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Alternative Funding Sources for Therapy Services and Equipment

Therapy is an investment in your child's future. We recognize that not everyone has access to insurance benefits and those that do are often left with some out of pocket cost. There are a number of organizations that may provide funding for children with disabilities. They cover a wide array of funding purposes such as therapy or equipment. These organizations have certain grant/funding criteria so please be sure to check their websites for funding details.

Please note that each resource is from an independent organization; none are associated with Child & Family Development. C&FD has conducted independent research to assist families with alternate funding needs. While we have made every effort to provide high-quality and helpful grant or financing information, we are not responsible or liable for the quality of these sources or any errors that may occur. Information should be independently verified and confirmed. Questions about specific financing options or grants should be addressed to the organization offering the grant.

Advance Care Credit: <https://advancecarecard.com/>

Advance Care provides simple and affordable patient financing options. Interest free periods of 6-18 months are available along with flexible terms, and low interest rates. They offer helpful customer service as well at 1-800-432-9470.

Anchor of Hope Foundation: <https://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org/>

Anchor of Hope Foundation offers financial assistance to individuals who can provide a proof of diagnosis of a developmental disability to help cover the costs of therapy, education, equipment, and other direct needs of the individual not covered by insurance or Medicaid.

Autism Care Today: <https://www.act-today.org/our-funds/autism-care-today/>

Autism Care Today grants are designed to provide access to individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Grant payments will be made directly to pre-approved treatment providers, assessors or materials vendors.

Autism Speaks: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/financial-autism-support>

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. People with autism and their families often have a variety of additional expenses required to meet their unique needs. Many are looking for financial assistance. Autism Speaks has compiled a list of different types of resources on this page to help you seek support in your area.

Bee Mighty: <https://beemighty.org/>

Bee Mighty provides funding for medical therapy and equipment to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) graduates. Bee Mighty was established so that families can focus on each other and concentrate on the development of their child without the added stress of financial ruin. The Bee Mighty Fund is a non-profit 501(c)3.

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Bethany's Butterflies: <https://www.bethanysbutterflies.org/>

Bethany's Butterflies vision is that every child with a severe or complex neurological, developmental, or behavioral condition has access to every opportunity and resource available to improve their quality of life and reach their highest potential.

Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA): <https://www.chasa.org/>

CHASA is a 22 year old grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, teens and adults who developed hemiplegia during childhood. CHASA offers grants and scholarships, in addition to community groups and retreats.

Giving Angels Foundation: <https://www.givingangelsfoundation.org/>

The mission of the Foundation is to assist special needs children with a physical disability or illness throughout the United States. The Foundation awards grants to lower income families to enhance the everyday life of the child.

Go B Go Foundation: <https://www.gobgofoundation.com>

The mission of the Go B Go Foundation is to empower children with neurological conditions by providing access to specialized, intensive therapists that help them grow stronger and achieve their goals with confidence.

Kiddos' Clubhouse Foundation: <http://www.kiddosclubhousefoundation.org>

Kiddos' Clubhouse Foundation provides therapy scholarships to help families pay for critical therapies.

Kids With PossAbilities: <https://kidswithpossabilities.org/>

Kids with PossAbilities mission is to provide funding for therapy, assistive technology and educational scholarships for children with developmental delays in the Greater Charlotte Area. Kids with PossAbilities was established so that families can focus on their child's development and their family's journey without the added stress of financial pressures.

Make a Wish Foundation: <https://nc.wish.org/>

Every 34 minutes Make-A-Wish® grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories. We believe that a wish experience can be a game-changer. This one belief guides us in everything we do. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve.

Maggie Welby Foundation: <http://maggiewelby.org>

The Maggie Welby Foundation offers scholarships for children and families that have a financial need for a particular purpose. Grants may extend to children and families in need of help with medical needs or an opportunity that a child would not otherwise have.

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North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority: <https://k12.ncseaa.edu/the-education-student-accounts/>

The Education Student Accounts (ESA+) scholarship funds help North Carolina families pay for education and services for children with disabilities. The ESA+ includes a variety of enrollment options, including private schools, home schools, and co-enrollment. Funds can be used for K12 school tuition as well as certain allowable expenses such as therapy, tutoring, and educational technology.

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD): <http://www.rarediseases.org/>

NORD is a national steward and a steadfast partner helping those who battle and care for rare disease feel seen, heard, supported, and connected. NORD is a full-service, mission-driven, and independent nonprofit reimagining a future where every person with a rare disease and their families live their best lives. The organization provides patient assistance programs to aid in cost of healthcare, medication, testing, and caregiver respite.

Small Steps in Speech: <http://www.smallstepsinspeech.org/>

Small Steps in Speech is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization which provides grants on behalf of children with speech and language disorders for therapies, treatments, communicative devices, and other services aimed at improving their communication skills.

Sunshine Foundation: <https://www.sunshinefoundation.org/how-to-request-a-dream/>

The Sunshine Foundation's mission is to answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to the financial strain that the child's illness may cause.

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation: <https://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

UHCCF's mission is to help fill the gap between what medical services/items a child needs and what their commercial health benefit plan will pay for. UHCCF grants provide financial help/assistance for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance plan.

Variety – the Children's Charity: <https://www.usvariety.org/>

Variety focuses on multiple unmet needs of children who are sick, disadvantaged or live with disabilities and other special needs at a local, national and international level. Our aim is to maximize the real, long-term positive social impact for all children. Variety provides grants for equipment, products and services.

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Adaptive and Durable Medical Equipment specific funding/access:

Assist M.E.: <https://www.assistmenc.com>

Assist M.E. helps people with impaired mobility regain their independence and quality of life. They collect and provide mobility-related medical equipment that can improve a person's function and comfort.

Signposts Ministries: <https://www.signpostsministries.org>

Signposts Ministries is a volunteer-run 501©3 non-profit that works both in the greater Charlotte area and internationally. They serve families that have children or youth with special healthcare needs by connecting them with equipment, resources and their community.

Unlocked, Inc.: <https://www.unlocked.org>

Unlocked's purpose is to improve the quality of life and maximize the potential of children with disabilities in and around Charlotte, NC. Their mission is to ease the financial burden of families raising children with disabilities by funding adaptive or medical equipment necessary to increase their mobility, gain independence, and promote physical, social and emotional development.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids: <https://www.wheelchairs4kids.org>

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a registered 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. Their flagship program, "Let's Roll" provides wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications, as well as other assistive and therapeutic equipment at no cost to the family.

Advocacy Support:

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center: <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org>

ECAC is an organization dedicated to empowering North Carolina families and improving the lives of children with disabilities and/or special health care needs. ECAC helps parents navigate the special education system, know their rights, and use their voice. The organization provides information, support, training and resources to assist families caring for children with special needs from birth to age 26. All services are provided at no cost to families!

Searching for Grants (specific to your child/family):

Support Now Grant Search: <https://www.grants.supportnow.org>

Browse the largest, up-to-date collection of grants to fund families with financial needs of all sizes.