

RESOURCES FOR FUNDING ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

This information is provided as a service to our patients and families. Each agency has its own eligibility criteria and requirements for consideration of equipment. Please call or visit the website of each agency directly to request more information

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority

This is a low interest loan program that assists Virginia residents with disabilities to get the assistive technology they need. Anyone can apply to the NewWell Fund, regardless of income and no matter how small a loan they might need. Credit history, current income and existing debt will determine if an application is approved. They make many loans for adaptive vans and modified vehicles, home modifications, hearing aids, and more. Website: www.atlfa.org. Phone: 866-835-5976.

Danielle's Foundation

Danielle's Foundation was created to honor the memory of Danielle Vick, who sadly passed away in 2008 from complications of anoxic brain injury. To honor her memory, this Foundation was started for families to obtain a grant that can be used towards therapies, equipment, and other benefits. It was created to assist children with cerebral palsy and brain injury. Website: www.daniellesfoundation.org Phone: 1-800-511-2283.

Special Kids Fund

This organization assists with matching up donated adaptive vans with families who need them. The family must apply online and although this organization has been successful in placing a number of used vans for clients looking for accessible transportation, in the past; they can make no guarantees as to availability, time frame or location of the vehicles. The website is: <http://www.specialkidsfund.org/wheelchair/>

Virginia Medicaid Waiver Programs

Home and community based waivers were established to provide alternative services for people who would be eligible for institutional placement. There are several waivers and all have different criteria. You must be a Virginia resident. Income is not a factor in getting into the waiver program. For more information, contact the hospital's Care Connection for Children at 757-668-7132 or go online to www.kidswaivers.org

Individual and Family Support Program

The Individual and Family Support Program (IFSP) is designed to assist individuals on the waiting list for the intellectual disability (ID) and developmental disability (DD) Medicaid (VA) waivers to access short term resources, supports and services that will help them remain in their own community homes. Usually there are two funding periods- one in September and the other in March. www.dbhds.virginia.gov/ODS-IFSP.htm 804-663-7277

North Carolina Medicaid Waiver Programs

Home and community based waivers were established to provide alternative services for people who would be eligible for institutional placement. There are several waivers and all have different criteria. You must be a North Carolina resident. Income is not a factor in getting into the waiver program. www.kidswaivers.org/states/nc

Virginia Reuse Network Equipment Exchange The Virginia Reuse Network's (VRN) Equipment Exchange is a way to help Virginians with disabilities, family members, healthcare professionals and others have access to gently used assistive technology (AT) that might otherwise be un-used or discarded. Virginians may use the VRN Exchange to offer gently used equipment for sale or donation. Requests to the VRN's Equipment Exchange are collected by VATS, and then sent out to a larger network across the state using an email distribution list. The VRN Equipment Exchange functions like a classified advertisement in your local newspaper. Requests may include all types of AT: communication devices, ramps, modified vehicles, stair climbers, porch lifts, respiratory equipment, low vision equipment and any type of AT that helps Virginians with disabilities overcome barriers or improve their health and safety. http://www.vats.org/Equip_Exchange.aspx

Assistive Technology Exchange Post The goal of the Assistive Technology Exchange Post hosted by NCATP is to put AT equipment that is not currently being used into the hands of someone who can benefit from it. The Assistive Technology Exchange Post is primarily for residents of North Carolina, although they do accept entries from neighboring states. The program is designed to facilitate equipment exchange between individuals and is not for the use of vendors or distributors. <http://www.ncexchange.org/home.php>

Children's Assistive Technology Service (CATS) Provides for the re-use of pediatric adaptive equipment and devices in Southwest and Southeast Virginia. CATS serve as a no-cost resource to children with disabilities who need adaptive equipment and whose families have limited resources. Equipment is limited to donations on hand. www.atdevicesforkids.org Phone: 540-493-2285 (Roanoke) cathie@atdevicesforkids.org 757-763-8905 (Hampton Roads) beth@atdevicesforkids.org

Bloomfield, Inc

Supports assistive technology and services which enable physically challenged children and young adults in the attainment of their highest potential while assisting their integration into daily life. Awards are made every few months. http://www.thediocese.net/Diocesan_Community/Bloomfield/

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Children with a diagnosis of muscular dystrophy are eligible for monies to assist with the repair of wheelchairs. The Muscular Dystrophy Association also has an equipment closet loaner program where they can supply recycled equipment to recipients at no cost.

