MEMORANDUM

TO: UnitedHealthcare Children’s Foundation (UHCCF) East

Board Members FROM: UnitedHealthcare Children’s Foundation

Operations Team

RE: January 23, 2025 Conference Call

DATE: January 21, 2025

Enclosed are the materials for our conference call on Thursday, January 23, 2025, 8:00 A.M. EST/ 7:00 A.M. CST

MEETING AGENDA

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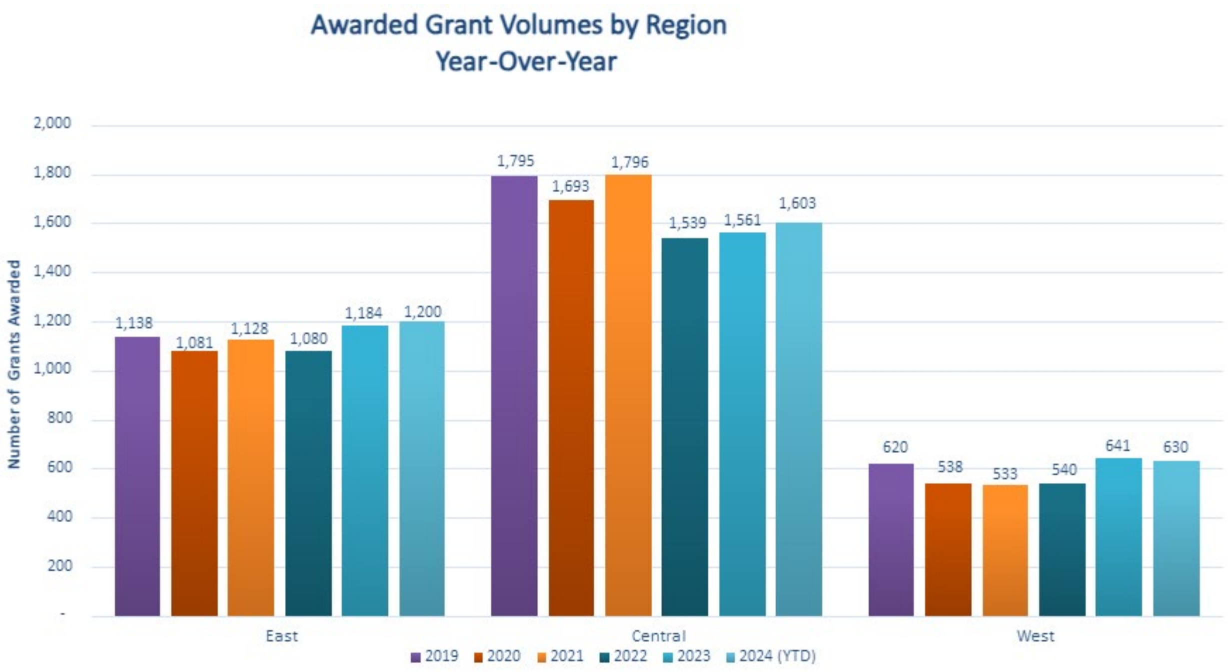
Awarded Grant Volumes by Region
Year-Over-Year
Number of Grants Awarded
2,000
1,800
1,600
1,400
1,200
1,000
800
600
400
200
-
1,138
1,081
1,128
1,080
1,184
1,200
1,795
1,693
1,796
1,539
1,561
1,603
620
538
533
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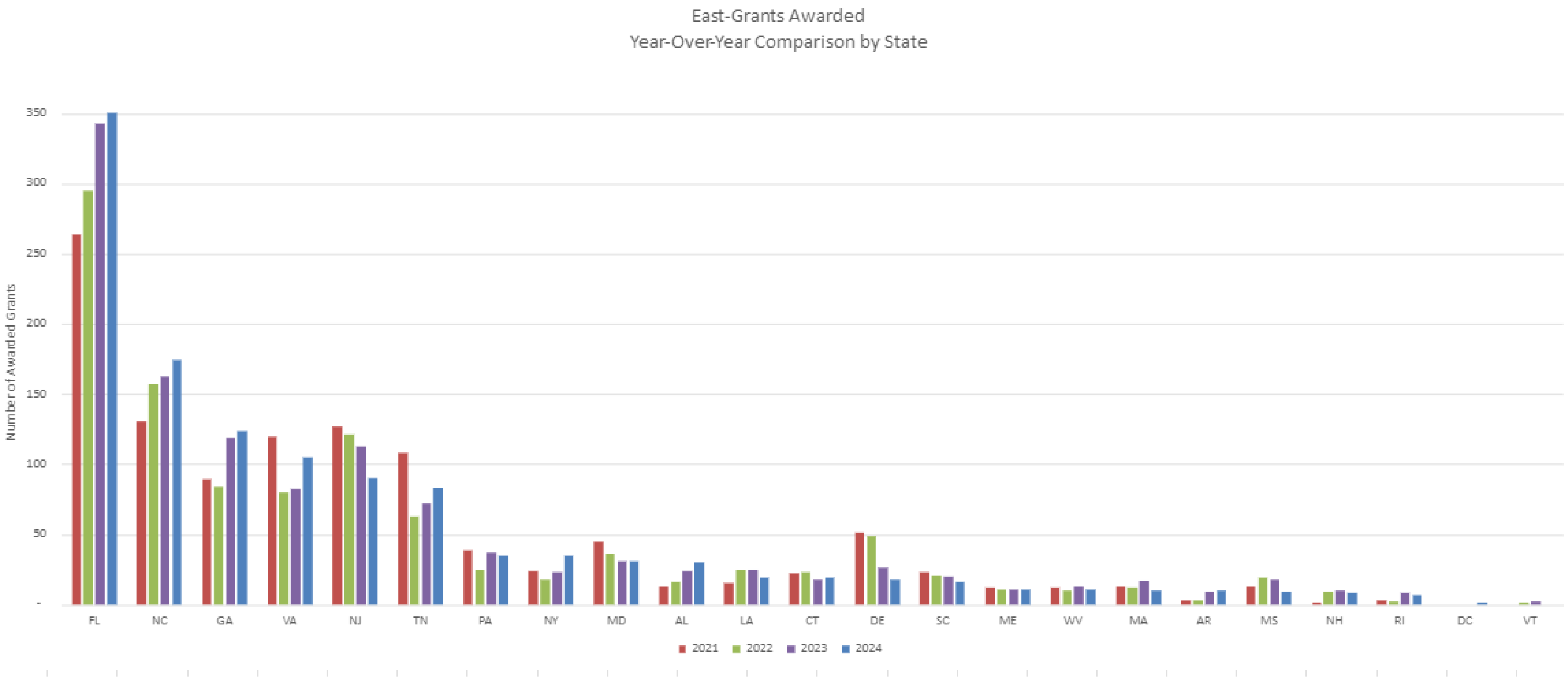
630
East
Central
West
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024 (YTD)


East-Grants Awarded
Year-Over-Year Comparison by State
Number of Awarded Grants
350
300
250
200
150
100
50
-
FL
NC
GA
VA
NJ
TN
PA
NY
MD
AL
LA
CT
DE
SC
ME
WV
MA
AR
MS
NH
RI
DC
VT
2021
2022
2023
2024

Pic My Pet Photo Contest
February 4 - 28, 2025

- Goal $125,000
- Entries accepted from February 4-14
- Voting from February 17-28
- All pets welcome!

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Pic My Pet

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UHCCF Big 4 Events - 2025

August 3, 2025

Eden Prairie, MN

[14th Annual Century Ride 2025]

August 4, 2025

Twin Cities, MN

[2025 UHCCF Minnesota Golf Classic]

September 18 -19, 2025

Fort Myers, FL

New Venue

[2025 UHCCF Florida Fishing Classic]

September 29, 2025

Napa Valley, CA

[2025 UHCCF California Golf & Wine]

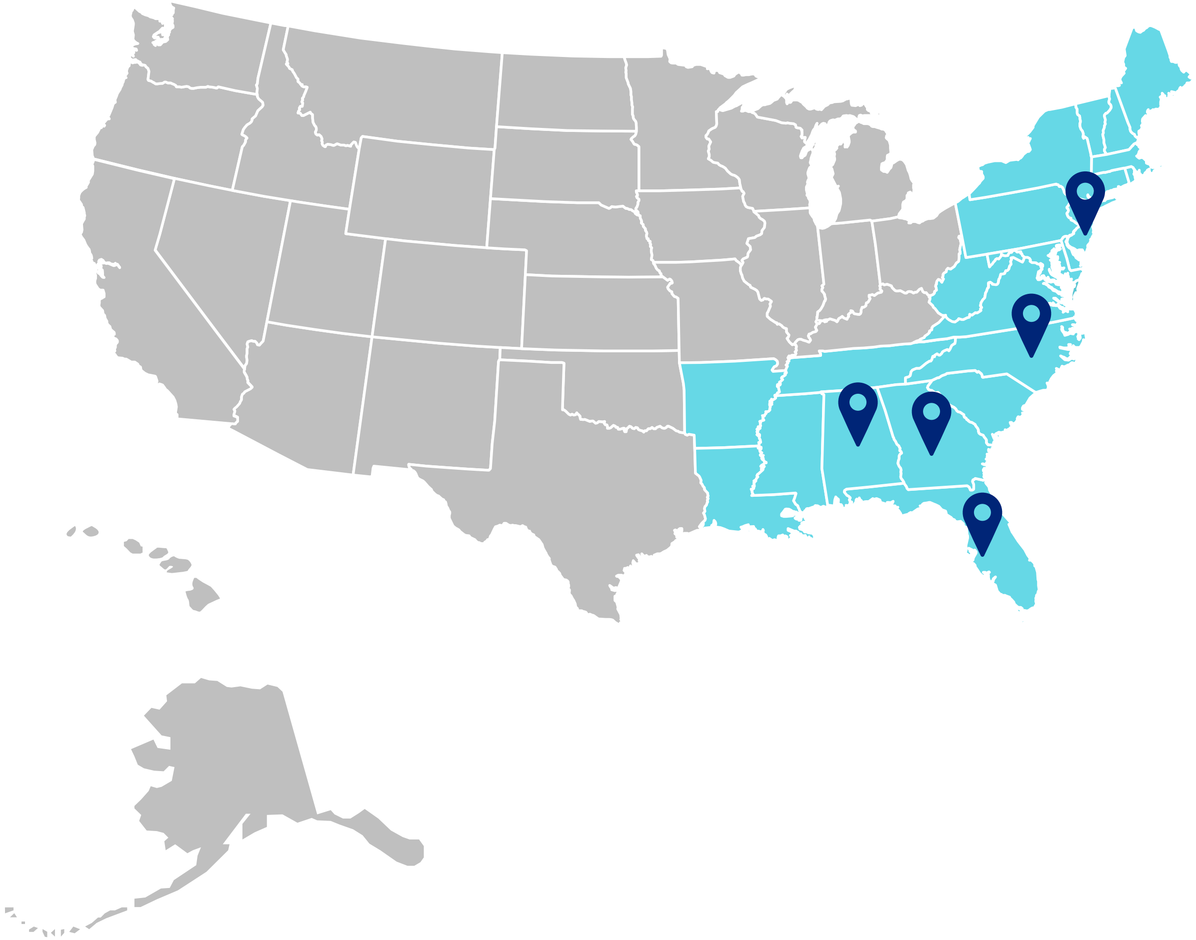
2025 Events & Programs

Event	Location	Date
Frosty Fat	Excelsior, MN	January 25
Pic My Pet	Virtual	February 4 – 28
Georgia Rooftop	Atlanta, GA	May 15
Virtual Teddy Bear Run	Virtual	June 1 – 30
Uncorked Sonoma County	Healdsburg, CA	June 6
Century Ride	Eden Prairie, MN	August 3
Minnesota Golf Classic	Twin Cities, MN	August 4

Event	Location	Date
Employee Giving	Virtual	August 26 – September 19
Florida Fishing Classic	Fort Myers, FL	September 18 – 19
California Golf & Wine	Napa Valley, CA	September 29
New Jersey Gala	TBD	September TBD
Mississippi Golf Classic	Madison, MS	October 6
Gathering on the Green	Cary, NC	October 8
Arizona Putt for Hope	Scottsdale, AZ	October 30
Holiday Grins2	Virtual	December 2-14

Development

2025 East Confirmed Events



Event	Location	Date
Georgia Rooftop	Atlanta, GA	May 15
Florida Fishing Classic	Fort Myers, FL	September 18 - 19
New Jersey Gala	TBD	September TBD
Mississippi Golf Classic	Madison, MS	October 7
Gathering on the Green	Cary, NC	October 8

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Cash Available By Region - East Region

As Of December 2024

Cash	2,332,014
Contributions Receivable	-
Accounts Payable	-
Grants Payable And Encumbered	1,253,533
Funds Available for Operations	-
Grant Fund Balance	1,078,481
Grant Funds Available (85% max. is applied)	916,709
Funding Months at Current Grant Rate	5.5

