

## **CdLS Foundation Regional Retreat Funding Guide**

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to attend the CdLS Foundation Regional Retreats and are aware of concerns about being able to afford the full cost of attending. In response to these concerns, the staff has taken to the internet to seek sources of funding that you might be able to tap to help you fund your trip. We have identified a number of organizations that may offer grants to individuals and to families of children with developmental disabilities.

Our primary sources of information were *Wonder Baby.org*, a website published with the support of the Perkins School for the Blind and the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

Listed are organizations that offer grants to individuals and families. Some have significant geographic limitations, while others have national and international service coverage. Where possible, we briefly describe these organizations and how to contact them. The first section of this list shows organizations that serve the entire US; the organizations listed in the second section serve only the noted geographic areas.

Continue planning fundraisers and feeding piggy banks to save money for the retreat, but don't overlook the possibility of getting one or more grants to help cover those expenses. Even if a letter you send doesn't result in financial aid, it has served another purpose: educating people about CdLS and how it affects individuals and their families!

*Thank you to the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation for providing the information enclosed in this fundraising toolkit!*

## **Now it is *your* turn.**

Get organized to apply for one or more grants to attend the conference:

1. Start **NOW!**
2. Do financial homework. Go to **Hotwire, Expedia, Orbitz**, and similar sources to get a sound estimate of your airfare costs. Will an airport shuttle or taxi meet your needs, or do you have a specific need to rent a vehicle? If so, use these same websites to get estimates for the cost of the rental vehicle and factor this into your transportation costs.
3. Identify the organizations that you want to contact.
  - a. Go to their websites and read them carefully. Is there a formal application process? Do you need to submit proof of financial need? Do they require letters of reference from professionals to substantiate your need for conference attendance?
  - b. Assemble the required supporting documentation and have it ready when each agency opens its application period or when you make contact with your local organizations. Do NOT wait until the application period starts to begin this project.
  - c. Mark your calendar with the dates on which you can make the application and carefully follow their instructions when you assemble your package for submission. ***Don't get your request rejected because of a technical or clerical oversight, like missing a deadline or not including requested information!***

**Good luck with your grant applications!**

## **National Organizations that Offer Assistance to Families and Individuals with Disabilities**

Contact any agencies you have identified as potentially helpful as soon as possible!

**Your State Deafblind Project** may have funding for conference attendance

<https://nationaldb.org/members/list?type=State+Project>

**The Arc** [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org) serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact your local chapter to get information on submitting a grant request.

**Easterseals** <http://www.easterseals.com> provides opportunities for people of all ages with a range of disabilities to achieve their full potential. Together, we're changing the way the world defines and views disability. Contact your local Easterseals to get more details about the services available in your community.

**The Elks** support benevolent, educational, and patriotic community-minded programs in such fields as benefitting physically handicapped children. <http://www.elks.org/lodges/>

**Jewish Community Centers** <https://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/>

Contact your local JCC to find out if they have a local grant program. Use the link to search for a center in your community.

**Kiwanis Clubs** <https://www.kiwanis.org>

Individual Clubs can apply for grants from the International Foundation. Go to website for information on how to locate a club in your area and review the types of grants that local clubs have sponsored in the past.

**Knights of Columbus** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html>

Charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national, and international projects from international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities.

**Lions Clubs** are known as "knights of the blind," focusing on programs and services for the blind and visually impaired. A Lions club in or near your community may sponsor a program that provides assistance for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs:

<https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN>

**National Grange** <http://www.nationalgrange.org/our-values/programs/>

Grange members participate in big and small projects, partner with other community organizations, they fundraise for various causes within their community and nationally. Serving our communities whether it is helping our neighbor in need or bake sale to raise money for the local school, you can always count on the Grange being involved. Use the link to locate a group near you.

**Optimist Club** <http://optimist.org/default.cfm>

Each Optimist Club determines the needs of the young people in its community and conducts programs to meet those needs. Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people. Use the link to locate a club near you.

**Variety – the Children’s Charity’s** <http://usvariety.org/grants/> purpose is to serve children who are less fortunate – children who live and grow up with a serious illness, disability or disadvantage.