Hampton Roads area: Phone: 757-420-3172 E-mail: norfolk@mdausa.org

National Website: www.mdausa.org

Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation

This organization (not associated with the MDA) provides funding for adaptive equipment and emotional support to individuals and families with muscular dystrophy or one of the other neuromuscular diseases covered under their program. Website: www.mdff.org Phone: 800- 544-1213

SMILE

SMILE is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of children impacted by *life-threatening* conditions through education, encouragement and empowerment. It was founded in the memory of Samantha Trost. This organization will help fund equipment and programs that will help enhance children's quality of life such as hearing aids, wheelchair lifts, therapeutic tricycles and more. www.smileasier.org 757-333-1219

PRESTON'S MARCH FOR ENERGY

Provides therapeutic tricycles for children. Application is online at www.prestonsmarch.org

FREE: Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment and Endowment

This organization provides used, recycled walkers, wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, scooters, beds, commodes, etc at no cost to the recipient. *They have adult size equipment only.* Equipment is limited to donations on hand. Phone: 757-771-6183 Website: <http://www.free-foundation.org>

First Hand Foundation

First Hand assists individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted. They will assist with equipment such as wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, and hearing aids. They do not cover vans or van lifts or home modifications. Phone: 816-201-1569 Website: www.firsthandfoundation.org

United Healthcare Children's Foundation, Inc

The United Healthcare Children's Foundation is an organization dedicated to helping children with disabilities whose families may not be comprehensively insured. The Foundation aims to fill the gap between what medical services/items a child needs and what their commercial health benefit plan will pay for. Phone: 952-992-4459 Website: www.uhccf.org

The Darrell Gwynn Foundation Wheelchair Donation Program

This organization, in conjunction with its partner Sunrise Medical, donates new power wheelchairs to children and young adults in need. Phone: 954-792-7223 x112
Website: www.darrellgwynnfoundation.org

AMBUCS

AMBUCS is a national non-profit service organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. One of their missions to provide AmTrykes, which are adaptive tricycles and bicycles for children with disabilities. Phone: 800-838-1845 Website: www.ambucs.org

Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Program

This program will cover medically necessary equipment, medical expenses, rehabilitation expenses, in-home care, home renovations, ramps and adaptive vans for children who have a condition that have neurological birth-related injuries. Call or see their website for eligibility criteria. Phone: 804-330-2471
Website: www.vabirthinjury.com

Spina Bifida Association of Tidewater

There is limited funding available through this organization for adaptive equipment for children with a diagnosis of spina bifida. Phone: 757-499-8228 or contact Care Connection for Children's Spina Bifida program coordinator at 757-668-7132.

Lollipop Kids

This organization, based in Maryland, helps fund equipment that is denied by insurance and also has an recycled equipment closet to help provide needed equipment for children. Phone: 202-640-2035
<http://www.lollipopkidsfoundation.org/>

Equipment Connections for Children

Equipment Connections for Children (ECFC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to serve children with a disability in the greater Washington Metropolitan area by connecting costly adaptive equipment from children with disabilities who outgrow the equipment to other children who need it. We accomplish this mission through soliciting adaptive equipment donations and matching them to the families with a child with a disability in need of equipment. Our vision is for a world in which all available adaptive equipment is in use by the children with disabilities who need it.
<http://www.equipforchildren.org/> Phone/FAX: 301-540-8805

Wheelchairs4Kids

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. We have provided custom wheelchairs, widened doors, built ramps and provided wheelchair lifts and carriers for vehicles. We have given children standers and gait trainers and even installed a stairlift allowing a child to reach the second level of their home. Phone: 727-946-0963
www.wheelchairs4kids.org

Ramps Across America

Ramps Across America is a non-profit org that is now assisting families in building wheelchair ramps. They get supplies donated from places like Lowe's and volunteers provide free design and construction of the ramp. Phone: 757-327-0696 Website is www.rampsacrossamerica.org

Fund it Forward

This organization assists persons with special needs with fundraising to assist in funding adaptive equipment and some ramps that are not covered or denied by insurance. Email: Info@funditfwd.org
Phone: 330-388-3829 or 412-580-6537 Facebook: www.Facebook.com/FundItForward

Road Runner Sports This is an "athletes helping athletes" program that sometimes purchases handcycles for persons with disabilities. www.roadrunnersports.com

Wheel to Walk Foundation

PO Box 20146
Portland, Oregon 97294
Phone/Fax: 503-257-1401
Email: info@wheeltowalk.com
Web: www.wheeltowalk.com

This is a non-profit organization serving children under 21 years of age with special needs. It is a totally volunteer organization that helps children who experience difficulty obtaining funding from their insurance companies for any special equipment, such as leg braces, bath chairs, gait trainers, therapy tricycles and wheelchairs.

Wheels on the James(WOTJ)

Nancy Wellons, Founder and President

H: 434-237-0928

www.wheelsonthejames.org

www.ambucs.org

This is a local organization that provides funding for arm trikes. Cycling for independence and mobility.

Adaptivemall.com Kiddie Pool Equipment Funding

This program works like an online fundraiser. The family joins the program and a custom webpage is created for their child's needs. The information is shared with friends and family through an email campaign. Donors purchase gift certificates toward purchase of equipment. Phone: 800-371-2778

Web: www.adaptivemall.com

Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia

Phone: 804-217-9474 or 1-800-234-9474 www.va.wish.org

Organizations with Adaptive Equipment Recycle/Reuse Closets:

- Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
Phone: 757-420-3172 E-mail: norfolk@mdausa.org
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Virginia
Phone: 757-497-7474 Website: www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org