

## General Special Needs Financial Assistance

- United Healthcare Children's Foundation

- <http://www.uhccf.org> ; 1-855-698-4223
- Provides medical grants to help children gain access to health related services (eg. PT, OT, ST, counseling, surgery, medications, wheelchairs, orthotics, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.) not covered, or not fully covered, by their parents' commercial health insurance plan. Families can receive up to \$5000 annually per child (lifetime max is \$10,000). May apply online.
- Criteria: 16 years or younger, lives in U.S., facing a health-related challenge, has a commercial insurance plan that covers only a portion or none of the necessary treatment or equipment, and parent meets the following adjusted gross income levels (based on last year's 1040):
  - | Family Size | Adjusted Gross Income |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2           | \$50,000 or less      |
| 3           | \$75,000 or less      |
| 4           | \$100,000 or less     |
| 5 or more   | \$125,000 or less     |

- Kiddos Clubhouse Foundation

- <http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org/> ; 678-527-3224
- Provides therapy scholarships to help families pay for critical therapies. Scholarships do not exceed \$2500. Applications can be downloaded online.
- Criteria: Child must be under 21 and not have received a scholarship from Kiddos Clubhouse within the past two years; Must demonstrate the need for funds due to lack of insurance, lack of insurance coverage, or lack of other funding sources

- Innovative Health Foundation

- <http://www.innovativehealthfoundation.org/> ; 1-800-992-8977
- Provides funding for therapy for families of children with special needs. Examples of services covered include behavioral therapy, clinical assessments , hippotherapy, metabolic assessments, music therapy, neurofeedback therapy, nutritional therapy, OT, PT, ST, social skills therapy, vision therapy. Applications can be downloaded. Sign up to

be on the email list in order to get notification as to when applications are being accepted.

- Criteria: Demonstrated family financial need; must have a clear diagnosis and treatment plan that demonstrates reasonable patient success; and must have measurable goals and objectives of treatment outcomes and patient's progress.
- Fragile Kids Foundation
  - <http://www.fragilekids.org/> ; 770-951-6111
  - Provides wheelchair lifts for home and vans, ramping, specialty seating, bathing equipment, toileting equipment, therapy bikes, strollers, and much more to the medically fragile children of Georgia. Help fill the "insurance gap" between what is deemed medically necessary for a medically fragile child and what is actually covered by private insurance or Medicaid. Has a Healthcare Grant Program, which provides items such as sanitary items, specialized car seats, communication aids, toileting and bathing systems, ramps, van lifts, stair lifts, ceiling lifts and house ramps for families to keep. Other items, such as wheelchairs, adaptive strollers, positioning chairs, standers, gait trainers, therapy benches, and therapeutic bikes are provided to families to **borrow** equipment for a total of 24 months. The Loan Program is especially helpful for young children who will likely outgrow equipment within a short period of time. After 12 months of borrowing equipment, the family must provide a new Letter of Medical necessity from their therapist indicating the equipment is still appropriately sized and meeting therapeutic goals. A family may receive one (1) Healthcare Grant item and one (1) Loaned Equipment item per year. Applications and document criteria can be found online.
  - Criteria: The equipment must be deemed medically necessary to meet rehabilitation and quality-of-life goals, and applications must include a Letter of Medical Necessity from a licensed therapist.
- Champions for Children
  - <http://www.championsforchildrenga.org/> ; 1-866-584-3742
  - Provides: Respite Care, medical supplies and equipment, therapies, dental and optical services, travel reimbursements for medical appointments, recreational or therapeutic activities, and other services related to the child's disability not covered by other payment sources. Contact them for application.
  - Criteria: Have applied for Katie Beckett and received a level of care denial ; children up to the age of 18; live at home; have a physical, cognitive, developmental or medical disability