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

<http://www.ioof.org/IOOF/OurWork/IOOF/OurWork.aspx?hkey=0d5b4bfa-677a-4ab5-b15d-d54aacb81c9c>

Go to the webpage to locate points of contact in your state. Any assistance you can obtain apparently will come from the local/regional organization.

**Altrusa International** <http://altrusa.org/Get-Involved/Club-District-Locations.aspx>

Civic-minded people who are interested in creating better communities. Last year, Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia. Projects/donations seem to be handled as the local level. Use the link to locate a group near you.

**The June Brandy Foundation** helps families with children who are suffering with pediatric illness, disease, disability, or other serious health conditions. Contact [junebrandyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:junebrandyfoundation@gmail.com).

**Pioneer** <http://www.pioneersvolunteer.org/>

Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsors. Use the link to locate a group near you.

[www.friendsofman.org](http://www.friendsofman.org) grants for therapy, equipment, and other needs. Must have a sponsor, such as an agency or social worker, apply.

<http://givingangelsfoundation.org> **Gia Nicole Angel Foundation** assists special needs children with a physical disability or illness.

<http://www.joniandfriends.org> **Christian Fund for the Disabled**

Your local community service organizations may also be able to assist:

- Rotary International <https://www.rotary.org/en>
- Loyal Order of the Moose <http://www.mooseintl.org/index.php/about/>
- Key Clubs <https://www.keyclub.org/contact-us/>

Also, contact:

- College Student Organizations • Sororities and Fraternities • Hospital Auxiliaries • Local Unions
- Catholic Charities • Lutheran Social Services • Special Interest Groups • Churches

Crowdfunding is an option:

- Go Fund Me <https://www.gofundme.com/>
- Fundly <https://fundly.com/>
- FundRazr <https://fundrazr.com/>
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Wish Granting Foundations might also be able to help:

- **Make-A-Wish** has been granting wishes for 30 years. Find your local chapter here: <https://wish.org/local-chapters>

- **A Special Wish Foundation, Inc.** <http://www.aspecialwishfoundation.org> is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to granting the wishes of children under the age of 21 and diagnosed as having a life-threatening disorder.
- **The Marty Lyons Foundation** <https://martylyonsfoundation.org> grants wishes in 10 states: Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.
- **The Sunshine Foundation** makes dreams come true for chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children ages three to eighteen in Colorado, Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. <https://www.sunshinefoundation.org>

### **Agencies Serving Specific States and Counties Cities in USA**

**The Different Needz Foundation** <http://www.differentneedzfoundation.org/>

The Foundation has approved grants for services and equipment. The Foundation's reach includes recipients in Ohio, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Florida, Maryland, Indiana, and California.

**Hanna & Friends** <https://www.hannahandfriends.org/>

Hannah & Friends provides funding for a program called Hannah's Helping Hands, which funds quality of life grants for families that care for children and adults with special needs in Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Florida, Indiana and the Michiana area.

**The ATI Foundation** [www.atipt.com](http://www.atipt.com) is committed to aiding children with physical impairments in need of medical resources, equipment, and funding to enhance and sustain a better quality of life. The child must live in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania or Wisconsin.

**The Ingeborg A. Biondo Memorial Foundation** <http://www.biondofoundation.org/> financially assists developmentally, neurologically and physically challenged individuals in the tristate area of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

