

Mission Statement

The Children with Special Needs Fund provides support for children in Michigan with special health care needs that is not available through any other funding source. The Fund helps with the purchase of equipment and services that promote optimal health, mobility and development, enhancing the lives of children and their families.

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...enhancing the
lives of children
with special needs in
Michigan
since 1944

What is the Children with Special Needs Fund?

The CSN Fund provides support for children in Michigan with special health care needs when help is not available through any other funding source.

The Fund was created in 1944 when Dr. and Mrs. James Pardee donated 1000 shares of Dow Chemical stock to the State of Michigan. Dr. Pardee was a co-founder of the Dow Chemical Company.

The Pardee's gift remains a major portion of the Fund. It has been supplemented by donations from other individuals for over 60 years. This generosity has enabled the Fund to help tens of thousands of families.

The Fund is administered through the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The Fund operates entirely on donations. No tax dollars are ever used.

Who is eligible to apply?

Families with a child enrolled, or medically eligible to enroll, in the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program may apply to the Children with Special Needs Fund.

To find out if your child is eligible, contact the CSHCS office at your local health department.

What does the Fund cover?

For eligible recipients, the Fund may provide partial or full payment for items including but not limited to:

- **Wheelchair ramps**
- **Van lifts and tie downs**
- **Therapeutic tricycles**
- **Air conditioners**
- **Adaptive recreational equipment**
- **Electrical service upgrades necessitated by the eligible child's equipment**

How do I apply for assistance from the Fund?

To apply for assistance from the Fund, contact the CSHCS office at your local health department for an application and assistance with the application process. You may also contact the Fund directly at (517) 241-7420, or the CSHCS Family Phone Line at (800) 359-3722.

Applications are available online at www.michigan.gov/csnfund.

When applying, what must I provide?

- Three bids for the requested equipment or service
- A letter of medical necessity from the child's managing physician
- Documentation showing that other organizations have been contacted for assistance
- A letter from the family stating the reason for the request
- Additional information may be requested depending on the nature of the request

How can I make a donation?

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Fund, visit www.michigan.gov/csnfund or call 517-241-7420

Donations can also be mailed to:

Children with Special Needs Fund
320 S. Walnut
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Call the CSN Fund office at 517-241-7420 with any questions.