	2024					2023					2022				
Grant Month	Count of Grants Awarded	Dollar Amount of Grants Awarded	Total Dollar Amount of Funds Available	Average	Funding Months at Current Rate	Count of Grants Awarded	Dollar Amount of Grants Awarded	Total Dollar Amount of Funds Available	Average	Funding Months at Current Rate	Count of Grants Awarded	Dollar Amount of Grants Awarded	Total Dollar Amount of Funds Available	Average	Funding Months at Current Rate
Jan-24	115	222,242	656,655	1,933	3.0	102	194,978	810,530	1,912	4.2	78	157,771	649,334	2,023	4.1
Feb-24	124	227,053	556,348	1,831	2.5	115	211,050	769,120	1,835	3.8	94	199,449	589,145	2,122	3.3
Mar-24	154	215,357	549,977	1,398	2.5	101	189,363	704,244	1,875	3.5	109	184,005	574,780	1,688	3.2
Apr-24	113	162,810	563,158	1,441	2.7	98	174,940	669,359	1,785	3.5	128	245,915	446,075	1,921	2.3
May-24	122	168,028	604,721	1,377	3.0	115	209,248	622,218	1,820	3.2	70	131,700	673,889	1,881	3.7
Jun-24	58	102,222	652,001	1,762	3.6	85	152,882	613,349	1,799	3.2	93	187,557	625,448	2,017	3.4
Jul-24	3	5,000	813,991	1,667	5.2	101	177,554	548,651	1,758	2.9	113	186,229	604,047	1,648	3.3
Aug-24	29	54,395	910,252	1,876	6.3	105	195,299	548,715	1,860	2.9	79	149,146	689,365	1,888	3.8
Sep-24	131	230,349	883,703	1,758	5.7	111	196,435	605,773	1,770	3.2	80	146,033	849,580	1,825	4.8
Oct-24	143	246,512	961,147	1,724	5.9	88	167,862	648,654	1,908	3.5	76	149,048	914,316	1,961	5.3
Nov-24	117	192,220	904,522	1,643	5.4	107	198,063	641,648	1,851	3.4	80	149,863	868,676	1,873	5.1
Dec-24	92	157,372	916,709	1,711	5.5	56	99,679	700,558	1,780	3.9	80	149,954	907,639	1,874	5.3
Average	100	165,297	747,765	1,677	4.3	99	180,613	656,902	1,829	3.4	90	169,723	699,358	1,894	4.0
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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Camila
Age:	8
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$108,068
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Ataxia Telangiectasia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Cancer
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Increase strength and mobility.
	Insurance Coverage: UHC-Ind Ded-150, Ind OOP-2,250
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Camila was diagnosed on 7/1/2022 with Ataxia Telangiectasia on month later on 8/2/22 she was diagnosed with leukemia. It has been tough for our family with all the copayments and unexpected hospital visits. Now that Camila is 8 she will need more therapy because her condition is worsening but insurance would not approve it.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Leland
Age:	13
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$79,914
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$1,600
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-2020
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,500 Ind Ded $4,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,600
Family Story:	Leland is a sweet, spirited boy who is diagnosed with autism. Each day, he navigates the challenges of living with autism. Yet, despite it all, he continues pushing forward. As parents, we want to ensure he has the resources necessary to facilitate his success. It is important to us that he has the resources essential for coping with the challenges he lives with. However, we have experienced hardships that have presented challenges which we want to ensure do not interfere with Leland's ability to get the help he needs. His father has multiple sclerosis and autoimmune conditions which have resulted in significant vision impairment. Because of his diagnosis, he is confined to a wheelchair and has significant deficits in upper and lower body motor function. This has been a significant change in our lives, one felt particularly strong by Leland. Dealing with his father's diagnosis has presented its own unique challenges, but we have continued to push forward. Recently, however, I have been dealing with my own health issues that have yet to become fully resolved. These health issues present many challenges and further strain resources. With surgery and therapies on the horizon, future challenges are anticipated. We want to ensure these challenges do not hinder Leland's ability to get the help he needs. It is for these reasons that we humbly request assistance to ensure that Leland receives the therapies necessary to cope with the many challenges he faces.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Taylor
Age:	3
Gender:	Female
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$31,593
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$25,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Chromes disease/ ulcerative colitis
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: ER/UR Visits, Medical Drug, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $1,300 Individual Deductible
	Total Expected Cost: $25,000
Family Story:	my daughter has had a long journey. we found out feb she was autistic and then she had to have hearing surgery which ended up in her hearing being normal. In july of this year she was diagnosis with salmonella poisoning but after 3 procedures turned out to be chromes disease. She keeps being a little fighter amiss all of the things being thrown at her.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Miles
Age:	2
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$93,563
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,500 Ind Ded $7,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,500
Family Story:	Miles is 2 years old and is behind in his speech. He can say a few words but has made little to no progress beyond that. We are applying for this grant to help support the cost of getting the help he needs. Unfortunately our middle child suffers from type 1 diabetes, which is costly to provide care for. In addition our oldest daughter still requires speech therapy services as well as other medical care to help manage her ADHD. With my wife out of work, we are unable to save money and currently live paycheck-to-paycheck leaving us unable to pay for the necessary support Miles needs to reach the speech-related milestones other children his age have already met. Thank you for considering us for this grant.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Caden
Age:	2
Gender:	Male
State:	Tennessee
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$49,553
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Cancer
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: DR/Specialist Visits, Emergency Room/Urgent Care Visits, Medical Drug, Inpatient/Outpatient Hosp Visits, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $750 Ind Ded $2,250 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Caden is a miracle in our lives. When we were first married, we knew that it may be challenging for us to have children because of a genetic chromosomal disorder that his dad carries. We expected it might cause miscarriages. However, we weren't prepared to face never receiving a single positive pregnancy test. After trying for a long time, we turned to Chattanooga's best fertility clinic. We were told we had a 1-2% chance of naturally conceiving. Despite that, we became pregnant with Caden right before we began our first attempt at IVF. We were astonished and elated. During my pregnancy, I began to feel unwell and struggled to breathe. We assumed it was a part of my natural journey through pregnancy. However, just before we reached the 34 week mark, I went into early labor. We were able to delay labor a few days and deliver on Monday, March 7. Caden's lungs were weak and he was admitted to the NICU immediately. On Friday, March 11, I went to the ER to investigate why I was still struggling to breathe. We discovered that I had a large tumor caused by Hodgkin's Lymphoma in my chest. I was admitted to the hospital for about a week in the CV-ICU for complications caused by the tumor and began chemotherapy. I returned home, and Caden joined us at home 2 weeks later. For the first 6 months of Caden's life we journeyed through 12 cycles of chemo, with the support of friends and family. After chemo I stayed home to continue recovering and to spend time with Caden. We enjoyed walking in the woods together and working in our gardens at home. In 2023, my cancer reappeared on my PET scans and I underwent radiation for that as well. I also had a pre-cancerous tumor appear in my leg that year and went through surgery to remove it. In the summer of 2024, I returned to teaching in an elementary school. Caden went to daycare for the first time and enjoyed it a lot. But as the fall months approached, he sick often. We assumed it was because both Caden and I were exposed to more germs than before. By the end of October and into November, Ian and I were taking turns staying home with Caden. He would get sick, seem to recover for a few days, and then get sick again. He grew very pale and lethargic. In mid November, I took Caden back to the pediatrician to ask them to re-run tests and prescribe medicine that could help us shake off our series of illnesses. But after his bloodwork came back with low counts across the board, we were asked to come in to the hospital to see a Hematologist Oncologist. We were told that Caden had leukemia, and that we would be staying the hospital for 4 weeks. During our stay, he was diagnosed with B-ALL, and given his port and first treatments of chemo. It has been a hard season for us, but Caden has been very brave and strong through it all. We appreciate any assistance we can have during this time for our family. We are struggling to overcome the financial burden from my previous treatments, as well as the new obstacles that Caden's treatment will add. I will be working part-time and staying home with Caden as he enters the consolidation phase of his treatment. Thank you for considering us for this grant, and for honoring us by hearing our story.

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Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$3,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Josiyah
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$33,725
Lifetime Award	$3,000
Grant Amt Req:	$1,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Disorders
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: **Prev Grant: $1500 in 10/2025, $1500 in 7/2024
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy
	Goals: Maximize development.
	Insurance Coverage: Allegience- Ind Ded-750, Ind OOP-5,000
	Total Expected Cost: $1,500
Family Story:	Josiyah was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at 22 months of age. He began ABA, speech and occupational therapy shortly after the diagnosis. While receiving such news was unexpected, I knew that I would have to be my son's biggest advocate. I have seen so much growth with Josiyah but I know there is still work to do. Josiyah has aged out of the early intervention program so the cost of speech and OT are added to my expenses for his therapy (I pay for ABA therapy through private insurance). My goal is for Josiyah to be the best version of himself and while his therapies are not cheap, I will continue to utilize every possible resource to make this possible for him.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jordan
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,518
Lifetime Award	$7,000
Grant Amt Req:	$13,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Extreme Prematurirty
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Delay
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically/Behaviorally
	Previous Grant: $2500 exp 11/22, $2500 exp $6/23, $2000 exp 8/24 *$3000 from lifetime max**
	Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits (including services during that visit), Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments, Emergency Room/Urgent Care Visits (including services during that visit)
	Goals: Improve ongoing development delays, prevent illness
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS DED $500 OOP $4000
	Total Expected Cost: $13,500
Family Story:	Jordan and his twin brother were born at 27 weeks gestation and spent 4.5 months in the NICU. Jordan is still catching up developmentally and needs PT, OT, Speech, Behavioral Therapy, and more. We could really use assistance in paying for these services. Thank you so much for your consideration and for everything you do!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Kyle
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,518
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Extreme Prematurirty
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Delay
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically/Behaviorally
	Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments, Emergency Room/Urgent Care Visits, Medical Drugs
	Goals: Improve ongoing development delays, prevent illness
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS DED $500 OOP $4000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Kyle was born Intrauterine Growth Restricted at 4 lbs 10 oz at 38 weeks gestation. He was in the NICU for 9 days to learn how to eat. Kyle has faced some challenges with growth and is currently being followed closely by doctors including his pediatrician and endocrinologist. He may need growth hormone. Kyle is a big brother to twin brothers, who were born at 27 weeks.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Landon
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,518
Lifetime Award	$7,000
Grant Amt Req:	$14,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Extreme Prematurirty
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Delay
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically/Behaviorally
	Previous Grant: $2000 exp 10/22, $3000 exp 02/23, $2000 exp 12/23 *$3000 from lifetime max***
	Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits (including services during that visit), Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments, Emergency Room/Urgent Care Visits (including services during that visit)
	Goals: Improve ongoing development delays, prevent illness
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS DED $500 OOP $4000
	Total Expected Cost: $14,000
Family Story:	Landon and his twin brother were born at 27 weeks gestation and spent 3.5 months in the NICU. Landon is still catching up developmentally and needs PT, OT, Speech, Behavioral Therapy, and more. We could really use assistance in paying for these services. Thank you so much for your consideration and for everything you do

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Beckett
Age:	2
Gender:	Male
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$96,997
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Developmental disorder
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), DR/Specialist Visits
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: Alliant $2,300 Ind Ded $9,200 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,500
Family Story:	Beckett has a twin sister, a 10 year old sister, and a 7 month old sister we welcomed in May. Beckett is very funny and loving, but his communication skills are behind the developmental norms. Beckett mostly repeats words, or phrases, very little is spontaneous or functional language. Beckett stays at home with his father, twin sister, and younger sister during the day. I just want to make sure I am doing everything possible to get Beckett everything he needs without putting our family in a financial bind.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jules
Age:	1
Gender:	Male
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$40,546
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Eustachian tube dysfunction, bilateral
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: chronic otitis media, bilateral
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: DR/Specialist Visits, Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $6,000 Ind Ded $9,400 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this grant! Our son, Jules Murray Chrestman, was diagnosed with eustachian tube dysfunction and chronic otitis media which is currently affecting his hearing. We have scheduled a surgery (myringotomy and tube placement) which should hopefully correct the issue, but the cost of the surgery and the specialist appointments presents financial obstacles for our family--especially since the past two years have been lean years in terms of our family income, and we are still dealing with medical debt from Jules' 3-night hospitalization due to mastoiditis in 2024 and multiple trips to the ER. This grant would allow us to afford the surgery and specialist services that will hopefully correct Jules' hearing problem and decrease his chronic ear infections--a huge benefit to his quality of life, and ours! A little bit about us: I am a writer and editor and my husband, Steve, is a farmer and food co-op worker. The three of us live in Athens, GA with our two cats. Jules is a happy little boy who loves trucks, cats, and music. Thank you again!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Finn
Age:	0
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$78,511
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$16,280
Medical Diagnosis:	Failure To Thrive due to various conditions / Left Atrial Dilation
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: VSD, Hypospadia, Chordee, GTube Feeding, Developmental Delays, etc.
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $6,250 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $16,280
Family Story:	To whom it may concern, Firstly, we appreciate the opportunity to apply for this grant and everything it has done families in need, already. Thank you! Our story begins not long after my wife, Erica, became pregnant with our little man Finn -- our second born, little brother to our 2.5 year-old boy, Cooper. At our first ultrasound, we were told we have a single, healthy heartbeat. Things seemed normal, we went home pleased. Soon after, we received a phone call that upon further analysis, there was a "acardic" fetus in the womb, along with the little heartbeat we heard. It seems she had a very rare, "monochorionic" pregnancy, where there was two identical twins, sharing the same placenta. Sometime early on, one of the twins passed, becoming acardiac, leaving our little Finn in an even more rare scenario, a "TRAP" sequence pregnancy. At 20 weeks we made the decision to intervene and Dr. Greves at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando performed an incredible surgery that severed the tie between the placenta and the acardiac twin. If this was not performed, it was likely that Finn's heart would be under too much stress and would have failed, leading to miscarriage. The operation was done successfully, but our journey was just beginning. Fast forward some time and many, many, many ultrasounds; at 6.5 weeks early, my wife Erica goes into unexpected labor. We rush to the hospital and within just a few hours, our baby boy Finn is born. He is a miracle! But, our time is short as he's rushed off to the NICU. During his NICU stay, we began uncovering his many abnormalities that we continue to struggle with today. Firstly, his "hole in the heart" a VSD, which is small, but something we've been monitoring very closely and may have to operate on once he reaches 12 months. We are unsure of how this affects his daily life, but he does sweat profusely and does have feeding issues, which I'll address next. His six-week stint in the NICU was mainly held up by feeding (or his lack thereof). He just did not want to eat on his own and had to be put on an NG tube to make sure he got the nutrients he needed, along with fortifying his formula/breastmilk. Finally, the day did come he ate just enough, for just enough time, to go home, but that didn't last long. Once home, he was taking only enough to sustain. Was barely gaining weight and not even on the growth charts. We were seeing specialists a couple times a week, every week (and still are, even moreso). At about 4-months he became sick (Rhinovirus), likely from his toddler brother, and his feeding plummeted. His gastrointestinal doctor sent us to a pediatric hospital right away, where he was placed back on an NG tube, so he could get the nutrients he needs. We were there for around 10-days for various testing and they ended up sending us home on the NG tube. This was not sustainable. After multiple ER visits to have it reinserted, our cardiologist had us visit Joe DiMaggio in Hollywood, FL for a G-Tube placement. Unfortunately, he was still stick and surgery was delayed by 2-weeks or so. While there, more testing was done, most of which all came back inconclusive for reasons behind his lack of desire to eat (outside of congestion from being sick). Eventually, the surgery was performed, G-Tube placed, and we were sent home. Since his tube was placed,

	we BOLUS feed, he barely takes by bottle, but we are ensuring he gets what we needs and he is finally on the charts! We see multiple specialists per week to try and get him up to speed physically and eating on his own. Outside of the feeding issues, he also has some other things we've been monitoring and will have to address: He has a "hypospadious" which he'll need surgically corrected this year, along with a hernia of the L and R groin, which they will fix when they do this operation. He has a sacral dimple, which we've have cleared for the moment, no spinal bifida, but something to watch. There is some neurological images we are watching, hopefully result in nothing, but he needs to continue to grow before we can diagnose again. At the end of the day, we are SO blessed and he is our handsome little man. However, the financial, physical and emotional toll this has taken on our family, especially my wonderful wife, Erica, has been tremendous. WE ended up back in the hospital again this holiday break, Finn got a stomach bug and it was another few days at Joe D, while he recovered, he became incredibly dehydrated -- it just seems he keeps getting sick, his congestion will NOT go away and his feeding situation does not seem to be improving. We know we are still at the beginning of this story and it's already been SO much to handle. Having our amazing toddler, Cooper, has only made things more difficult, too. At this point, we're desperately trying to find whatever help we can to help us through this time. Thank you for reading this, looking forward to hearing back!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Everly
Age:	2
Gender:	Female
State:	Tennessee
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$78,844
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$6,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Down syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Developmental disorder of motor function
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Inpatient/Outpatient Hosp Stays, Medical Equipment for therapy, Dr/Specialist Visits, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $1,250 Ind Ded $6,750 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $6,000
Family Story:	Everly has Down syndrome, her older brothers who are 3 and 5 are autistic. And then Everly has an 11 year old brother as well. My husband and I do not get full time hours at work. Everly has lots of therapies every single week, leg braces she is needing to walk and expenses for equipment at home to help with motor skills, PT,OT speech and feeding. It is very hard to give her what she needs for that and just barely getting by on bills. This would help tremendously for any dr appts, therapies, special equipment, etc.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Amaia
Age:	2
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$52,463
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Asthma
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: ER/UR Visits
	Goals: Assist with medical emergencies
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $6,000 Ind Ded $9,200 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,500
Family Story:	I am writing to kindly request forgiveness for my medical debt, as my family and I are currently facing significant financial hardship. Due to the rising cost of living, we are unable to meet this obligation without compromising our basic needs. I deeply appreciate the care I received and hope you can assist us during this challenging time. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Nolan
Age:	9
Gender:	Male
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$136,035
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$2,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Developmental Delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Achilles tendon Contracture Bilateral
	Impact: Medical, Social
	**Previous Grant: $1,500 1/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,250 Ind Ded $2,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,500
Family Story:	I am a special needs mom to three beautiful children, each with their own specific needs. Nolan, my oldest, continues to amaze me with his hard work in school and therapy. Nolan has a Significant Developmental Delay, a Speech and Language Impairment, and also experienced severe Achilles tendon contractures due to his extreme toe walking. In December 2023, he underwent surgery to release both tendons. Following the surgery, Nolan endured wearing bilateral casts for eight weeks. Since then, he has been participating in physical and occupational therapy and with that he has continued to show improvements. With the help of the UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation, we would be able to continue his therapy and work on maximizing his chances for success

