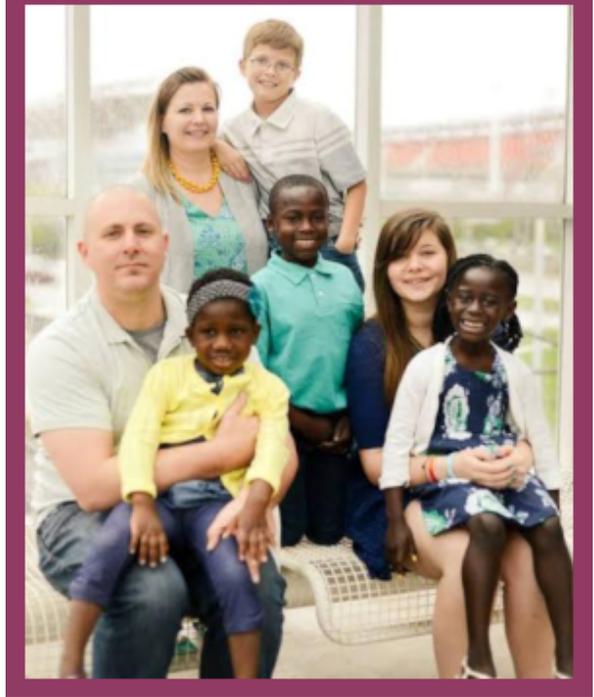
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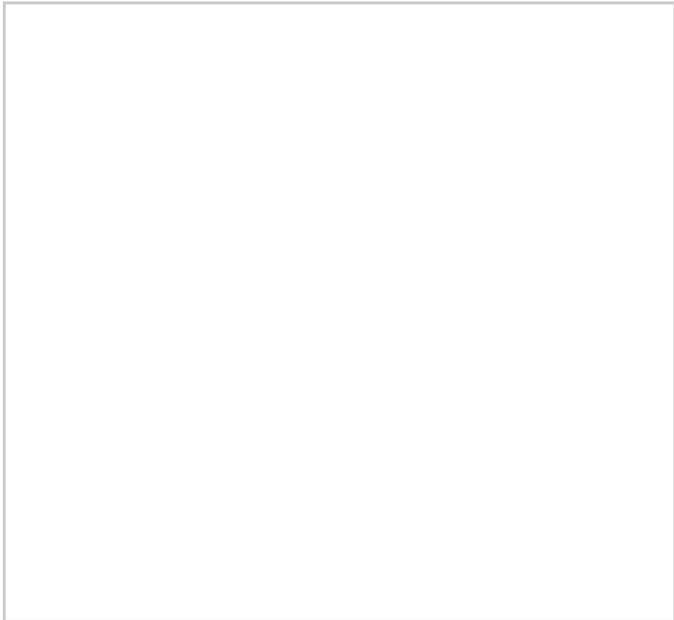


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