State	Organization
<b>AL</b> West-central region	Community Service Programs of West Alabama, Inc. Provides resources and services, which resolve immediate needs and lead to long term self-sufficiency in low-income and vulnerable populations <a href="http://www.cspwal.com">www.cspwal.com</a>
<b>CA</b> Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties	Alta California Regional Center, Inc. Provides services to persons, age three and above, with a developmental disability pursuant to the Lanterman Act <a href="http://www.altaregional.org">www.altaregional.org</a>
<b>CA</b> El Monte, Glendora, Monrovia, and Pomona districts of Los Angeles County	San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center Service, support and advocacy for people with Developmental Disabilities and their families. <a href="http://sgprc.org/">http://sgprc.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, and Humboldt counties	Redwood Coast Developmental Services Corporation Not-for-profit corporation providing services through a contract with the California Department of Developmental Services 1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482-5997 <a href="http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org/">http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> San Luis Obispo County	Jack's Helping Hand assists and programs for children with cancer and special needs. <a href="http://www.jackshelpinghand.org">www.jackshelpinghand.org</a>
<b>CA</b> San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties	Valley Mountain Regional Center, Inc. Serving children and adults with developmental disabilities <a href="http://www.vmmc.net">www.vmmc.net</a>
<b>CA</b> San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties	Tri-Counties Association for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. Provides supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities <a href="http://www.tri-counties.org/">www.tri-counties.org/</a>
<b>CA</b> South Central Los Angeles	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for Developmentally Disabled Persons. Contracts with DSS to coordinate services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families 650 W. Adams Blvd., Bldg. 4, 3rd FL., Los Angeles, CA 90007-2545 <a href="http://sclarc.org/">http://sclarc.org/</a>
<b>CT</b>	Cherish the Children Foundation assists children in Connecticut with needs that are not being met by traditional sources of funding or support. We may fill a special medical need or assist a family caring for a terminally ill child. <a href="http://www.ctchildren.org">www.ctchildren.org</a>
<b>FL</b>	Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to disabled FL residents to become independent, productive, and self-supporting members of society. <a href="http://www.abletrust.org/">www.abletrust.org/</a>

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<b>GA</b>	Anchor of Hope offers grants to special needs children to help cover the costs of therapy, education, equipment, and other needs not covered by insurance or Medicaid. The maximum grant amount is \$250.00 per child per financial year. <a href="http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org">http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org</a>
<b>GA</b>	Georgia residents can receive up to \$2,500 for payment of therapeutic services or equipment. Application deadline March 31. <a href="http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org">http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org</a>
<b>HI</b>	Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii Provides screening, identification, information, training and mentoring, and public outreach and advocacy for children and youth with or at risk of disabilities. <a href="http://www.ldahawaii.org">www.ldahawaii.org</a>
<b>IL</b> Peoria County	Grants for Blind residents of Peoria County Louis S. Oppenheim Trust c/o PNC Bank, N.A. P.O. Box 94651 Cleveland, OH 44101-4651
<b>KS</b> Cloud County	Cloud County Children's Trust Grants given only for exceptional children age 12 years and under with special needs to provide opportunities, education, therapy, special equipment and help not provided by insurance, governmental aid programs, or other charities. c/o Citizens National Bank 115 W. 6th St. Concordia, KS 66901-2815 Contact Person: Amy DeGraff Phone: (785) 243-3211
<b>KY</b> Southeastern Region	Scott Rose Foundation, Inc Support for medical and general welfare needs of disabled and disadvantaged children and young adults living in southeastern Kentucky P.O. Box 5001 London, KY 40745-5001 Contact Person: Lawrence Kuhl, Treas. Phone: (606) 864-6235
<b>MD</b> Montgomery and Prince George's counties	Full Citizenship of Maryland, Inc 4415 Queensbury Road Riverdale, MD 20737 Telephone: (301) 209-0696 For residents who live with mental or neurological impairments and disabilities. <a href="mailto:fullcit@comcast.net">fullcit@comcast.net</a>
<b>MI</b>	Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. <a href="https://www.lmsf.net">https://www.lmsf.net</a>
<b>MI</b>	American Legion - <a href="https://www.michiganlegion.org/">https://www.michiganlegion.org/</a>

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<b>MN</b>	DeafBlind Technology & Training Access Program (self-directed grant). DeafBlind(DB) adults and families with DB children who live in Minnesota and who need technology or other equipment and/or training in order to become more self-sufficient may be eligible." Contact: Christy Leach <a href="mailto:celeach@crgrants.com">celeach@crgrants.com</a> DeafBlind Services Minnesota V 612-272-5233 ■ FAX 612-872-0189
<b>MO</b> Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby, St. Charles and Warren	North East Community Action Corporation Provides assistance to low income families. <a href="http://www.necac.org">www.necac.org</a>
<b>NC</b>	Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia, Inc. Services for adults and children with disabilities <a href="http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/">http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/</a>
<b>NH</b>	One Sky Community Services, Inc. <a href="http://www.oneskyservices.org">www.oneskyservices.org</a> Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) BEAS serves New Hampshire residents over the age of 60 and residents over the age of 18 who suffer from a chronic illness or disability. This is an excellent resource for information and all sorts of services and support. 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-9203 or (800) 351-1888
<b>NH</b>	Governor's Commission on Disability This is an agency of the State of New Hampshire's government devoted to removing barriers from the lives of the state's disabled population. Contact this body with your questions about securing disability grants you can put toward a wheelchair van. 57 Regional Drive, Suite 1 Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-2773 or (800) 852-3405
<b>NH</b>	Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) GSIL is a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote life with independence for people with disabilities and those experiencing the natural process of aging through advocacy, information, education, support and transition services. 21 Chenell Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 228-9680 or (800) 826-3700 Website: <a href="http://www.gsil.org">www.gsil.org</a> ; Email: <a href="mailto:info@gsil.org">info@gsil.org</a>