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Ismihan
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	New York
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$100,260
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$10,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Mucolipidosis 2
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Obstructive sleep apnea
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Formula/Meal Supplements
	Goals: Improve weight gain and nutrition
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $3,000 Ind Ded $4,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $10,000
Family Story:	We are a family of four, and two of my children have an extremely rare metabolic disease called I-cell, or mucolipidosis 2. Saim has type 2, and Ismihan has type 2/3. Children with this condition typically don't live long, on average they die at age of 7, and Saim is currently considered one of the oldest kids in this Facebook support group. My salary was $36k when I was the sole provider, while my wife stayed home full-time to care for the kids. My salary has been at a good level for over three years now, but we faced significant struggles in the past. Saim and Ismihan have two medical insurances: the primary through my employer and Medicaid through their disability. Even with these insurances, we've had and continue to have additional expenses. Ismihan's special formual not covered at the moment, a d its been about 10 month now. Additionay, I am still working to pay off credit card debt, but the high-interest rates are overwhelming. Although we are in a much better financial position now, this grant would help ease some of the burden of formual like expenses, if approved.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Saim
Age:	10
Gender:	Male
State:	New York
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$100,260
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Mucolipidosis 2/4
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Formula/Meal Supplements
	Goals: Improve nutrition and health
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $3,000 Ind Ded $4,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	We are a family of four, and two of my children have an extremely rare metabolic disease called I-cell, or mucolipidosis 2. Saim has type 2, and Ismihan has type 2/3. Children with this condition typically don't live long, on average they die at age of 7, and Saim is currently considered one of the oldest kids in this Facebook support group. My salary was $36k from 2014 to 2021, and I was the sole provider, while my wife stayed home full-time to care for the kids. My salary has been at a good level for three years now, but we faced significant struggles in the past. Saim and Ismihan have two medical insurances: the primary through my employer and Medicaid through their disability. Even with these insurances, we've had and continue to have additional expenses. I am still working to pay off credit card debt, but the high-interest rates are overwhelming. Although we are in a much better position now, this grant would help ease some of the burden if approved.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Sarai
Age:	4
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$110,829
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$9,100
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy
	Goals: Improve behavior
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $6,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $9,100
Family Story:	We are a family of 5, my wife and I have two beautiful children, Sarai (4yrs old) and Gabriel (2yrs old). We also have my two from previous marriage, Carter (14yrs old) and Ellen (20yrs old). Ellen has graduated from for high school, moved out on her own and is attending college at the University of Florida. Sarai in amazing little girl, so is charismatic, joyful and has yet to meet a stranger. She is really enjoying her dance classes and is playing a very significant role in her school Christmas play. We are applying for this grant to help with the co-pays associated with Sarai's ABA Treatment. She has an ABA Therapy 5 days a week with her in school or at home, and the co-pay on this for us through our insurance is $35/session, totaling $9100.00/year.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Henry
Age:	4
Gender:	Male
State:	Louisiana
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$86,627
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$6,600
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech Disorders
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind OOP-6,600, Fam OOP-13,200
	Total Expected Cost: $6,600
Family Story:	I'm Henry's dad, I go by Brady. Henry is the best kid any parent could ask for. Myself and Henry's mom, Danielle, both had speech delays growing up, and both had to do therapy until we were five or six years old. So when Henry showed a delay we started him in speech therapy as soon as they would let us. Our insurance used to pay for forty sessions of therapy a year, but last year it changed to twenty sessions. Even with insurance it's still expensive, and without it is very expensive. We also have a baby on formula so after his twenty sessions were done this year, we just couldn't afford to pay the out of pocket cost. We signed Henry up for speech therapy through the Ouachita parish school board this year. He started it in August, but we have been very unsatisfied with them. Henry goes to Mother's Day out three days a week for four hours. The therapist through the school board comes and gets him for twenty minutes on Tuesday if she shows up at all. His preschool teacher says she only comes about every other week, which is very frustrating considering how much time and work it took to get him started in that. Henry is such a good kid, he is very kind and tries to make friends with everyone, but other kids can't understand him. It breaks my heart and makes him very sad because he's very smart. Smart enough to realize why he can't make friends. I just want Henry to be able to show everyone how great he is without any challenges, and I'll do absolutely anything to help him because he's the best thing I have. I really hope you consider us for this grant, and thank you for reading our story.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Lucas
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$120,396
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,192
Medical Diagnosis:	sleep apnea
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Inpatient/Outpatient Hospital Stays
	Goals: Improve sleep condition
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $1,000 Ind Ded $8,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,192
Family Story:	As a family of five, our daily lives are full of both chaos and joy. There's Mom and Dad to keep everything running smoothly, along with our oldest, Lucas, who is navigating the ups and downs of childhood, particularly the sleep challenges he's been facing. Just when we thought life couldn't get busier, we were blessed with surprise twins, Logan and Bailey, who recently celebrated their second birthday in November. My days are a whirlwind as I juggle working from home while keeping an eye on our little explorers, all while my husband works diligently in law enforcement, contributing to our community's safety. Lucas's ongoing sleep issues have been a source of concern for us, leading us to consult our pediatrician. After a thorough evaluation, the doctor recommended a sleep study to better understand his nighttime struggles. It was a relief to finally get an appointment after months on the waiting list, but nothing could have prepared us for the overwhelming surprise once we received the bill. Just when we thought we were inching closer to getting the help Lucas needs, the financial weight of the unexpected costs hit us hard. Balancing the demands of three young children while navigating these challenges can be tough, but we remain hopeful for Lucas's well-being.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,190
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Adele
Age:	10
Gender:	Female
State:	Louisiana
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$79,066
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,072
Medical Diagnosis:	Hearing loss
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Hearing Aid
	Goals: Improve access to sound.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,000 Ind Ded $9,200 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,072
Family Story:	We are a family of 4. Caleb (Dad), Alicia (Mom), Adele (9) and her brother Carter, age 7. Adele has had hearing loss in her left ear since birth. After years of testing, monitoring, etc we aren't sure why that is. Adele has been aided since the age of 4, right before she started pre-k. She has done pretty well in caring for her hearing aid over the years, but accidents happen, and she lost her hearing aid over a month ago. With the cost of living and our overall financial situation, we would struggle tremendously to pay for her new hearing aid. Her new aid has come in and we have been able to postpone paying the balance until we receive a decision from our grant application. We would be forever grateful if she is chosen to have the cost of her hearing aid covered.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Cole
Age:	4
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$129,325
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$3,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: speech delay
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-8/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,500 Ind Ded $3,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $3,000
Family Story:	We are a family of 4. We have two children that are on the autism spectrum that require a lot of therapies.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Miriam
Age:	1
Gender:	Female
State:	Alabama
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$89,605
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,300
Medical Diagnosis:	Trisomy 18
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $200 Ind Ded $1,300 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,300
Family Story:	Hi! I name is Charles and Therese Dreisewerd. We have a 4 year old daughter, Adeline, a 18 month old daughter, Miriam, and a 3 month (BIG SURPRISE) baby boy. When I was pregnant with me and found out when we were at eight months pregnant that she had trisomy 18. We were told this was fatal, and would most likely not make it to birth. She was born at 39 weeks. She came out, crying and breathing all on her own. She has continued to defy the odds! She is the light of our life! She has a very complex medical history, but she continues to amaze us every day!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,300
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Sawyer
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$64,161
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$8,640
Medical Diagnosis:	Wiedemann Steiner Syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: global developmental delay
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-10/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $3,950 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $8,640
Family Story:	Our son has a rare genetic disorder called Wiedemann Steiner Syndrome. This comes with many challenges, the primary for us being GI issues and difficulty with feeding. Up until this year has only been able to tolerate pureed foods. This year we are FINALLY seeing some major progress with a very small intake of more traditional solids. These challenges make it very difficult to promote not only a healthy, balanced diet, but simply trying to meet basic caloric intake needs. The speech/feeding therapist my son is currently seeing has special training in certain feeding therapy techniques that have proved vital in his improvement. This therapist is not covered by out insurance. There is only one other speech therapist in town covered by our insurance and this therapist does not have the same level of training. Additionally, with an autism diagnosis as well, our son does not do well with change. I fear switching to another facility would disrupt the progress we have made and we may see regression that will be difficult to recover.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Daniel
Age:	12
Gender:	Male
State:	New York
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$146,322
Lifetime Award	$4,000
Grant Amt Req:	$7,400
Medical Diagnosis:	Growth hormone deficiency
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	**Previous Grant: **Prev Grant: $2000 in 1/2025, $2000 in 2024
	Recommendations: Medical drugs
	Goals: Enhance growth.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind OOP-7,500
	Total Expected Cost: $7,400
Family Story:	Hi, Happy New Year and hope all is well! Daniel was born three weeks early and his first year was very challenging, he wore a helmet to correct his plagiocephaly to correct the asymmetrical distortion in his head and was in a pavlik harness to help correct his hip dysplasia during most of his first year. Daniel also needed surgery to correct his hernia. Daniel now receives speech and occupational therapy and was receiving physical therapy. Daniel is improving and will overcome all these obstacles. Daniel is now on growth hormone for three years since he was under the growth charts at negative ten percent and now has improved to fifteen percent although his body weight is still low. Daniel will succeed with your help!! thank you again for all your help!! Herman and Daniel Farkas and family!!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Dawson
Age:	5
Gender:	Female
State:	Louisiana
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$90,078
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy
	Goals: Increase verbal, social, communication skilss
	Insurance Coverage: UHC DED $1000 OOP $4000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Our sweet little girl Dawson was diagnosed with Autism a few years ago. When having a diagnosis like that a parent can only fear for everything their child will have to go through in their life. With the help of various therapies we have seen a tremendous improvement. Everyday she surprises us more and more with the progress she is making. Obviously with a diagnosis comes medical expenses. When hearing about this grant I was immediately excited and hopeful that it could help elevate some of the medical expenses that we accrue on a daily bases.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Rochelle
Age:	3
Gender:	Female
State:	New York
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$31,642
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$37,000
Medical Diagnosis:	arthrogryposis
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $4,000 Ind Ded $8,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $37,000
Family Story:	hi Rochelle is our oldest child. she was born with a lot of problems. firstly, her muscle tone is very week. she was diagnosed with arthrogryposis. she also has hip dysplasia at birth and abnormal club feet on both feet. we did castinf for the feet ...she is constantly getting therapy as the dr said get as much as possible, but theres so much we can pay for... and now shes out of early intervention. she had a total of three tenotomies done on her Achilles and a hip surgery at nine months which was followed by another surgery this september. she doesnt walk stabily and falls constantly. she can barley stand in one spot for more then a few seconds. and these surgerys keeps setting her back. we need as much Pt as possible to get her to walk safely and smoothly. even to get her from sitting to stand and bending knees...all details we take for granted are a whole process for her. please help us get her as much therapy as possible . shes just getting older.... these are some of her diagnosis arthrogryposis multiplex congenita = Q74.3 developmental hip dysplasia = Q65.89 Clubfoot (equinovarus) = Q66.01 (right), Q66.02 (left) or Q66.89 (unspecified, also used for other congenital foot deformities)

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Saul
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$16,741
Lifetime Award	$5,000
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Genetic Mutation STXPB3 and GJA3
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Autism
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: **Prev Grant: $5000 in 2023
	Recommendations: Cochlear Implants, ABA Therapy, Contacts/Glasses
	Goals: Improve skills.
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna-Fam Ded-1,800, Fam OOP-10,000---Secondary Medicaid/CHIP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Saul was born with a genetic mutation, which is consistent with a molecular diagnosis of autosomal dominant STXPB3, caused him: - VEO IBD (very early onset Inflammatory bowel disease) - Bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. - immunodeficiencies. In addition to this, Saul was also born with the GJA3 gene that caused bilateral congenital cataracts, underwent cataract surgery in February 2022 wearing contact lenses or glasses since that. The only treatment for Saul to live was to receive a Bone Marrow Stem Cells Transplant in February 2022, which would heal the immune part and their hoped was this will take care of the IBD (healing it) but it was not the case, Saul has gone through a roller coaster in his short life and health, bunch of different treatments, some surgeries, lot of tests and studies. He was inpatient at CHOP for 17 months. After transplant he got GVHD on his skin (graft versus host disease). He has a G tube and ileostomy Bag since September 2022, under immune suppression medication and daily regular medication. As of today, Saul came home in March 2023. Saul has cochlear implant surgery in May 2023 since that he wears his processor, technically he is learning how you hear. Got a surgery on his eyes to corrected drifting on 04/2024. On May 2024 Saul was diagnosed with autism and significant Developmental Delay. He is receiving 3 immunosuppressive medications to control his IBD and for these medicines his immune system is not growing as expected, we have to be extremely careful on hi care, trying to keep everything free gems, we have no contact with anyone outside other than his therapists, doctors, and us as a family. Saul has a significant delay in his development due to his critical illness and condition, in addition to his hearing loss, he is receiving OT, PT, SPEECH, teacher of deaf, ABA, therapists in addition teacher, all of them at home.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Tessa
Age:	9
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$128,348
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,648
Medical Diagnosis:	Achondroplasia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: conductive hearing loss
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Hearing Aids
	Goals: Improve hearing
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $4,500 Ind Ded $7,350 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,648
Family Story:	Hello, Nine years ago, we were blessed with the arrival of our first child, Tessa, whose presence filled our lives with immense joy and anticipation. However, shortly after her birth, we were confronted with the unexpected diagnosis of achondroplasia. This news brought significant challenges, but it also strengthened our resolve to ensure Tessa leads as healthy and fulfilling a life as possible. Over the years, this journey has included numerous specialist appointments, medical tests, daily injections, and various procedures. Despite having a stable job and comprehensive medical insurance, the costs associated with Tessa's care with various specialist appointments including at John Hopkins have far exceeded our financial capacity, putting us through difficult times. We are incredibly grateful to organizations like the UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation for offering support to families like ours. At this time, we are seeking assistance to cover the cost of hearing aids for Tessa, an expense we anticipate in February 2025. Based on the estimate provided by the healthcare provider, the total cost of the hearing aids is $4,648.34.This cost is not covered by insurance. This grant would significantly alleviate the financial burden and allow us to focus on providing the best care for Tessa and her two siblings. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our application and thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting children's healthcare needs. Warm regards, Tinu George phone:980 622 4292 ____

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$3,000
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Tiffani
Age:	9
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$54,585
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Precocious puberty
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Medical Drugs, DR/Specialist Visits
	Goals: Puberty suppression.
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna- Ind Ded-4,000, Ind OOP-7,000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Tiffani is in the 4th grade as an accelerated student. She loves reading and ballet. Around age 4 we started doing labs and bone growth scans to address some health concerns that we noticed. At age 7 she was diagnosed with Precocious Puberty we opted for treatment that includes 4 shots a year. Her first shot is due in January and the past 2 years financially it's a strain to meet my deductible that early in the year to cover the cost. Her care has been delayed a few months until I'm able to afford her Lupron shot.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Julian
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$149,660
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$6,480
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Global Developmental Delay
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $500 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $6,480
Family Story:	We are a family of 8 living in the suburbs of Raleigh, North Carolina. My husband and I are extremely family oriented. We always wanted a big family and feel so blessed to be given the privilege of raising our six children. Julian is our 5th child. He came into the world through an extremely traumatic delivery that almost cost me my life. Although we did not initially see any signs of developmental delays during Julian's first year it became pretty apparent around 18months to 2 years of age that he was not developing in a manner typical to what we saw in our other children. We suspected that he probably had autism. Our suspicions were confirmed, a few weeks ago when he was diagnosed with Level 2 (for restrictive and repetitive behaviors) and 3 (for social communication) Autism as well as a potential Global Developmental Delay. When Julian turned 2 we felt strongly that it was time for him to start speech therapy and occupational therapy even though he did not yet have an official diagnosis. Julian started both in January of 2024. It took a bit of trial and error however we eventually found a therapist duo (an SLP and OT) that Julian has bonded with strongly and responds to so incredibly well. Unfortunately, these therapists are out of network for our insurance, therefore we are currently paying about $550 per month in out of pocket costs for these services as well as driving about 50 minutes one way for two therapy sessions a week. As a large family living on one income, this is a significant part of our budget. We are committed to doing anything possible towards supporting Julian in his development. Since he has bonded so strongly to these therapists and is responding so well we would like to keep him at this center. Ideally, he would require another day or two of speech therapy a week, as he is currently completely non-verbal. Unfortunately that is out of our budget at the moment, though we are hopeful that with time it will be possible. This grant would be life changing for us. It would allow us the financial flexibility to not only continue with his services but potentially add more sessions creating a well rounded, challenging schedule that would support his greatest struggle right now, which is communication. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read our families story and considering Julian and our family for this grant.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Collyn
Age:	4
Gender:	Female
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$140,952
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,304
Medical Diagnosis:	Down Syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychologcial
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Help child thrive.
	Insurance Coverage: Tricare-Ind Ded-150, Ind OOP-3,000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,304
Family Story:	Collyn was born on December 21, 2020, right in the heart of the COVID pandemic. My pregnancy with her had been smooth until I reached 36 weeks. After a family gathering and our two older children returning to their mom's house, Brent and I realized we hadn’t felt Collyn move much that day. After calling my midwife, we decided to head to the ER for a check-up. Once I was hooked up to the fetal monitor and heard Collyn's heartbeat, I felt a wave of relief and told Brent that I was sure everything was fine and we'd be going home soon. But just a few minutes later, my midwife walked in. I immediately asked her, “Why are you here? You’re not supposed to be here if everything is okay.” Her response was direct: “We’re going to have a baby tonight.” I told her we couldn’t possibly, that it wasn’t part of my birth plan. She laughed, and I burst into tears. What followed was an emergency C-section, and Collyn was born and rushed to the NICU. The doctors discovered that her umbilical cord had been wrapped around her neck twice, causing her to be in fetal distress. She had trouble breathing and maintaining her body temperature. After five long hours, my sweet nurse helped me into a wheelchair and wheeled me to the NICU to finally meet my baby. There, I was greeted by compassionate nurses who explained all the machines Collyn was hooked up to and their functions. Then, a female doctor quickly entered the room, introduced herself briefly, and delivered the news, saying, “I think your baby has Down syndrome.” While we appreciated her directness, the tone in her voice was not what we had hoped for. It felt distant and disappointed, when she could have celebrated our beautiful new baby or reassured us that, although Down syndrome was suspected, Collyn didn't seem to have any heart defects. It was a tough moment, but the care from the rest of the NICU team was overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Collyn, our little fighter, spent eight days in the NICU before being discharged. Afterward, we were introduced to Children’s Medical Services and the Babies Can’t Wait program. At three months, Collyn began occupational therapy, and by six months, she started physical therapy. Speech therapy became part of her routine around 18 months. We’ve stuck with this weekly regimen, and now, at four years old, Collyn has made incredible progress. The growth we’ve witnessed in these past four years has been nothing short of amazing, but we know Collyn will likely continue to need therapy for many years. Down syndrome is part of her, but it doesn’t define her. Collyn has three wonderful siblings: Cole (14), Cora (7), and Carsyn (2). While she is always learning and growing, she is also teaching all of us every day. We are so grateful to have Collyn in our lives, and we love every single one of her 47 chromosomes.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Ellie
Age:	14
Gender:	Female
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$94,580
Lifetime Award	$6,000
Grant Amt Req:	$6,000
Medical Diagnosis:	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $3,000-2023; $3,000-2024
	Recommendations: Incontinence Supplies, Medical Drug, IP/OP Hosp stays, DR/Specialist Visits, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $3,300 Ind Ded $6,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $6,000
Family Story:	Ellie Green 2/7/2010 814 Providence Church Rd. Newnan, GA 30263 Ellie was born with ESRD along with a long list of other medical anomalies. She had a kidney transplant at just shy of 2 years old in 2012, and many reconstruction surgeries to help manage many of these medical anomalies. Ellie's most recent major surgery on 11/26/2024 took us 8 hours from home to Cincinnati Children's Hospital where we ultimately incurred medical travel expenses such as extended hotel room costs for the surgery stay, and for the multiple stays for appts leading up to the actual surgery. She also uses hearing aids to help aid with her sensorineural hearing loss, and corrective lenses to help with her vision loss from a damaged optic nerve. Ellie has a high daily medical supply need to manage her medical conditions, along with the costs of daily anti rejection medications to manage her transplant. We have been so thankful for the funds that UHCCF has provided us with the past two years to help with meeting Ellie's high deductible of $3300 for 2025 and ultimately her out of pocket max with our insurance company each year. Our insurance company also does not provide a benefit for pediatric hearing aids so this grant also helps with meeting that need for her as well when the need arises for replacements. Ellie is in her first year of high school, and is the oldest sibling of 4. Her brothers are 13,11, and 4, and a couple of them also require speech therapy services, and hearing aids which are not a covered benefit for our insurance plan. Ellie loves dogs and wants to work with them in whatever profession she chooses as she enters adulthood. Her favorite pastimes are reading and playing the piano. Ellie is an extraordinary young lady that has defied many odds. She is truly our miracle.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$4,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Miriam
Age:	11
Gender:	Female
State:	Maryland
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$169,523
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,440
Medical Diagnosis:	ADHD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Anxiety
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Mental Health Therapy
	Goals: Improve mental health
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $2,200 Ind Ded $6,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,440
Family Story:	Attention United Healthcare Children's Foundation: Our daughter Miriam, DOB 08-01-2013, is an adorable and happy 11 year old with a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Anxiety Disorder. Thankfully, we have finally tapped into the right prescriptions and together with therapy, is working on her skills to become a successful pre-teen and one day adult. The costs are really high and we can't afford to have her stop therapy, but at the same time we can't afford to continue. Each therapy session costs $160, and Miriam receives therapy every two weeks. Her therapist is well known for her skills and attentiveness to Miriam's needs. Miriam's medications are filled on a 90 day cycle and cost us nearly $200 to fill them all. We would like Miriam to be able to succeed in life when it comes to managing her ADHD and level of worries. She is learning great tools to be able to overcome challenges that she encounters through the day at home, in school, in different social settings, and we would like to see that she continues to learn and gain these tools and skills to become a more on par with her peers friend. Miriam is one of our seven dear children in our household, and the costs for her needs are exorbitant for us. We are grateful for the opportunity to apply for funding for her needs and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time, Avraham and Ayala Gross

