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Unlocked Inc.

<https://unlockedinc.org/>

Unlocked Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families raising children with disabilities by helping fund adaptive or medical equipment. Their mission centers on the belief that every child has value and potential, and that access to proper tools and resources can significantly improve a child's quality of life and independence.

Through Unlocked Inc., families may receive financial assistance for equipment that supports mobility, communication, daily living, or medical needs. The organization works alongside families and providers to ensure that funding is used effectively to help children thrive and reach their fullest potential, particularly when insurance does not fully cover essential equipment.

Educational Student Account (ESA – North Carolina)

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/>

The Educational Student Account (ESA) program provides scholarships to eligible students with disabilities to help cover educational and therapeutic expenses. Families may receive up to \$9,000 per year, and students with certain designated disabilities may qualify for up to \$17,000 annually.

ESA funds can be used for tuition, therapy services, tutoring, curriculum materials, and educational technology. Eligibility requires a current Eligibility Determination (DEC3 or ECATS), and families must apply during the designated enrollment period. ACT Therapy Services is recognized as an approved vendor!!

Families of the Southern Piedmont

<https://www.thecaristher.org/about/union>

Families of the Southern Piedmont provides small grants to qualifying individuals and families living in Union, Cabarrus, Stanly, Rowan, and Davidson counties. These grants are designed to assist with emergency expenses, special equipment, or non-covered medical needs that may place financial strain on families.

Funding is typically limited and based on demonstrated need, but it can make a meaningful difference for families facing unexpected costs related to disability or medical care. Families may contact Cindy Carroll at 704-261-1550 ext. 204 for more information about eligibility and the application process.



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Bee Mighty

<https://beemighty.org/>

Bee Mighty serves families in the greater Charlotte area, specifically focusing on children who are NICU graduates. The organization recognizes that many children continue to require therapy and medical support long after leaving the NICU.

Bee Mighty provides financial assistance for medical therapy and equipment, taking into account family income, expenses, length of NICU stay, diagnosis, and insurance coverage. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, allowing support to be tailored to each family's unique situation.

Kids with PossAbilities

<https://kidswithpossabilities.org/>

Kids with PossAbilities provides financial support for therapy services, assistive technology, and educational scholarships for children with developmental delays in the Greater Charlotte Area. Funding is limited to \$1,000 per child per year and is intended to supplement—not replace—other funding sources.

To qualify, children must be eligible through CDSA or CMS, ensuring that assistance is directed to families with verified developmental needs. The organization focuses on empowering children by improving access to tools and services that promote learning, communication, and independence.

Bethany's Butterflies

<https://bethanysbutterflies.org/>

Bethany's Butterflies is dedicated to improving the lives of children with complex neurological, developmental, and behavioral health challenges. The organization provides resources, support, and advocacy to families navigating long-term medical and developmental care.

Through community support and partnerships, Bethany's Butterflies helps families access services and tools that enhance their child's well-being and overall quality of life. Their work emphasizes compassion, inclusion, and long-term impact for children with significant needs.



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United Healthcare Children's Foundation

<https://www.uhccf.org/>

The United Healthcare Children's Foundation offers medical grants to children 16 years old and younger who meet specific income requirements. These grants are designed to help cover medical expenses not fully paid by insurance.

Funding may be used for therapies, treatments, medical equipment, or other necessary health-related services. Families must provide documentation of medical need and financial eligibility as part of the application process.

First Hand Foundation

<https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/#funding-criteria>

The First Hand Foundation provides funding for medical care, equipment, vehicle modifications, and travel related to medical treatment. Their goal is to help families overcome financial barriers so children can receive necessary care.

Grants are awarded based on medical necessity and financial need, and applications are reviewed throughout the year. This foundation supports a wide range of diagnoses and treatment needs.

ACT-TODAY

<https://www.act-today.org/apply-for-grant>

ACT-TODAY offers financial assistance to families across the United States on a quarterly basis. Funding helps cover therapy costs for children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Families apply online, and awards are made depending on available funds and demonstrated need. ACT-TODAY aims to reduce the financial burden of ongoing therapy services.



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Giving Angels Foundation

<https://givingangelsfoundation.org/apply-for-help/>

The Giving Angels Foundation awards grants for children under 21 years old with disabilities. Assistance may cover life-changing equipment, medical supplies, family bills, camps, and therapeutic toys.

The foundation focuses on improving daily life and promoting inclusion by supporting practical needs that insurance or other programs may not cover.

The My Gym Foundation

<https://www.mygymfoundation.org/apply-for-a-gift/>

The My Gym Foundation provides small grants of up to \$500 to support therapy services, My Gym classes, adaptive equipment, and sensory items for children with disabilities.

These grants are designed to supplement therapy and enrichment services that help children build strength, coordination, and confidence in a supportive environment.

Mark's Money

<http://www.marksmoney.org/index.php>

Mark's Money provides assistance to individuals with Down syndrome or other developmental disabilities. The organization helps families access funding for services, equipment, or support needs.

Their mission focuses on improving quality of life and promoting independence through financial assistance and advocacy.

Wheel to Walk

<http://wheeltowalk.com/>

Wheel to Walk helps children with disabilities 20 years old and younger obtain equipment or therapy services not covered by insurance.

Funding supports mobility devices, therapy tools, and other essential resources that enable children to move, participate, and grow more independently.



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Speech Language Only Grants

Small Steps in Speech

<http://www.smallstepsinspeech.org/grant-application/>

Small Steps in Speech provides grants specifically for children with speech and language disorders. Funding decisions consider family financial need, with eligibility generally limited to households earning under \$100,000 annually.

Grants may help cover speech therapy services or related supports, allowing families to continue treatment even when insurance coverage is limited or unavailable.

The Orange Effect

<https://theorangeeffect.org/>

The Orange Effect offers grants for children who need speech therapy or communication technology, particularly families with limited financial resources.

The organization focuses on helping children find their voice through access to therapy services and assistive communication devices, empowering families to support their child's communication development.



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