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<b>NH</b>	<p>The Harry Gregg Foundation This is a cross-disability charitable foundation providing direct financial aid to New Hampshire residents. It began in 1989, created in memory of its namesake, the founder of the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. 1 Verney Drive Greenfield, NH 03047 (603) 547-3311 ext. 1490 or (800) 394-3311 ext. 1490 <a href="https://www.crotchedmountain.org">https://www.crotchedmountain.org</a> <a href="mailto:hgf@crotchedmountain.org">hgf@crotchedmountain.org</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>Institute on Disability (IOD) works to improve access to assistive technologies for disabled people living in New Hampshire. This is a good source of information about acquiring and using such technology in the state. It is affiliated with the University of New Hampshire (855) 374-9969 Assistive Technology Institute on Disability 10 West Edge Drive, Suite 101 Durham, NH 03824</p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>The New England Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center serves persons with disabilities in New Hampshire. It works to preserve and increase the rights, independence, self-determination and quality of life of the state's disabled population. 180-200 Portland Street, Suite 1 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 695-1225 or (800) 949-4232 <a href="http://www.newenglandada.org/">http://www.newenglandada.org/</a> and <a href="mailto:ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org">ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>New Hampshire Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) For the elderly and disabled living in New Hampshire, the state's ADRCs are available to provide information and assistance. Talk to a representative to learn about funding options for your handicapped-accessible vehicle. You can find your local office using the link. <a href="http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/">http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/</a></p>
<b>NH</b>	<p>The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD) NHCDD offers disability grants to individuals and organizations, along with many other types of assistance. State residents with a condition meeting the Federal guidelines for a developmental disability are eligible for help from the Council. 21 Fruit Street, Suite #22 Concord, NH 03301-2451 (603) 271-3236 <a href="http://www.nhcdd.org/">http://www.nhcdd.org/</a></p>

State	Organization
NH	<p>New Hampshire Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is dedicated to helping the disabled lead more independent lives. It furthers this goal by providing reliable information, services and aid to state residents with disabilities.</p> <p>Paula Ninivaggi Statewide Independent Living Council c/o Governor's Commission on Disability 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-0476 or (800) 852-3405 ext. 0476 <a href="https://www.nh.gov/disability/silc/info@silcnh.org">https://www.nh.gov/disability/silc/info@silcnh.org</a></p>
NH	<p>New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Check in with the New Hampshire VR agency, which operates under the auspices of the state's Department of Education. It assists disabled state residents in securing employment. If a handicap van is necessary for you to find or to get to work, financial aid is available.</p> <p>101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3860 (603) 271-3494 <a href="http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov">http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov</a></p>
NJ Bergen and Passaic counties	<p>The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties, Inc. serves individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families <a href="http://www.arcbergenpassaic.org">www.arcbergenpassaic.org</a></p>
NJ	<p>Jason's Dreams for Kids grants wishes for children in the NJ area diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. <a href="http://jasonsdreamsforkids.org/#howeare">http://jasonsdreamsforkids.org/#howeare</a></p>
NY	<p><b>Make A Wish:</b> Central NY <a href="http://cny.wish.org">http://cny.wish.org</a> Hudson Valley <a href="http://hudson.wish.org">http://hudson.wish.org</a> Metro NY and Western NY <a href="http://metrony.wish.org/">http://metrony.wish.org/</a> Northeast NY <a href="http://neny.wish.org">http://neny.wish.org</a> Suffolk County <a href="http://suffolk.wish.org/">http://suffolk.wish.org/</a> Western NY/Rochester Regional Office <a href="http://wny.wish.org/">http://wny.wish.org/</a></p>
NY	<p><b>Organizations and Foundations</b> The Arc (NY): <a href="https://www.thearc.org/">https://www.thearc.org/</a> Easterseals (NY): <a href="http://www.easterseals.com/newyork/">http://www.easterseals.com/newyork/</a> Elks Clubs (NY): <a href="https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm">https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm</a> JCC (NY): <a href="http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/search/New+york">http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/search/New+york</a> Knights of Columbus (NY): <a href="https://www.newyorkknights.com/">https://www.newyorkknights.com/</a> Optimist International (NY Clubs) <a href="https://optimist.org/member/clubdirectory/city.cfm?country=US&amp;state=NY">https://optimist.org/member/clubdirectory/city.cfm?country=US&amp;state=NY</a></p>