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jordan
Age:	9
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$51,637
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Mental Health Therapy, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve mental health and speech.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,000 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Well, I was not really expecting to have a child at the age of 35, but I ended up with a wonderful son. It has just been me and him since I was 7 months pregnant. He has changed my life for the best and I hope I can help him grow into a great and successful person. Jordan has a huge heart and he's so very compassionate. He is an emotional child, but will do anything for anyone and very sincere. He was recently diagnosed with Autism and Sensory disorder on top of his ADHD and Anxiety diagnosis he had previously. I have had him in counselling before, but with insurance these days, it became too expensive. His Dr. stated he would like him to receive speech therapy, occupational therapy, and counselling. I would like to get his as much help as I can, but I cannot afford all of it on my own. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Asher
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$45,702
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy
	Goals: Improve behavior
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $500 Ind Ded $7,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Asher is a delicious child with an ASD diagnosis and a SPD. He has difficulty keeping up with his peers, which is detrimental to his social life. He is lost in his own world, and has a hard time connecting to others. He is having trouble taking in the world around him, and the language and expectations that are present in his world. As parents, our deep desire is to see him connecting with his loved ones, as well as with his peers and teachers. This will enable him to access the emotional and cognitive skills that are being given to him, to help him lead a fulfilling and successful life. He is currently receiving ABA therapy, which we are thankful to be seeing slow and steady progress. The cost of the copays and deductibles are a strain on our low income, despite my husband and I working hard to make a living. We would greatly appreciate assistance to be able to give Asher the therapy he so badly needs and deserves! Thank you in advance!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jordan
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$7,457
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $500 Ind Ded $6,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Jordan is a three year old boy with a diagnosed speech delay. Jordan would greatly benefit from additional speech therapy, but parents are unable to afford it. Jordan's speech therapist recommends he is in therapy three days a week. At this time Jordan is only able to receive services one day a week due to financial constraints. If we were to be awarded this grant we would apply it towards additional speech therapy sessions for Jordan.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Rayleigh
Age:	2
Gender:	Female
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$66,917
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Mixed Receptive-expressive language disorder
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: DR/Specialist Visits, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: Tricare
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Rayleigh is the miracle we never expected. Hello! My name is Lauren. My husband, Rashard and I have been together since 2006, we met at work, I was hired in to fill his position when he left for boot camp (fun fact: this year will be his 20th year in the Army National Guard!), we knew each other only 4 weeks before he left, and that was it! We had our older children as a young couple, Rhyan (boy), now 17, and Rainah (girl) now 16. Rhyan had a significant speech delay, he received speech therapy at age 2 through Babies Can't Wait, and started school at age 3, he continued to receive speech therapy until 5th grade. Rainah has asthma and migraines, but had no developmental delays. We then experienced infertility for 13 years, we thought our family was complete..... Until a surprise pregnancy happened in 2021! It unfortunately ended in an unexpected loss in the seconf trimester. We were devastated, but hopeful about the future. I wasn't supposed to be able to have any more children due to p PCOS. Five months later we found out we we expecting Rayleigh. Our 100% miracle baby. Due to having the loss the previous summer, we were of course, terrified. We began OB visits at just 4 weeks! We saw MFM not only due to the loss, but also because I was turning 35 a few weeks before our due date. This allowed us to have extra monitoring, multiple ultrasounds, Genetic testing, and NIPT testing. I also had Gestational diabetes. All testing was normal. She grew at a normal rate, the pregnancy was relatively easy. I worked full time from home the whole time. Due to having 2 prior csections, we elected to schedule Rayleigh's birth at 37 weeks. Surgery was as expected, but she experienced some respiratory distress. She was put on a CPAP and taken to NICU. She was changed from CPAP to oxygen after about an hour, and she was weaned off that after a couple of days. She was a VERY noisy breather. The NICU Dr did xrays, they appeared normal and advised us they believed it to be Laryngomalacia. They referred us to pulmonologist for follow up. She was born weighing 7lbs 7oz and measured 19 inches. Pulmonologist confirmed laryngomalacia. She was not gaining weight as expected, and they did a scope and swallow study. Study was normal. Some showed both laryngomalacia and tracheomalacia. She was admitted to the hospital at 7 weeks for failure to thrive due to these conditions, and ENT performed the corrective surgery while she was there. She immediately began to gain weight. She then grew and developed as expected for several months... She babbled, sat, crawled, walked, then ran... But it was around the 9-12 month mark we started noticing some things... She did not respond to her name. She did not say mama. She DID say Dada, but NOT in reference to dad, just babbled it if that makes sense. This continued for months. The pediatrician said "it's normal, all children speak at different rates, etc we'll re-evaluate at age 2". But, having gone through speech delay with our oldest, we knew the earlier speech therapy started the better! So we reached out to Babies Can't Wait. They evaluated and documented the delays, she began speech therapy very quickly and occupational therapy within 2 months. The BCW social worker suggested she be tested for Autism. We did the CHAT testing and she was definitely

	on the radar. We were referred to the Anna Shaw Institute where she was tested and diagnosed officially with Autism and Mixed receptive-expressive language disorder. She continues to go to speech and occupational therapy. We have seen some improvements, but she is unable to identify her wants or needs to us, she is easily upset by this, becoming frustrated when we can't understand. She elopes, has no fear and will run straight towards a road, or water. She will climb as high as she can, will not sleep alone, and has shown no interest in potty training. She will occasionally respond to her name, but does not speak words. She loves her baby dolls, going down a slide, and spinning in circles. She is the light of our world and is joy to be around. We want to give her the biggest, brightest, future possible, and a grant from your program would greatly help us do that. We hope to get her in to an ABA program, and plan for her to start special education preschool after her birthday in August. Rayleigh is going to do big things and go places, we just need help to get her there. :) Thank you so much for your consideration.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Theodore
Age:	0
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$38,405
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,916
Medical Diagnosis:	Deformational brachycephaly
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Cranial Helmet
	Goals: Improve head shape
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $3,250 Ind Ded $6,475 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,916
Family Story:	Teddy was born in August and had really bad torticollis which caused a flat spot on his head. He's been working hard in physical therapy but the flat spot is not going away so he's been recommended a helmet that unfortunately we cannot afford due to our insurance requiring to meet the deductible first

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,620
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Alter
Age:	14
Gender:	Male
State:	New York
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$86,257
Lifetime Award	$8,500
Grant Amt Req:	$9,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Arthrogryposis
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Muscle weakness Impact: Medically **Previous Grant: $3000 exp 10/20, $3000 exp 12/21, $2500 exp 5/24 *** $1500 to lifetime max *** Recommendations: Inpatient/Outpatient Hospital Stays (including services during that visit), Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), Orthotics (includes AFO, SMO and Splints) Goals: To recover from surgery Insurance Coverage: Cigna DED $2500 OOP $6500 Total Expected Cost: $9,500
Family Story:	We have 6 children, 5 still dependet on us. Alter was number 5 and he was born with Arthrogryposis. He is scheduled for his 25th surgery. The insurance costs almost $40,000 and the there is a lot of out of pocket expenses as copays, deductibles and co-insurance. Additionaly we live in NY and Alter's orthopedic surgeon practices in Florida so we incur additional costs for travelling expenses. We have done all we can to help Alter and thankfully he is smart and doing well socially and academically. Both my husband and myself work very hard to support the family but due to the high cost f living couples with Alter's medical expenses, we are in tremendous financial stress. We are a fun, loving family and just want to give Alter the best chance at a normal life.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Airee
Age:	3
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$118,729
Lifetime Award	$3,500
Grant Amt Req:	$6,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Neurofibromatosis
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $2,500-2024; $1,000-4/2025
	Recommendations: Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing), DR/Specialist Visits
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $3,000 Ind Ded $6,850 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $6,000
Family Story:	Airee is 3 years old and has been diagnosed with NF1 with two gliomas on each optic nerve. Over the past almost 4 years of Airee's life, we have hit our max out of pocket deductible resulting in a build up of medical debt which we have luckily been able to finance through options that Atrium Health has offered. This continued cost has began to really take its toll on the family and the budget. The unfortunate part is the balances continue to grow due to continued care and monitoring of Airees condition. NF1 is a life long condition with no cure in sight. In an effort to prevent as much additional debt as we can, we have been lucky enough to be the beneficiary of a couple grants from UHCCF over the previous two years. We are very grateful and thankful for those grants. We appreciate any help you can provide.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Emmett
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,700
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,000
Medical Diagnosis:	ADHD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,000 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,000
Family Story:	We have an AuDHD family (6 year old Everett is level 2 Autistic ADHD IDD- Mom is also Level 1 AuDHD) and Everett is currently is in OT privately (Creative Hands) and at the school. We believe that OT and Speech will help my 3 year old son Emmett as I suspect he may be ADHD and imitates behaviors he sees from his older brother. He was previously in PT however we are unable to meet Emmett's insurance deductible in order for OT copay costs to decrease. With the same situation for his older brother (has not met deductible yet either), we were pay nearly 700 in copay costs a month for both boys to be in OT once a week. Due to this, we had to cancel Emmetr's therapy due to high costs. I would truly like to continue to have him in OT and place him in speech for his development. I strongly believe OT is important for both my kid's development and sensory and emotional support. Growing up in the 90s- I had a brother who is ADHD/IDD and undiagnosed Autistic. The supports we have today are incomparable to what was available for my brother in the 90s. My brother is a working adult but would have strongly benefitted from social and emotional supports as a child that is provided to AuDHD children today. I want to set all my kids up for success. When Everett was born- we had our home damaged from hurricane Florence. Unfortunately, the company who repaired our home did not do the greatest job and we have had significant financial repairs we have had to complete this year on our home (HVAC, windows, door frame) to maintain our home. Since all 3 of my kids have been born I have made savings accounts in their names in the chance they need care/help when they are older. We do not qualify for Medicaid disability for Everett nor SSI and I have been trying for a few years to get him qualified. It is hard for us as my children need these savings accounts. What if my son Everett needs care when he is a special needs adult? Has no family member to take care of him when my husband and I are long gone? I keep these savings accounts for him for future use and planning, but because of this- I think Medicaid disqualifies us. I have to think of the future for my children and OT and Speech helps with that. Everett has progressed so much in the past 2 years from ABA, OT, Speech but financially it has been a lot. If Emmett eventually gets diagnosed with ADHD or even AuDHD when he is older, Id like to have OT and Speech already helping him and set up a foundation of therapies for him. I have also included my husbands gross income 53,635. While we make decent money between the 2 of us, we are a family of 5 with a mortgage, therapies, food, clothing car payments, truly a lot and we will be so grateful for any help we can get for funding therapies.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Everett
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,032
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,000 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,000
Family Story:	We have an AuDHD family (6 year old Everett is level 2 Autistic ADHD IDD- Mom is also Level 1 AuDHD) and Everett is currently is in OT privately (Creative Hands) and at the school. We believe that OT and Speech will help my 3 year old son Emmett as I suspect he may be ADHD and imitates behaviors he sees from his older brother. He was previously in PT however we are unable to meet Emmett's insurance deductible in order for OT copay costs to decrease. With the same situation for his older brother (has not met deductible yet either), we were pay nearly 700 in copay costs a month for both boys to be in OT once a week. Due to this, we had to cancel Emmet's therapy due to high costs. I would truly like to continue to have him in OT and place him in speech for his development. I strongly believe OT is important for both my kid's development and sensory and emotional support. Growing up in the 90s- I had a brother who is ADHD/IDD and undiagnosed Autistic. The supports we have today are incomparable to what was available for my brother in the 90s. My brother is a working adult but would have strongly benefitted from social and emotional supports as a child that is provided to AuDHD children today. I want to set all my kids up for success. When Everett was born- we had our home damaged from hurricane Florence. Unfortunately, the company who repaired our home did not do the greatest job and we have had significant financial repairs we have had to complete this year on our home (HVAC, windows, door frame) to maintain our home. Since all 3 of my kids have been born I have made savings accounts in their names in the chance they need care/help when they are older. We do not qualify for Medicaid disability for Everett nor SSI and I have been trying for a few years to get him qualified. It is hard for us as my children need these savings accounts. What if my son Everett needs care when he is a special needs adult? Has no family member to take care of him when my husband and I are long gone? I keep these savings accounts for him for future use and planning, but because of this- I think Medicaid disqualifies us. I have to think of the future for my children and OT and Speech helps with that. Everett has progressed so much in the past 2 years from ABA, OT, Speech but financially it has been a lot. If Emmett eventually gets diagnosed with ADHD or even AuDHD when he is older, Id like to have OT and Speech already helping him and set up a foundation of therapies for him. I have also included my husbands gross income 53,635. While we make decent money between the 2 of us, we are a family of 5 with a mortgage, therapies, food, clothing car payments, truly a lot and we will be so grateful for any help we can get for funding therapies. More recently I have become pregnant with our 4th child and OT is important for childrens adjustment

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Wrangler
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$95,778
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological **Previous Grant: $1,500-11/2025 Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Goals: Improve fine motor skills Insurance Coverage: Sentara $3,200 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	My husband and I have two boys, Waverly(7) and Wrangler(6). Wrangler was diagnosed with Autism at age 3. We started early intervention around 18 months old with speech therapy and OT therapy, due to his speech and motor delays, until he aged out at 3. He has since been receiving speech therapy, ABA therapy full-time, and we added OT back in over the summer. We meet the out-of-pocket maximum almost immediately every year because of Wrangler's services he needs. Our insurance is out-of-network for the facility he goes to for OT (the same facility as his ABA therapy) so we pay that entirely out of pocket because the other places near us that offer OT in-network have a mile-long wait list. We struggle to make ends meet as it is and would love the chance at a grant to help us off set the costs of Wrangler's much-needed services.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Elizabeth
Age:	4
Gender:	Female
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$88,267
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,870
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech Disorders
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech.
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna-Ind Ded-4,300, Ind OOP-8,600
	Total Expected Cost: $4,870
Family Story:	Elizabeth is the second of three children within the Ionni household. She is named after her maternal great-grandmother but goes by the nickname Leah, which she would tell you herself- “I Leah, not Elizabeth”. She is a bright, compassionate, book loving little four year old girl. She has so much to share and say to her parents, siblings, peers and teachers but often struggles with finding the language to express herself, when she is able to find the words Leah is often misunderstood due to poor articulation. Leah becomes extremely frustrated which leads to limiting her verbal communication among her parents, siblings, preschool teachers and peers. When struggling to find the words, she is often repeating the last word of her sentence or ‘um’ until eventually she gives up or moves on to another topic of conversation. Although language and speech always proved to be a challenge for Leah, language and speech became a noticeable problem at age 3 during her regular pediatrician check up. Dr. Tang was attempting to ask Leah about her day, what she likes to eat, and her favorite color. Most questions were answered with Leah repeating the last word of Dr. Tang’s question- ‘day’, ‘eat’ and ‘color’. There was no conversation exchange between Dr. Tang and Leah. Leah was only able to respond to a yes or no question, often responding with an incorrect response based on her experience of the day. It was evident that Leah was not understanding the questions being asked of her, let alone Leah being able to find the words and articulate her responses in an intelligible fashion. She was referred to Speech and Language Associates for a full speech evaluation (attached) and a full audiology evaluation (attached). At the end of July 2024, it was determined that Leah was about 6 months to one year behind and diagnosed with Expressive Language Disorder and Phonological Disorder. She was recommended for speech therapy twice a week. In August 2024, the Ionni family put speech therapy on hold due to the financial constraint of having a high deductible healthcare plan. Due to a separate medical issue absorbing most of the health care deductible in September 2024, the Ionni family enrolled Leah into speech therapy understanding the medical necessity of her disorders and the benefit allowing less of a financial burden of meeting the family’s healthcare deductible. Leah started therapy in late September at three times a week in an effort to provide her with the most therapy possible prior to the end of the year when the healthcare deductible reset. Since starting speech therapy Leah has made great strides. She is increasingly confident when speaking, asking questions, and actively participating in conversation. Leah adores her speech therapist, Ms. Juliet. Leah often begins her sessions with excitement and an eagerness to the lessons ahead. Working with Ms. Juliet has allowed Leah to find her voice and begin to blossom into the little girl she always was but wasn’t able to accurately express. Although Leah has made great improvements, she still has a long road ahead of her to be fully on age level appropriate language and speech skills. Leah is scheduled for a progress evaluation in the coming weeks to realign her goals in her sessions. Ms. Juliet anticipates Leah needing to focus on propositions, additional nouns, and multiple step instructions to assist with her Expressive Language Disorder. Leah will also need to begin working on the

	articulation of her words to assist with her Phonological Disorder. Ms. Juliet anticipates working on the phonetic sounds of single letters then blends of letters. Now that 2025 is upon us, the health care deductible is resetting the first of the year and speech therapy will once again become a financial constraint for the Ionni family. Leah needs to continue speech therapy as if it is deemed medically necessary, her disorders are not expected to improve without skilled intervention. If therapy is not continued, Leah will struggle with building relationships, expressing when/what she needs, and her overall confidence will be negatively impacted. Struggle in spelling and reading are anticipated if the Language and Phonological Disorder are not medically addressed, ultimately leading towards the school environment being increasingly difficult, hinder future opportunities and negatively impact life skills.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Annalise
Age:	5
Gender:	Female
State:	Alabama
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$153,305
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$10,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Type 1 Diabetes
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Diabetic Needs (Supplies, Medical Drugs, Equipment)
	Goals: Control insulin levels
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $3,300 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $10,000
Family Story:	My name is Greg Koprowski, the father of Annalise whom I am applying for a grant. My wife, Melissa, and I have six kids in total, four girls and two boys. Our oldest is 11 years old; our youngest just turned one in October 2024. Annalise (5 years old) is number four in the line-up and the youngest of the girls. We currently reside in Madison, AL, part of the greater Huntsville, AL area. We moved to this area from Eau Claire, WI in 2019 so that we could be closer to my wife's family that lives in Birmingham, AL. I work as a Network Software Engineer for Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) and telework full-time from my home. My wife works as a full-time mom to our kids. She took on this role after leaving her tenured faculty position at University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire in the music department. Melissa is an accomplished clarinet player and teacher. Though she is not teaching full time in the University setting, she now focuses teaching our kids as she homeschools them. When time permits, she also teaches clarinet at the University of Alabama Huntsville. All our kids participate in various activities throughout the year. They have fun playing in AYSO soccer, dancing in ballet, taking piano lessons, learning gymnastics, and competing on a local summer swim team. Of the various activities she participates in, Annalise enjoys playing soccer the most and seems to do very well in it. Annalise was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes the weekend of October 19, 2024. Around the beginning of October, my wife and I noticed Annalise behaving in peculiar ways and needing to use the restroom a lot at night. Our family took a road trip the first week of October to visit friends, and we had to stop a handful of times at rest stops for Annalise to relieve herself. That was unusual, especially for her. The week after arriving back at home in Alabama, Annalise had several accidents in her bed at night. She also started exhibiting the signs of unquenchable thirst and insatiable appetite. Melissa purchased a glucometer kit from our local Kroger, immediately tested Annalise, and observed a blood glucose value of 579. Our hearts sank. My father was Type 1 diabetic. In fact, my father was one of six kids, and three of his five sisters also had Type 1 Diabetes. While his three sisters have lived relatively normal lives, my father did not. He suffered many complications from Type 1 Diabetes (not because of poor management on his part) that eventually led to his passing away in 2009, shortly after Melissa and I were married. Although technology has greatly improved for diabetes management (especially since the time my father passed away) and most Type 1 Diabetics live mostly normal lives, it is hard to not think about my father and what he went through and that my daughter, Annalise, might go through the same. We took Annalise to Huntsville Hospital's Women and Children Pediatric ER after we witnessed her high blood glucose reading at home. She was officially diagnosed that night and was immediately treated with some of the best pediatric care my wife and I have ever observed in our lives. It was at that hospital where we met and worked with Dr. Zorkot, who is now Annalise's endocrinologist. Dr. Zorkot has been a blessing beyond anything we could have ever asked for. Additionally, her staff are as equally caring, compassionate, and as helpful as Dr. Zorkot. Jessica, a social worker that is part of Dr.

	Zorkot's team, informed us of the United Healthcare Children's Foundation. We are so thankful for the opportunity to apply for a grant from this foundation. Although I grew up with a father who had diabetes, I was never exposed to the financial side of managing this disease. As my wife and I start receiving bills for Annalise from doctors and hospitals, and start to fill the prescriptions that we (and eventually she) will be filling for the foreseeable future, we are starting to understand why generous foundations, such as United Healthcare Children's Foundation, exist. Thank you for taking the time to read our story and thank you for the opportunity to apply for a grant from your foundation. We would be happy to answer any further questions you might have for us.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Wyatt
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$51,688
Lifetime Award	$5,000
Grant Amt Req:	$6,440
Medical Diagnosis:	Noonan-like syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Developmental delay, speech delay and ADHD
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $2,000-2023; $1,500-2024; $1,500-2/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), DR/Specialist Visits
	Goals: Reach potential in all areas.
	Insurance Coverage: Cigna $250 Ind Ded $7,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $6,440
Family Story:	We are a family of five. Our son Wyatt was diagnosed with a genetic condition: noonan like syndrome with or without juvenile myelomonocytic leukaemia along with his younger brother Luca. Wyatt is currently in a special needs class as he has developmental and speech delays. He attends speech therapy and occupational therapy at school as well as receives both services at a private provider as well. He was also diagnosed with ADHD last year and will be undergoing a psychologist's eval at Children's Hospital in December 2024. We check his CBC blood levels every 6 months, go to cardiologist follow ups every 2 years, go to the cancer genetics doctor once a year as well as the developmental pediatrician once a year. He also goes to the eye doctor once a year to follow up on his ptosis.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Zev
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$169,013
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech Delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $2,000 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,000
Family Story:	HI, We are a family of seven with children needing therapy. Being that we are not eligible for Gov. healthcare we find therapy cost above our means. Zev is need of speech and OT. thanks

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Rivka
Age:	0
Gender:	Female
State:	New York
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$58,663
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	CHARGE Syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and feeding ability
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $5,500 Ind Ded $6,550 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	My husband and I are parents to four wonderful children, aged 0-7, and we live in Brooklyn. The birth of our daughter, Rivka, changed our lives in profound ways. During my pregnancy, Rivka was diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome, a rare and complex genetic condition. While the diagnosis was daunting, we remained hopeful and focused on what we could do to support her. Thankfully, Rivka was born full-term, and after undergoing multiple surgeries and medical interventions, she is now recovering well. Despite her progress, Rivka faces significant challenges. She is unable to feed orally, has both vision and hearing impairments, and requires intensive intervention to support her development. We are committed to providing Rivka with the best possible care and have been researching various treatments and therapies to help her reach her fullest potential. Although her needs are great, Rivka's strength and resilience inspire us every day, and we are constantly learning from her courage. We are incredibly grateful for the privilege of caring for such a remarkable child. As we navigate this journey, we are seeking the financial and emotional support necessary to ensure Rivka receives the care she deserves and can continue to grow into her best possible self.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/15/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Kayden
Age:	0
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$43,470
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Plagiocephaly
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Brachycephaly
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Cranial Helmet
	Goals: Improve head shape
	Insurance Coverage: Cigna $500 Ind Ded $4,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,500
Family Story:	Hi, thank you for considering our application. We are applying for the UnitedHealth Care Children's Foundation Grant for our 4-month-old son Kayden. Kayden was born this past summer, and he is our first child. Kayden had a more colorful journey into the world. When I was pregnant with Kayden everything was smooth sailing until I was hospitalized on June 16th (during my third trimester)for Preterm Uterine Contractions. After seeing that my contractions were 4 minutes apart, I was then transported via ambulance to another hospital that could deliver a premature baby just in case Kayden decided to come earlier than expected. We were very panicked at first but after about 48 hours, the health team was able to stop the contractions and encourage Kayden to hold off on coming. In the third trimester I was also being monitored by a cardiologist for my heart palpitations as the stress on my body was increasing. Shortly after this we found out that Kristain (my husband) was a silent carrier of Alpha Thalassemia. We were already aware that I carried the Alpha thalassemia trait (I was made aware after returning from deployment in Iraq during my time of service in the U.S. Army). So now this meant that we needed to see a fetal medicine doctor to consider genetic counseling and learn if Kayden would be impacted by this. We saw the fetal medicine doctor on July 12th and during a routine ultrasound, the doctor discovered that Kayden had poor fetal growth and low normal fluid. He recommended delivery for us at 37 weeks which was just 6 days away (on June 18th). Keeping Kayden in any longer than this would increase the risk of me having a Stillbirth. Once again, we panicked but were very thankful that he caught this unexpectedly and on a routine visit. So, induction day came, and Kayden arrived on July 20th, 2024, at 1:01am. My OBGYN described him as "Little but Mighty" as he was very little, very loud and very strong. A few months after giving birth, my therapist diagnosed me with Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), and I began receiving hormone treatment. We were very thankful for this diagnosis as I had struggled with this mood disorder unknowingly for most of my life and now, I am able to be a better version of myself for me and our family. On Kayden's 2 month visit to Dr. Wolfe, we noticed that his head shape was getting flat. It was suggested that we do more tummy time and reposition his head during sleep. At his 4-month appointment Dr. Wolfe felt concerned as his head shape was becoming flatter despite us working with him and doing tummy time. We were referred to Cranial Technologies and were recommended doc band treatment for Kayden. His head shape was considered a severe combination of brachycephaly with plagiocephaly due to the recommended back sleeping (he also may require more than one helmet for correction). The insurance specialist worked with our insurance company to confirm if they covered this, and they do but only for post-operative procedures. This means that we must pay 100% out of pocket for Kayden's doc band treatment. This was heartbreaking to hear especially because we had met our deductibles for the year. We have also been drowning in pregnancy medical bills with some already being sent to collections because we just could not afford to pay them. I am thankful for the providers and services that we received ensuring a

	healthy and safe delivery of Kayden. Though this journey has been a very colorful one for us, it has been a very beautiful one as well. The truth of the matter is that good medical care costs and now in a time of inflation, out of pocket costs are just not affordable for us. As financially stressful as it has been bringing Kayden into the world, we lean on the hope of knowing that this financial hardship will pass for us, and we are thankful for the UHCC organization providing opportunities to assist families in financial medical needs. Thank you again for hearing our story and it would mean that world to us to have this grant to help Kayden continue being a healthy, happy and strong baby.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,620
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Lanah
Age:	9
Gender:	Female
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$61,974
Lifetime Award	$6,000
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Apraxia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-2022; $1,500-2023; $1,500-2023; $1,500-2024
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve communication.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $5,000 Ind Ded
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	We are a family of 5 children and 2 of my kids have a speech delay. Lanah has Apraxia of speech and has needed services since 18 mo old

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Logan
Age:	7
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$61,974
Lifetime Award	$6,000
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Global speech delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-2022; $1,500-2023; $1,500-2023; $1,500-2024
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $5,000 Ind Ded
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	We are a family of 5 children and 2 of them have a speech delay. Logan has a global speech delay

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Joshua Isaac
Age:	10
Gender:	Male
State:	Georgia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$73,020
Lifetime Award	$4,905
Grant Amt Req:	$3,500
Medical Diagnosis:	
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,905-2024 $1,500-2024 $1,500-2024
	Recommendations: DR/Specialist Visits, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $3,300 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $3,500
Family Story:	Joshua, a twin, was born without complications, but his delayed milestones raised concerns as he grew. It was during this time that we sought a developmental evaluation and learned that he was globally delayed. This discovery has significantly impacted our family, as we navigate finding the right therapies to help Joshua thrive both academically and in the community. Along the way, we have faced numerous challenges, including securing funding to cover the coinsurance costs for his care, and finding doctors who are in-network, as many do not accept insurance. Despite these obstacles, we have been fortunate to have family support, which has helped alleviate some of the financial burden. This support has been crucial in offsetting medical costs for both Joshua and his twin brother, especially when seeing out-of-network providers. While we often have to wait for the explanation of benefits (EOBs), we remain incredibly grateful for the opportunity to access quality care for our children and continue working toward their health and development.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Ryker
Age:	0
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$143,860
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Plagiocephaly
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Cranial Helmet
	Goals: Improve head shape
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $3,500 Ind Ded $7,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,000
Family Story:	We are now a single income family with two children. We have a almost 4 year old and Ryker who is 6 months old. My husband works for a chemical plant here in town and I am a stay at home mother. Our income dropped about 38,000 dollars compared to last years tax return. My husband is the only provider now and he makes 112,000 before taxes . My husband is a wonderful man who adopted my daughter and we just had Ryker together. I have been an elementary teacher for the past 9 years and this is my first year home with my children. We love our children and want to be able to provide what is best for them. Ryker is in need of a helmet to help with his head shape and physical therapy to help with his Torticollis. Our family has seen with the additional therapy the bills are adding up . We would appreciate any help we can get to help our son with the therapy and helmet he needs . Thank you for your time ! Jenna Morgan