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<b>NY</b>	Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau Serves families and individuals with Special Needs in NYC <a href="http://www.cgshb.org/">www.cgshb.org/</a>
<b>OH</b> Northeast	Zane's Foundation serves families who have children with special needs and live in Northeast Ohio. May apply at any time. Applications are reviewed quarterly. <a href="http://zanesfoundation.org/site/?action=who-can-benefit">http://zanesfoundation.org/site/?action=who-can-benefit</a>
<b>OH</b> Cincinnati area	Building Blocks for Kids' mission is to improve the quality of life for children with health-related needs that are not being met due to a lack of insurance, government funding, and/or family resources in the Cincinnati area. <a href="https://bb4k.org/">https://bb4k.org/</a>
<b>OH</b> Erie and Eastern Ottawa counties	Paul Motry Memorial Fund c/o John Frankel 414 Wayne St., Sandusky, OH 44871-5001 Phone: (419) 627-3100
<b>OH</b> Northeast Region	The Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland serves to strengthen families and individuals in both the Jewish and general communities in Northeast Ohio. <a href="http://www.jfsa-cleveland.org">www.jfsa-cleveland.org</a>
<b>OH</b> Dayton area	Sightless Children Club, Inc. <a href="http://www.sightlesschildren.org">www.sightlesschildren.org</a>
<b>OR</b>	The Blanche Fischer Foundation makes direct grants on behalf of Oregonians with physical disabilities. The aid may relate directly to the disability or toward fostering personal independence <a href="http://www.bff.org/index.html">http://www.bff.org/index.html</a>
<b>PA</b> Philadelphia area	Fred's Footsteps provides financial assistance to Philadelphia area families during a child's illness <a href="http://www.fredsfootsteps.org">http://www.fredsfootsteps.org</a>
<b>TN</b>	Civitan Child Welfare Auxiliary, Inc. provides assistance for disabled children 16 years old or under who live in the immediate Chattanooga, TN, area. 3712 Anderson Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37412-1809 Contact Person: J. William Dietzen, Chair Application address: 1122 Hilddale Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411
TN	Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – will provide 2 scholarships of \$1,000 each.
TN	Sertoma Club of Nashville - <a href="https://nashvillesertomaclub.org/">https://nashvillesertomaclub.org/</a>
TN	Lions Club Resources for Blind and Hearing Impaired - <a href="https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN">https://directory.lionsclubs.org/?language=EN</a>

State	Organization
<b>WA</b> Northeastern Region, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Whitman and Stevens Counties	Rural Resources Community Action <a href="http://www.ruralresources.org">www.ruralresources.org</a>
<b>WI</b> Waukesha County	The Margaret Wiegand Trust provides grants to legally blind persons for their educational needs, care, and maintenance. c/o JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. P.O. Box 3038 Milwaukee, WI 53201-1308 Contact Person: Anne McCullough Phone:(214) 965-2908 <b>Application address:</b> c/o JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 2200 Ross Ave., 5th Fl., Dallas, TX 75201-2744 Tel.: (214) 965-2908
<b>WI</b>	<a href="http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap/">http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap/</a> Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project. They may have funding or point families to sources of funding in the state.

***Do you know of other funding sources? Send to: [info@CdLSusa.org](mailto:info@CdLSusa.org).***