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,620
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Cora
Age:	7
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$97,664
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,200
Medical Diagnosis:	Severe Apraxia of Speech
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,600 Ind Ded $5,600 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $2,200
Family Story:	When Cora did not talk by the age of two we got an evaluation from the county for speech. We were told she was at a ten-month level for speech. She did not talk at all and couldn't make even animal sounds. We got her set up for therapy through Guilford County. Everyone was so optimistic saying we lined her up with this amazing speech therapist that gets kids talking in a few weeks. "Don't worry she is going to not stop talking soon." After many speech therapy sessions we realized something wasn't right. Cora didn't learn to make animal sounds until after the age of three. She did not start trying to talk until close to four. We then learned she has apraxia of speech, and her case is very severe. Since then, we have done all the therapy we can financially do. Cora is now seven and in first grade. She wants to be social but struggles very much with communication. Even at the age of seven we struggle with understanding her. We still have times where she can't point to something she's trying to communicate. She is trying to tell you something and she gets very frustrated when we can't understand. She knows exactly what she wants to say but it doesn't come out correctly. This last year something has finally clicked with her speech, and she has really grown. She still is in the category of severe apraxia of speech, but she has really worked so hard and improved this last year. Constant repetition is the key to apraxia. Receiving as much speech therapy as she can is so important. She receives speech at school but it's in a group setting. Also, she is the only child with apraxia at her school. The therapy you receive is different with apraxia so she does not receive that one on one at school specifically for apraxia. Cora currently sees a private speech therapist once a week because that's all we can afford right now. She is phenomenal. She really understands apraxia and how to work with Cora. These elementary years are so important to have these speech building blocks so Cora doesn't fall behind in school academically and socially. In a perfect world she would be able to receive speech therapy 4/5 times a week one on one. Right now, her insurance helps cover 80 percent of 60 sessions. Unfortunately, they do not help pay for the sessions until we meet her deductible. We have to pay $80 a session and that eats into her 60 sessions to meet her deductible. That leaves us with only 40 sessions for the entire year covered at 80 percent. We have three kids and it's very hard to even cover speech once a week for her at $80 a session. Any help we can receive will be very appreciated. All we want is for her to have the best chance she can. This last month we learned Cora has Beckwith–Wiedemann syndrome. Her only symptom is her enlarged tongue. The large tongue adds to her speech difficulties in addition to the severe apraxia. The doctors said speech therapy is the only thing we can do for her to help manage this issue by teaching proper tongue placement and oral motor skills.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Lucas
Age:	4
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$28,131
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$7,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $3,500 Ind Ded $7,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $7,000
Family Story:	My son is now 4 years old. He is currently getting feeding therapy. It has been very challenging financially and to find a place that benefits my son for what is recommended he needs by a clinician. We have tried in network therapies and there has been minimal to no progress. My son will now be getting feeding therapy with a high qualified licensed feeding therapist whom I have been recommended by numerous people. I will be providing her info. My son has regressed and his diet intake has significantly decreased and it's a concern.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Reina
Age:	4
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$48,101
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Disorder
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), ABA Therapy, Dr/Specialist Visits, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve life skills.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind Ded-1,650, Ind OOP-3,500
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Our daughter, Reina, is an adorable almost 5-year-old girl who was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the age of 3. She is nonverbal and experiences aggressive behaviors, requiring extensive support in all aspects of her daily life. Although she has made progress with therapies such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), speech therapy, occupational therapy, and other specialist visits—including MRIs and genetic testing—Reina's medical needs remain significant and ongoing. As a family, we have always prioritized Reina's well-being and development. However, we have been facing increasingly difficult financial challenges. Recently, we lost our Medicaid coverage due to an increase in our household income, which made it difficult for us to afford the specialized care Reina desperately needs. Fortunately, we were able to enroll Reina in the employee insurance plan through my workplace, but the costs are overwhelming. Our monthly premium alone is $564.60, and the annual deductible is $3,300, with an out-of-pocket maximum of $7,000. These costs have placed a tremendous strain on our finances, and we simply cannot afford to pay all of these expenses on our own. Despite the insurance coverage, Reina's therapies and medical expenses continue to accrue at a rate that we are unable to manage. At present, Reina is not ready for public school due to her developmental delays. She is not yet potty trained and has significant challenges with daily tasks, making it unsafe and impractical to send her to school. The last time we attempted to send her, she returned home with bruises, and no one in the classroom could explain what had happened. This experience left us feeling helpless and concerned for her safety and well-being. Unfortunately, in Florida, children with disabilities like Reina do not qualify for Medicaid unless their families meet very low-income requirements. Additionally, Florida's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will not cover the cost of ABA therapy for children over the age of 5, even though ABA therapy is the most essential service for Reina's development. Receiving this grant would provide our family with the financial relief we need to continue Reina's therapies and medical care. It would allow us to better support her development and help her progress in ways that her current circumstances and the limitations of our healthcare system are hindering. We are truly struggling to manage the expenses, and without assistance, Reina's future could be impacted. Please consider Reina for this grant. It would make a tremendous difference in her life and provide our family with the support we desperately need. Thank you for your consideration.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Westin
Age:	6
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$91,039
Lifetime Award	$3,000
Grant Amt Req:	$1,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-2023; $1,500-2/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna $1,250 Ind Ded $4,890 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,500
Family Story:	Westin was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 3, we initially sought help for his severe separation anxiety. Through further analysis & testing Westin was diagnosed with Autism a year later & has since then received OT services. Unfortunately the services for OT are an out-of-pocket expense for our family, putting a further financial burden on my husband and I. Through the UHCCF grant, we have been able to continue Westin's OT services and we are very grateful for that.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare
children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Grayson
Age:	2
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$76,236
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve skills.
	Insurance Coverage: Cigna-Ind Ded-800, Ind OOP-5,000
	Total Expected Cost: $1,000
Family Story:	My son Grayson has had a rough start to life. Even while being pregnant with him, it ended up being high risk. I was induced at 37 weeks and Grayson was born not breathing and without a heartbeat. He was resuscitated for 7 minutes and was transferred to the NICU. A few hours later, they decided to transfer him to the main hospital downtown NICU department to be cooled. He was diagnosed with HIE and stayed in the NICU for 16 days. He is now 2 and has had delays in every aspect. He is currently in speech and occupational therapy. He was diagnosed with ASD in September 2024. We have started ABA therapy, and it has help greatly. At the time I thought my insurance covered it but have found that it is only covered after we reach our in-network deductible. This has put a financial strain on our family and any monetary help we can get, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration for the grant. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,000
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Josiah
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	Maryland
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$105,578
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve quality of life.
	Insurance Coverage: Aetna-Ind Ded-3,300, Ind OOP- 5,000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Josiah has developmental delay and was diagnosed with autism in the year 2023. To help with his communication and daily living, the developmental pediatrician recommended he be enrolled in ABA therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy. For some years now, just his dad has been working and all the family's finances and expenses comes from this. Though we have private insurance from his dad's company, to avoid putting a hold on the services he is receiving because of financial constraint, we would need financial assistance in the payment of services before our family out of pocket deductibles is met and copays thereafter. We look forward to your positive feedback. Thank you

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Ava
Age:	7
Gender:	Female
State:	Tennessee
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$84,641
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Inpatient/Outpatient Hospital Stays, Medical Drugs, Dr/Specialist Visits, Surgery/Procedures/Treatments, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Cure cancer.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,000 Ind Ded $5,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	The last day of September I was advised to go to the emergency room regarding my child's swollen lymph nodes. After being there all day we we were finally admitted into ETECH for further observations. Not sure what was going on, we just waited. On October 1, 2024 is the day Dr. Spiller walked in and changed out lives. She told me Ava had Leukemia, specifically AML. Breaking it down for me she advised Ava has cancer. I called everyone who needed to know and proceeded to google. Probably the worst thing I could have done honestly but I wanted to know more. Dr. spiller and the rest of the team talked to me and explained to me in detail what was actually happening. How it was not my fault, that something in Ava's body the way the formed her cells just some how got out of wack. I cried, got angry, sad, confused, any emotion you can think of I felt it. I take pride in taking good care of my children and being the best mother I can possibly be so having to deal with this was breaking my heart. Has we started our chemo journey, Dr. Spiller immediately let me know Ava's best chance in having permanent remission would be the bone marrow transplant. So that's what we did. We tackled the first two months of chemo and when I tell you watching Ava smile, laugh, sing and dance through each treatment was so amazing to see. Like WOW! This little girl is truly amazing. Now here we are, 3 months in and have started our transplant journey here at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. I must admit this is nothing like our last treatments, this process has been so hard for Ava. The chemo is much harder, the side effects are even more challenging. It has been a hard strain on my family. My husband having to be away from us so he can stay at home in Knoxville, TN with our two youngest, Kobi who is 2 and Joshua who is 6. Life does not stop I can tell you that. I have had to continue working so we can keep Ava's insurance and unfortunately with me not being at my current employer for at least a year I was not able to take FML. I work just enough hours to cover my benefits. Trying to juggle work and dealing with Ava's sick days has worn on my mental. It's getting to the point I have made the decision to resign and I can find enough help to continue to pay for her insurance OOP. We are here in Nashville for 100 days for treatments and observations. First 30 days are inpatient and the next few months will be out patient. Having to pay for transportation, food, and lodging as well as keep up rent, electricity, food, daycare and other expenses back home it is getting hard for us to manage. We pray, hold our head high with a smile on face and continue to push through. We are a strong family and are pushing through but even the strong has a breaking point. I am praying you all feel my sincerity in this letter and will be willing to help my family while we stand with our warrior Ava Page! Thank you, Mama.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$3,000
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Hall
Age:	8
Gender:	Male
State:	Alabama
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$79,815
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$0,600
Medical Diagnosis:	undescended testicles
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Improve medical condition
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $600 Ind Ded $6,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $0,600
Family Story:	Our family lives in a small town in Alabama. We love where we live, and we have a happy life together. We have four children, ages 10, 8, 5, and 4. Hall (8) is our firstborn. He is exceptionally bright and excels in his 2nd grade class. We adopted our daughter, Erika (10) after Hall was born, and we had another son and daughter after her adoption (5 and 4). Hall is such a sweet boy, has lots of friends, is class representative, and an excellent big brother! This fall at Hall's routine checkup, our pediatrician discovered an abnormality with Hall's reproductive system and referred us to a pediatric urologist in Huntsville for further inspection. After some testing, he determined that our son had undescended testicles. We were grateful for this doctor's expertise and that he was so close to where we live. After an ultrasound determined there was appropriate blood flow, they quickly scheduled a surgery on November 15th. The surgeon was skillful and was able to perform the surgery sooner and faster than anticipated. The procedure was successful, and after several weeks of recovery, Hall is doing well and is back to his normal self. Jesse (dad) is on staff at our small church, and Anna (mom) is an adoption social worker. We love the work we do, but our income does not lend itself to large, unexpected expenses, even seemingly small medical procedures such as this one. We are thankful for UHCCF and your dedication to caring for families like ours!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$0,600
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Faiga
Age:	1
Gender:	Female
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$58,272
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,350
Medical Diagnosis:	Developmental Delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Congenital Hypotonia
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Mental Health Therapy, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $350 Ind Ded $2,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,350
Family Story:	Faiga was very delayed and received services from EI at 5 weeks old. She also gets private therapy but insurance does not cover the full amount

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Shadid
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$92,529
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically
	**Previous Grant: $1500 exp 12/24
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and behavior
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS DED $0 OOP $4000
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	We are 5 members in our family. 3 children, and Shadid Rahaman is the youngest. He has ASD. Currently he is taking OT and Speech therapy at IVY Rehab. His pediatrician also recommends him taking ABA therapy. He will take ABA therapy at ACORN. My insurance will not cover all. Per ACORN, we will have to copay $90 per visit. i will have to copay for his OT and Speech Therapy at IVY Rehab as well. Therefore, we really need financial assistance. Thank you!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Kellyn
Age:	11
Gender:	Female
State:	Maryland
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$129,425
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$10,000
Medical Diagnosis:	GERD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Rumination syndrome
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,500 Ind Ded
	Total Expected Cost: $10,000
Family Story:	Kellyn was born with various birth defects: esophageal atresia (EA), tracheoesophageal fistula (TEF), tracheal diverticulum, bronchomalacia, tracheomalacia, and laryngeal cleft. The EA/TEF were the only birth defects initially discovered since Kellyn was unable to eat, and those were operated on her third day of life. The other birth defects were discovered later around age 3. At 14 months old, she developed a esophagus stricture (tightening where her original surgery occurred), so she required a balloon dilation of esophagus. The surgeon unknowingly tore her esophagus and told us that we could feed her the her 8-ounce formula bottle upon waking up from the dilation procedure. She immediately became extremely ill from the formula leaking from her esophagus into her chest cavity and an emergency alarm was pulled in the hospital where all hands were on deck and coming into hospital room. As a result of being allowed to drink formula with her undiagnosed esophagus tear, she developed a terrible infection in her chest which resulted in the surgeon needing to remove 2/3 of her esophagus, pull her stomach into her chest, and open up her pyloric valve. Unfortunately, her protective lower esophageal sphincter (LES) was in the part of the esophagus that was so damaged it needed to be removed. So now her remaining esophagus has no way for the food to stay contained within the stomach and she needs to be on extremely high doses of Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI's) for the remainder of her life to prevent serious complications like esophagus cancer. She also developed various other post-surgical complications from this emergency surgery: severe GERD, gastroparesis, diabetes, failure to thrive (difficulty growing in height & weight), malabsorption syndrome, dumping syndrome, food sensitivities, low ferritin, fused rib like from chest tube, scoliosis likely from the fused rib caused by chest tube, etc. Due to her respiratory issues that occur when she gets sick, we have had various surprise emergency room visits due to breathing issues or other strange ailments such as hyponatremia. Due to this terrible surgical ordeal, we vowed to only allow a hospital specialized in her rare birth defects to operate on her or put her under anesthesia. Thankfully, we found Boston Children's Hospital that specialized in her esophageal and respiratory conditions and had a department specifically dedicated to that. We have to travel to Boston Children's Hospital for about a week every other year, which is very costly but worthwhile trip. They were the hospital that discovered her laryngeal cleft, tracheal diverticulum, bronchomalacia, and tracheomalacia, which went undiagnosed for years at our local hospital. Kellyn has had multiple surgeries in her life: EA / TEF esophagus repair at birth, balloon dilation of esophagus, chest tubes insertion, partial esophactomy-partial gastric pullup-pyloroplasty, laryngeal cleft repair, ankylosed tooth removal, and routine respiratory and GI scopes to monitor for reflux damage and respiratory issues. Not only did she deal with these terrible post-surgical complications that could have been avoided, she also had torticollis and developmental delays when she was younger, and currently deals with growth hormone deficiency, scoliosis bracing, reactive airway disease when she develops respiratory

	ailments, intermittent hyponatremia, amblyopia and other vision issues, ankylosed tooth that required surgery, other orthodontic issues, excoriation disorder, etc. Kellyn's life has been filled with medical issues and she's had to miss out on a lot of fun childhood experiences due to her health conditions. She needs to miss a good amount of school for illness and doctor's appointments. These health issues are also extremely costly for our family and take up a lot of our family's time to manage. Our family has also faced a great deal of stress dealing with all of this. We spend a great deal of money on doctor's appointments, prescription medications, durable medical equipment, specialized keto / low carb food due to Kellyn's post-surgical complication of diabetes, as well as various other health-related costs that are not covered by insurance. I needed to postpone going back to work due to the complex care needs of my daughter. I currently work in a lower-paying position, but it is worthwhile because I work at the school my daughter attends so I can be near if health needs arise. If Kellyn were to receive this medical grant that would really help our family in offsetting some of these medical costs we face for her. Thank you so much for considering her application.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$3,000
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Bailey
Age:	1
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$105,010
Lifetime Award	$1,665
Grant Amt Req:	$0,655
Medical Diagnosis:	chronic otitis media
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	**Previous Grant: $1,665-9/2025
	Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits, Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Reduce infection occurrence
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $6,600 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $0,655
Family Story:	Bailey was born at 31 weeks + 6 days and spent 8 weeks in the NICU. She was resuscitated, required oxygen and had jaundice her first weeks of life which correlates with hearing issues. She has a twin brother, Casey, who also has medical issues with his ears and required tubes in August. Bailey was released from the NICU without passing a hearing test. It has taken us many doctor visits and hearing tests and now surgery to attempt to help her hear better. Bailey has had 6 hearing tests to date including 3 in the NICU, 1 post NICU where she had wires attached to her head and 2 sound booth tests. This surgery was to place tubes in her ears to hopefully help her hear better as she continued to get ear infections and kept fluid in her ears. Unfortunately she had an extremely bad ear infection during the procedure and still failed a normal hearing test. She is scheduled to have a sedated hearing test which costs another $1,600 in September providing she is not sick. Bailey has been diagnosed with mixed hearing and the sedated testing will help shed some light on what she can truly hear and not hear and try to help her overcome the challenges.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$0,655
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Nolan
Age:	7
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$95,586
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,350
Medical Diagnosis:	Tourette's Syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: DR/Specialist visits, Mental Health Therapy, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and mental health
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,000 Ind Ded $3,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,350
Family Story:	Thank you so much for your consideration of our family for this grant. We have seen it help a family member (nephew) and are hopeful for it to impact us as well. We do not take this application lightly and know that it is not something to be taken for granted. My husband and I welcomed a bouncing baby boy into our lives 5/22/17. From infancy Nolan has never stopped moving. He climbs to the highest height and moves as fast as he possibly can at all times. He is now 7. Since about 3, Nolan has been diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder. This anxiety is crippling for him. It causes vomiting, panic, and overall instability in our home. His anxiety has changed how we all approach our daily lives. Nolan is smart, kind, caring, and a wonderful son and friend, but he also has a knack for picking up on any little trigger. Nolan has been in play therapy since 3 years of age to address his anxiety and he started medication for this at 5. At the age of 5.5, Nolan became a big brother to his little sister, Hayden. Hayden is the light of Nolan's life, and Hayden adores her big brother. Nolan has always had vocal and motor tics, but they would come and go. Around the age of 6, Nolan began having a motor tic involving his jaw that was causing him pain. We followed up with his physician who referred us to a neurologist who specializes in movement disorders. It was here that Nolan was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome. His neurologist suggested starting Nolan on medications to help the tics subside a bit to relieve his pain. In 2024, we were continuing to struggle with Nolan's hyperactivity which prompted a psychological reevaluation. This evaluation indicated that Nolan had ADHD (combined type). We are a family who strives to find the absolute best care for our son, but we are drowning in credit card debt and left unable to afford other life things due to the out pocket costs of Nolan's care. We are finding it hard to make ends meet between specialist visits, play therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. We have found that all of these things are imperative for Nolan's growth and well-being and are simply not willing to have him go without. We have cobbled together the greatest team of professionals who can support him to the detriment of ourselves and Nolan's little sister so that he can have support. In the section where I have calculated costs, I utilized the total amounts currently being charged by play therapy, OT, and speech with hope that these rates don't increase. These fees will be charged on a weekly or every other week basis for the remainder of the year until out of pocket max is met. Out of pocket cost for OT weekly is $114.33, Speech Weekly $80.29, and Play Therapy every other week $116.97. When deductible is met out of pocket cost reduces significantly but is still a large out of pocket cost over time. The remaining weeks total to $502.92 for OT, $343.32 for speech, and $257.40 for play therapy. Our biggest concern this upcoming year is his psychiatrist is moving to a private practice away from where he currently receives services and will no longer be accepting insurance. We have finally solidified a good network of support, and will be unable to continue seeing this provider due to cost. I have attached her fee schedule as well as a note where it states she will no longer be practicing at the practice

	location effective 1/31/25. I have included this in the grant request because if at all possible we would like the continuity of care. Wake Med Pediatric Behavioral Health is closing their department upon Dr. Politte's departure, there is not another physician for us to switch to. We have other options for medication management, but much prefer her expertise in this field. Again, thank you for your consideration. Lora Rogers

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	David
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	Maryland
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$114,505
Lifetime Award	$2,750
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,250-2023; $1,500-2024
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,000 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	David and his older brother Joseph both have autism. We have been through a lot since they were born. Lots of therapy, appointments, etc. David has come a very long way. As a baby, he seemed to be typically developing but then was late to walk and use words. He also demonstrated repetitive play. I knew something was wrong after already having an older child with autism (Joseph was diagnosed when David was an infant). David has made a lot of progress with his therapies and is now in regular education in public school with supports of the IEP. He is also being treated by a developmental pediatrician for ADHD, and gets ABA in the home 3 days per week to focus on behavior regulation (this is funded by a separate grant program). David attends private speech/occupational therapy twice a week - the co-pays add up quickly. Given that we have 2 special needs children in our home, the costs are even more formidable. Luckily, last year we just qualified for Medicaid for the children, and did not need to use the UHCCF grant we were awarded. Unfortunately, this year, we did not qualify again. Therefore, we are asking for as much funding as you can give. Thank you in advance for opening up your hearts to our child.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Joseph
Age:	8
Gender:	Male
State:	Maryland
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$114,505
Lifetime Award	$7,310
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: ADHD
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,500-2021: $3,000 - 2020; $1,250-2023; $1,560-2024
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,000 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Joseph and his younger brother David both have autism. We have been through a lot over the last 8 years. Lots of therapy, appointments, etc. Joseph has come a very long way. As a baby, he had very low muscle tone and did not walk or say words until he was about 2. He was not potty trained or really verbal until age 4. Joseph has made a lot of progress and is now in regular education in public school with supports of the IEP. He is also being treated by psychiatry for ADHD and anxiety. Joseph attends private speech/occupational therapy twice a week (3 visits a week) - the co-pays add up quickly. Given that we have 2 special needs children in our home, the costs are even more formidable. Luckily, last year we just qualified for Medicaid for the children, and did not need to use the UHCCF grant we were awarded. Unfortunately, this year, we did not qualify again. Therefore, we are asking for as much funding as you can give. Thank you in advance for opening up your hearts to our child.

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Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Abby
Age:	16
Gender:	Female
State:	Pennsylvania
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$132,203
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,795
Medical Diagnosis:	menorrhagia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Endometrial Polyp
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Surgery/Procedure/Treatment
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: UHC $2,500 Ind Ded $5,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,795
Family Story:	Abby has been sick for a while when she started her menstrual cycle. The doctor found a polyp in Abby's uterus. Abby had the polyp removed and so far its been night and day. Abby is much more active and not sleeping so much. Abby has been having a rough year on top of the polyp. She also had to get a precancerous growth removed from her foot earlier in the year and requires physical therapy. She also has Scoliosis which requires a regular visit to an orthopedic professional. Please consider this accepting this grant. The medical bills have been generously covered by UHC, but we really need help with Abby's polyp removal procedure.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$4,700
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jameson
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$152,576
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$1,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Sensory Integration Disorder
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Non- Specified Neuro-developmental Disorder
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: EmblemHealth $200 Ind Ded $4,550 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $1,500
Family Story:	Jameson is 1 of 4 siblings. He was recently diagnosed with non-specified Neurodevelopmental disorder (two of his siblings have an autism diagnosis), Sensory integration disorder, anxiety, social anxiety, expressive language disorder and phonological processing disorder. Jameson is extremely shy and withdraws from social interaction with anyone who is not his immediate family. Jameson requires a certain amount of sensory input to stay regulated. He struggles with self-regulation (due to sensory issues and anxiety from not being able to communicate effectively) and he will become aggressive and self-injurious. My insurance does not cover occupational therapy and the copay for speech is $30. I am applying for the grant to start Jameson in OT and aqua therapy to help his sensory needs and help him with self-regulation.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Ava
Age:	14
Gender:	Female
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$37,431
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	ADHD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1500 exp 10/24
	Recommendations: Mental Health Therapy
	Goals: Help child function in daily living.
	Insurance Coverage: Kaiser Permanente DED $1500 EXP 6850
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Ava, a young girl previously diagnosed with ADHD and ASD, was evaluated for educational purposes due to ongoing difficulties in school and social settings. The evaluation revealed significant executive functioning deficits that impact her ability to maintain attention, follow extended discussions, and complete complex tasks. While her reasoning skills in unstructured environments are normal for her age, Ava struggles with attention, working memory (both visual and auditory), and word retrieval, which affect her expressive and receptive language skills. She also experiences challenges with reading, math, writing speed, and fine motor skills, all consistent with a diagnosis of dyslexia and dysgraphia. Ava's social difficulties, initially raising questions about autism, appear to stem more from social anxiety and life stressors, particularly the COVID-19 pandemic, bullying, and other personal losses. Although her social engagement was limited during the evaluation, her earlier developmental history does not align with autism. Instead, her anxiety, low self-confidence, and fear of judgment are more likely contributing to her difficulties. Diagnostic Impressions: Executive Dysfunction ADHD, predominantly inattentive type Dysgraphia Specific Reading Disorder (Dyslexia) Specific Learning Disability in Mathematics Anxiety Disorder NOS Possible Receptive Language Disorder Possible Depression Possible Body Dysmorphic Disorder Family Constellation and History : Ava lives with her mother and father in Fairfax, Virginia, and is an only child. Her parents are originally from Iran, where they married in 2008. Ava was born in the United States, as her birth coincided with her mother's visit at the time. After Ava's birth the family reunited in Iran and came to the United States in 2012. Both of her parents work full-time. Family history is notable for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Narcolepsy on the paternal side. The family speaks Farsi and English in the home.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Cohen
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$112,325
Lifetime Award	$1,000
Grant Amt Req:	$2,500
Medical Diagnosis:	ADHD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Autism
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $1,000-5/2025
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech), Wonderfold Wagon
	Goals: Improvement in functioning and skills.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $350 Ind Ded $6,000
	Total Expected Cost: $2,500
Family Story:	Cohen is currently in PT, OT and Speech for his other diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, and Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS). He will continue to need these therapies for the next year at least. They help Cohen will everything from daily tasks to being able to go on family outings in the community. In addition, we have another child who has his own delays and medical diagnosis. That child is in Vision therapy, PT, and OT. I also see a therapist bi-weekly for anxiety that is not covered by insurance. I also am currently under multiple doctors care for condition that has yet to be diagnosed. With all the therapy visits, and at home equipment needed. In addition to regular doctor’s visits and specialist appointments. Cohen and his brother’s medical needs are a big part of our family budget. While all these therapies and appointments are necessary for their overall health and wellbeing it is a huge financial burden. I cannot work and have only one income. With the cost of living getting higher, it has been very hard on our family month after month.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Batsheva Esther
Age:	7
Gender:	Female
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$51,620
Lifetime Award	$1,500
Grant Amt Req:	$4,800
Medical Diagnosis:	Developmental Delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Impact: Social, Psychological **Previous Grant: $1,500-1/2025 Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Goals: Improve overall skills. Insurance Coverage: BCBS $500 Ind Ded $7,000 OOP Total Expected Cost: $4,800
Family Story:	my daughter needs lots of therapy, OT, PT and Speech and we want to get her the best help possible. she was really not managing in school and we haev now starting seeing improvement using Optimal care Therapy. we really appreciate the first grant we received as it really helped in the financial aspect. before we heard of UHCCF we were unsure if we can do this, getting her the best help as we have a large family with a modest income

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Norah
Age:	6
Gender:	Female
State:	Tennessee
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$115,301
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$3,900
Medical Diagnosis:	Articulation Disorder
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Diagnosis:
	Goals: Improve
	Insurance Coverage: UHC DED $1000 OOP $3500
	Total Expected Cost: $3,900
Family Story:	Norah is our eldest child, while our youngest is just 3 years old. As first-time parents, we were unaware that Norah's speech development was not progressing as it should until we noticed that our toddler's speech was much clearer than hers. I work at a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit independent school that lacks an on-site speech therapist. In an effort to help Norah, I requested a speech evaluation from the local public school. During this evaluation, we were informed that she had a significant speech impediment. We sought services through our county offices, but soon discovered that they were ill-equipped to support Norah's needs. In one semester, she was supposed to receive 40 service days, yet she only received 17. My husband and I realized that to properly address her speech issues through early intervention, we would have to take her to a private speech therapist. JHA is renowned in our area for excellence in speech pathology, so we began attending sessions there, unaware of the financial strain it would place on us. We quickly exhausted our 25 insurance-covered sessions and had to reduce her appointments from the recommended twice a week to just once, so we could continue providing her with the necessary services. While Norah has made significant progress in her speech, her recent re-evaluation indicated that she would need at least another year of therapy. I signed up for a flexible spending account at work, but I know that the costs for speech services will deplete those funds by the end of the first quarter. Now in kindergarten, Norah is incredibly social and loves to sing, dance, and perform for others. As a school counselor, I am deeply committed to nurturing her confidence and ensuring she improves her speech. I want to protect her from any feelings of social shame related to her speech, allowing her to thrive and express herself fully.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Alexis
Age:	16
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$128,058
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,606
Medical Diagnosis:	Crouzon's Syndrome
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: High palate
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Surgery/Procedures/Treatments
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $3,000 Ind Ded $6,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,606
Family Story:	Alexis is 16-year-old who was born with Crouzon's syndrome, and she has a 13-year-old sister who was born and spent the first 5 years in Central Florida prior to moving to North Carolina. Her biological father and I are divorced; I am remarried. They both live with me the majority of the time. She is the first to have Crouzon's on both sides of the family. She's had 3 cranial vault expansion surgeries before age 10. These last 2 years she has had a LeFort III with a RED device aka Halo (with a month-long hospital stay due to an infection and insertion of a shunt) with braces placed> This year she had her forehead reconstructed with a plastic piece insertion (and another infection which was not as severe but still required opening the skull - sterilizing plastic piece and 8 weeks of antibiotics. She is due to have braces removed next year and a LeFort I to be scheduled with another round of braces. She is currently in 11th grade, is starting her 1st year at career center to become a CNA as she has aspirations to become a NICU nurse. Her main hobby is dancing in which she has been dancing competitively for 4 years (total dancing 13 years); her favorite is lyrical but also does jazz, contemporary, and musical theater. She is currently hoping to obtain her driver's license by the end of November, looking for a part time job and trying to narrow down her college choices.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Moshe
Age:	10
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$59,847
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	ADHD
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Disorders
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and articulation.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind Ded-500, Ind OOP-2,500
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Moshe is a cute 10yr old who is very delayed socially and academically. He has been diagnosed with ADHDand LD. He's already in 5th grade and cannot read despite much traditional reading support

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Shmuel
Age:	8
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$59,847
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve social skills.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind Ded-500, Ind OOP-2,500
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	We are parents of a large family living on very minimal salaries. Thank g-d we have managed to afford our basic needs However Our child, Shmuel, an 8 year old on the Autism spectrum, has incurred many added expenses that has put a big strain on our budget and is affecting the entire family. We thank you so much for your help allowing us to care properly for our special child as well as his loving siblings.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Avery
Age:	0
Gender:	Female
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$102,313
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,036
Medical Diagnosis:	VACTERL
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: cloacal malformation
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve quality of life
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $3,500 Fam Ded $9,600 Fam OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,036
Family Story:	After a high-risk pregnancy, I was scheduled for a c-section at 37 weeks due to low growth of the baby, increased trouble being able to monitor her vital signs due to excess fluid and concerns with gestational diabetes and protecting her singular kidney. After Avery was born while trying to suction her airways, they discovered restrictions and told us she needed to go to the NICU. She was initially diagnosed with esophageal atresia that would require surgery, and she was transferred to a larger hospital with a more equipped NICU. I was unable to join her at that hospital for almost 24 hours. At arrival to the larger facility, we were informed she also had anorectal malformation which would also require surgery. Avery had her first surgery at 1 day old to repair the esophageal atresia. The following day she had surgery for her duodenal atresia and make a colostomy site. Avery was diagnosed with VACTERL association and remained in the NICU for 24 days. Avery came home with an ostomy bag, several medications and is being followed by several pediatric specialties. Additionally, she is diagnosed with cloacal malformation, renal agenesis, tethered spinal cord, stage one kidney disease, and has an airway that is difficult to intubate. Avery will need at least two more surgeries this year to repair the anorectal malformation and to address the tethered cord, additional procedures may be required as well. We travel to the hospital that she was transferred to multiple times a month and travel over an hour each way to get there. We applied for the CCC plus waiver and were denied. Although we have insurance through employment this has been and will be a major financial journey. Avery is a beautiful, strong, spunky infant and deserves the very best care we can provide her. We are grateful for the team that has been with her since birth and the additional members of her care team guiding us to take care of her in the very best way possible.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,000
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Oliver
Age:	2
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$87,397
Lifetime Award	$2,048
Grant Amt Req:	$5,950
Medical Diagnosis:	Speech Developmental Delay
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $2,480-2023
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $9,450 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,950
Family Story:	Hello! We are a family of 4 who have 2 beautiful children. We have a 6 year old little girl who is in Kindergarten this year and an almost 3 year old little boy who I am lucky enough to be able to stay home with and spend my days being a Mom. My husband is very hard working and is a great provider for our family so that allows me the time to spend time with my children at home. Our son Oliver needs to have speech therapy due to a developmental delay and we are working with a therapy group to provide those services for him. With being a 1 income household, the cost of each session for Oliver to have Speech each week is unfortunately not in our financial budget. We want to do everything and anything for him to succeed in this area of his life but are asking for some financial assistance to help us on this journey in Oliver's life. We thank you for this opportunity to apply for the grant and appreciate all that you do to help families in need. Sincerely, The Sutton Family

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Noah
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	2
AGI:	$40,498
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$10,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $2,350 Ind Ded
	Total Expected Cost: $10,000
Family Story:	Jordan was diagnosed with Bipolar One Disorder and forced to take Lithium through out her entire pregnancy to keep from going manic. When Noah was born we notice early that he was showing signs of being delayed in his development. At age of 6 months old I began to teach Noah ASL basic signs, because he was not showing signs of talking or making sounds. At age of 1 years old, his pediatrician referred him for testing through Early Steps intervention program. He was diagnosed with a Sensory Processing Disorder. Noah struggles to associate with other children and be out in public around crowds with loud noises. At age of 2 we had him tested for Autism, but they said it was to early to diagnose him with it. Noah continued to show signs of serious delay in development. His Pediatrician decided to send him for a hearing test. The audiologist noticed that Noah was showing signs of Autism and she said he was not to young to be tested again. She referred Noah to Dr. Mark Flynn for further testing. His Pediatrician sent him for Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy. In September 2024, Dr Mark Flynn diagnosed Noah with Autism and a Sensory Processing Disorder and Apraxia. We now have a better understanding of what Noah is going through and what he needs. Noah is currently seeking Speech Therapy, Sensory Integrated Therapy and was just evaluated for Physical Therapy at Coastal Pediatrics Therapy. However, Florida Blue Health insurance only allows Noah to have 35 sessions of Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy per calendar year. But 35 sessions is not enough. Noah currently goes to these therapies 3 times per week. Once the 35 sessions are up Florida Blue with not pay for further help. Noah begins ABA Therapy at Island Cove Behavioral Therapy soon. The Grant was recommended to us for Noah to help pay for more Speech Therapy, Sensory Integrated Therapy, Physical therapy and the Deductible we will have to pay to help Noah with ABA Therapy. We would appreciate all the help we can get to help Noah succeed in this life so he can reach his full potential. Noahs mom is a single mom trying to work a full time job and do all she can do for her and Noah. Its hard to work a full time job and provided with a child with Autism that is non verbal. Insurance is not kind to these kids with special needs. Noah is an amazing kid, loving and sweet. We just want to help him to reach his full potential. We hope you will help us too. God Bless you

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Cathy
Age:	3
Gender:	Female
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$73,919
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$4,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: ABA Therapy, Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and behavior
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,700 Individual Deductible $3,400 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $4,500
Family Story:	Dear Sir or Madam. How are you? My name is Cuong Truong. We are living in Minnesota almost 20 years. We are just moving to florida for my job. My daughter has autism spectrum disorder result (or development delay) from her doctor. We already have insurance through my company I work for but We need help about copayment. We already saw her family doctor in FL and have a doctor rerult . I will summit with this application. Please help us in this situation so my daughter get enroll to this program to help her to grow and develop so she has better furture. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely. Cuong Truong

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Charles
Age:	5
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$49,960
Lifetime Award	$6,000
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Hypogammaglobulinemia
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	**Previous Grant: $3,500-2024; $2,500-3/2025
	Recommendations: Medical drug, dr/specialist visits, ER/UR visits, Surgery/procedures/treatments, Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing)
	Goals: Improve quality of life.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,250 Ind Ded $3,500 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	When Charlie was 11 months old, we noticed a golf ball-sized lump under his armpit area. We took him to the doctors to get it checked out, and at first, his blood counts were relatively normal. They began testing him for all sorts of diseases. A week later, his lab results showed high white blood cell counts, and we were scheduled to meet with an oncologist and a hematologist. On Tuesday, August 10, 2020, Charlie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) with MLL re-arrangement. It is a very aggressive, harder-to-treat form of leukemia that mainly impacts children under one year old. Charlie immediately began standard treatment at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC. After five rounds of chemotherapy, Charlie was just weeks away from the maintenance stage of treatment when we noticed his enlarged testicle. In May 2021, we were devastated to find out Charlie not only relapsed in his testicle, but also in his bone marrow. We began reintroduction therapy and prepared for a bone marrow transplant (BMT). On September 3, 2021, Charlie received his BMT with his dad as his donor. The treatment worked for about three months before Charlie relapsed again on December 9, 2021. The leukemia was back in his bone marrow and in his bloodstream. Because the BMT didn't work for Charlie, we were trying to find a different treatment. We discovered Emily Whitehead's story and CAR-T therapy, which gave us hope that this treatment could be a lifesaver for our son. On February 18, 2022, Charlie received Kymriah, his first CAR-T therapy, at Levine Children's Hospital. After two months in the hospital, Charlie was able to enjoy the next 11 months mostly at home. In early 2023, a lump grew around Charlie's neck and jaw area. On March 8, 2023, a biopsy confirmed a third relapse of leukemia in the bone marrow and several extramedullary disease areas throughout the body. This included a 5 x 9 cm mass in his chest. Charlie immediately underwent re-introduction treatment. We traveled to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in July 2023. There, Charlie enrolled in a new combined trial of huCART that targeted both the CD19 and CD22 markers. Shortly after returning home from Philadelphia, Charlie was hospitalized for a common cold virus, fever and neutropenia. He stayed inpatient from the beginning of August until September 18, 2023. While it seemed like CAR-T initially worked well, Charlie's bone marrow had never really recovered from chemotherapy and had very low cellularity. He experienced bad platelet issues to the point where he had to receive platelet transfusions two to three times a week for nine months. In January 2024, a bone marrow aspiration showed early B-cell return. Charlie received a re-infusion of the CAR-T at CHOP. Since his bone marrow never recovered from chemotherapy, his doctors at CHOP decided it was best to do a stem cell boost. Because I was his bone marrow donor in 2021, the doctors collected stem cells from me . On April 15, 2024, Charlie received the stem cell infusion. He began to take Neulasta and Promacta medications to help stimulate white blood cell and platelet production in his bone marrow. Charlie has to have frequent infusions of immunoglobulin (IVIG) to support his immune system. He has routine lab work

	required as well. Today, Charlie is a happy, growing 5-year-old. He recently started kindergarten and joined a Tee-ball team. When Charlie first received CAR-T in 2021, we prayed that he would get to grow up and have these opportunities that every child deserves. Charlie likes singing to worship music, playing with Transformers and being silly with his "bubba" and "sissy." He enjoys life no matter where he is and has a sunny disposition. He loves being around people and celebrating life. When Charlie grows up, he aspires to be a police officer or a YouTuber.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/8/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Yehudis
Age:	1
Gender:	Female
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$27,790
Lifetime Award	$3,000
Grant Amt Req:	$3,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Bilateral congenital retinal folds
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Impact: Medically, Socially, Psychologically **Previous Grant: $1500 exp 9/25, $1500 exp 12/25 Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech) Goals: To help reach milestpmes Insurance Coverage: BCBS DED $50 OOP $9450 Total Expected Cost: $3,000
Family Story:	yehudis was diagnosed with an extremely rare genetic mutation-KIF11 syndrome. She also has congenital retinal folds in both eyes which makes her severely vision impaired. she needs lots of therapy, and we found a provider that is very experienced with this, but out of network. in addition this provider has already serviced Yehudis with many sessions which has brought significant progress in her development, although she has a way to go

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/21/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Haydyn
Age:	0
Gender:	Female
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$76,260
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,850
Medical Diagnosis:	Plagiocephaly
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Cranial Helmet
	Goals: Improve head shape
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $5,000 Ind Ded
	Total Expected Cost: $2,850
Family Story:	Greyson and I have been married for 2 years and just recently had our first baby girl August 2nd, 2024. I have always been told there is no love like a mother's love. I never understood until the day that I had her after a long 3 days in the hospital. Haydyn has been the biggest blessing, and I know that God sent her to me and knew that I needed a little girl. My husband, Greyson, is a full-time fireman at Granite Fall Fire Department. I work as a medical assistant at a cardiologist office in Lenoir. We both love to travel to the beach, and Haydyn's first trip was actually when she was just 7 weeks old! Haydyn's favorite things to do is facetime her GiGi throughout the week and watch 'dancing fruit' on YouTube (We love to watch her smile and laugh while watching). Haydyn is currently in physical therapy for Torticollis but shortly before she started is when we noticed the shape of her head. She is currently still in physical therapy in Granite Falls once a week. She does seem to be improving slightly. With the physical therapy bills, along with the medical bills from the hospital, and now the cost of her helmet, we are starting to become overwhelmed. We are applying for this grant in hopes that it will help relieve some financial stress. We are grateful for any help that we can get!

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,620
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Josiah
Age:	10
Gender:	Male
State:	Virginia
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$50,338
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$9,450
Medical Diagnosis:	Muscle contracture
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Hand weakness, gait abnormality
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve motion.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind Ded-1,300, Ind OOP-9,450
	Total Expected Cost: $9,450
Family Story:	Josiah had Medicaid and lost it in may of this year because we made over 39,000 for 3 people. We have been trying for 41/2 years to get his feet and legs fixed. He has 8 drs in Roanoke and is supposed to have therapy 2 pt and 2 ot a week . After he lost Medicaid we had to go to one of each and now none because insurance we have isn't paying for his therapy.I had to pay 1300$ deductible in 2 mons and then they turned around n said he had used all his benefits even though he had visits approved through December. He's been tested for ehlers danlos and charcot Marie tooth disease . He was sent to UVA to see a pediatric neuromuscular disease specialist for nerve conduction test . All said negative but his orthopedic surgeon in Roanoke dr zilenski still thinks it's something neuromuscular going on .she wants him to definitely continue all therapy but right now we can't pay 120$ week again for therapy so he has none . We desperately need to get this grant and be able to help him to live a normal life .

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/10/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Christian
Age:	12
Gender:	Male
State:	New Jersey
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$118,038
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$0,669
Medical Diagnosis:	Epilepsy
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Medical
	Recommendations: Diagnostic (Imaging, Labs, Testing)
	Goals: Prevent siezures.
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS-Ind Ded-1,750, Ind OOP-6,000
	Total Expected Cost: $0,669
Family Story:	Christian was diagnosed with atypical epilepsy when he was 4 1/2. He has been on medication ever since. He has had to go for frequent monitoring with eeg's (inpatient 3 days, at home or 1 hour). All have been abnormal. Christian requires EEG monitoring to prevent life threatening seizures as EEG indicates that medication needs to be continued. Christian also has recently been diagnosed with a syrinx on his spine that requires frequent monitoring with MRI's.(This year alone we have spent thousands out of pocket to monitor). Christian's youngest brother Justin is 4 and also has been diagnosed as a baby with Schwachman Diamond Syndrome. He was strictly feeding tube dependent for almost 3 years of his life. He was on many meds. He is doing well now but over the years this has put financial strain on us as a family with medical bills. Lastly, I myself have worked as an Oncology Nurse for 20 years. I recently have been on Social Security Disability for chronic condition Rheumatoid Arthritis, SLE. I have had minimal response to treatments and mention this bc of also financial strain on a family of five. We thank you for considering Christian for this grant. His neurologist completed paperwork required. Also has neurosurgeon he follows with who orders MRI 's if need any additional info. He also has one other recent medical bill for MRI.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$0,669
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Jeriah
Age:	10
Gender:	Male
State:	Florida
Family Size:	4
AGI:	$88,043
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,500
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis:
	Impact: Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Mental Health Therapy
	Goals: Improve mental health.
	Insurance Coverage: Cigna- Ind Ded-4,000, Ind OOP-6,500
	Total Expected Cost: $2,500
Family Story:	Jeriah is a social and talented 10 year old boy. He plays violin and loves to joke around with his friends and family. As sweet as he is, school life has been challenging and not every teacher in his academic life has been patient or kind to him. This caused stress. He also tends to struggle with escapism as well. Whenever he is offered something new or challenging, rather than trying to figure it out on his own he will immediately pile on himself unrelated tasks that are easier or more entertaining. He is afraid of consequences and deciding on his own. When he does make a mistake, he panics and or stops everything he is doing. He was struggling to keep weight and fellow students noticed his depressed expression going to school. He also tends to forget things that have immediately happened or had happened due to psychological damage by the teacher and due to hyperfocus to try and get everything right. Had it not been for Advanced Sacred Hope Academy, he would not be on this road to recovery. Through ASHA and ABHA, we have been able to understand more of what Jeriah needs help with and how we as parents can use the tools necessary to aid him. The sessions through ABHA are considered out-of-network from my health insurance. We hope Jeriah is approved for the grant so we can afford to give Jeriah a better future and have the resources and people he needs to grow successfully.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

Region:	East
Child's Name:	Barrett
Age:	3
Gender:	Male
State:	North Carolina
Family Size:	3
AGI:	$80,540
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$5,000
Medical Diagnosis:	Autism
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
	Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological
	Recommendations: Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)
	Goals: Improve speech and fine motor skills
	Insurance Coverage: BCBS $1,500 Ind Ded $3,000 OOP
	Total Expected Cost: $5,000
Family Story:	Taylor Yow (27) (Father) and Madeline Yow (27) (Mother) had son, Barrett Yow (3) on November 10, 2021, at full term. Barrett developed on time or typical for most to all gross motor skills but showed a delay in development, as well as a lack in interest, towards speaking and socializing. With his delay in speech being most noticeable compared to neuro-typical standards, he began attending speech therapy at Pediatric Speech and Language Services in the summer of 2023 (1.5 years old). Barrett was later diagnosed with Autism-Spectrum-Disorder at the age of 2 on December 26, 2023. Barrett began attending occupational therapy at Wise Owl Pediatric Therapy alongside of speech therapy after his diagnosis to encourage and improve not only his speech, but necessary fine motor and social skills. Barrett has shown improvement since attending these therapies the last 1 to 1.5 years with necessary attendance still required to continue developing these skills for his life. Our family received financial assistance from our local CDSA (Children's Developmental Services Agency) until he turned 3 this past November. Now that Barrett is 3, we receive no financial assistance outside of our healthcare insurance (Blue Cross Blue Shield), but they do not fully cover the expense (even after paying our high premiums with us both working at a small business). The healthcare plan that we currently have through Blue Cross Blue Shield also does not allow any co-pays to pay towards our out-of-pocket maximum for the year. Considering the progress that Barrett has made, we in no way wish to decrease his attendance for any reason, especially not due to finances. We hope to receive the United Healthcare Children's Foundation grant to help alleviate this concern so that we are able to focus on the most important issue at hand of providing Barrett the assistance he needs.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath 1/13/2025

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$1,500
Comments:	

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Region:	East
Child's Name:	Elsie
Age:	1
Gender:	Female
State:	West Virginia
Family Size:	5 or more
AGI:	$110,883
Lifetime Award	
Grant Amt Req:	$2,630
Medical Diagnosis:	Allergies
Board Summary:	Secondary Diagnosis: Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological Recommendations: Dr/Specialist Visits, Surgery/Procedures/Treatments (OIT), Diagnostic (Imaging, Lab, Testing) Goals: Reduce allergy Insurance Coverage: UHC $600 Ind Ded $5,800 OOP Total Expected Cost: $2,630
Family Story:	We are a family of 6 (4 children) and now 3 of our children have food allergies. We began this journey back in 2017 when our oldest child had an anaphylactic reaction to tree nuts. We travel from West Virginia to Cincinnati Children's hospital as their peds care is second to none. Elsie was born in October of 2023. She was recently test for food allergies and tested positive for peanuts, almonds, milk, and egg. However, we will be have food challenges and possibility OIT that could occur over the next several years. Our 2 other children will be having challenges and possibly OIT over the next several years as well. Thank you so much for considering our family for the grant.

Recommendation: Stacey Heath

Action:	Recommended
Amount:	$2,630
Comments:	

Special Request	
Region	**East**
Child's First Name	**Gianna**
Child's Age Now	**1**
Original Write-up	Previous Grant: $1,800-8/2025 Diagnosis: Plagiocephaly Secondary Diagnosis: Two Dermoid Cyst on left side of skull Impact: Medical Recommendations: Cranial Helmet Goals: Improve head shape Insurance Coverage: UHC $3,200 Ind Ded $6,750 OOP Total Expected Costs: $3,000
Grant Award Date	**11/21/2024**
Grant Award Amount	**$1,500**
Grant Awarded For	Cranial Helmet
Special Request	Parents would like to add Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)

Special Request	
Region	**East**
Child's First Name	**Metin**
Child's Age Now	**3**
Original Write-up	Diagnosis: Autism Secondary Diagnosis: Speech Delay Impact: Medical, Social, Psychological Recommendations: ABA Therapy Goals: Improve behavior Insurance Coverage: BCBS $4,000 OOP Total Expected Costs: $4,000
Grant Award Date	**06/27/24**
Grant Award Amount	**$1,500**
Grant Awarded For	**ABA Therapy**
Special Request	Parents would like to add Therapy (Aqua, Feeding, Occupational, Physical, Speech)

Juniper- Age 1- Spring, TX

Juniper came to us for assistance with Cochlear Implants for her Sensorineural Hearing Loss. First picture is July of 2024 and second picture is January 2025 with her Cochlear Implants in!

7/24-Juni loves her new teddy bear Oliver! Thank you so much for supporting us. She had her cochlear implant surgery two days ago and is recovering so well. We are so excited for it!

1/25-I just wanted to share again how thankful we are to have received this grant. It has been an incredible blessing for us.