ACT Today! SOS is a program dedicated to supporting the immediate and imperative needs of those impacted with autism. ACT Today! Grant Programs established in 2005 do provide access to vital and effective treatments for autism through our quarterly grant cycles. We recognize that some individuals diagnosed with autism who are in immediate personal danger or harm are unable to wait up to 12 weeks for a response to their request. The ACT Today! SOS Program is designed to provide immediate support for these families based upon need and the program funds available. [http://www.act-today.org/SOS/](http://www.act-today.org/SOS/)

Children’s Charity Fund – Provides services and purchases medical equipment for handicapped and disabled children, provides educational grant to help children further their education. Requires letter from physician and insurance denial. [www.childrenscharityfund.org](http://www.childrenscharityfund.org)

Different Needz Foundation – Helps individuals with developmental disabilities obtain the necessary equipment and medical services they need to have the best quality of life. Grant applications are made available in January of each year. Grant awards are announced each year in May. The Foundation considers future needs and provides payment for medical services or equipment directly to the provider. Family-based; must have a severe chronic disability. [www.differentneedzfoundation.org](http://www.differentneedzfoundation.org)

Easter Seals – Provides services to help children and adults with disabilities and/or special needs as well as support to their families. [http://www.easterseals.com/](http://www.easterseals.com/)

Family Hope Foundation (West Michigan specific) – Offers financial assistance for therapy that is not covered by insurance. Scholarships of up to and including $1,000 per applicant are awarded twice a year. Applications due April 1 and October 1. [www.familyhopefoundation.org](http://www.familyhopefoundation.org)

First Hand accepts applications from anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know would like to apply for assistance on behalf of a child, please review the financial guidelines and the criteria listed below. If your child’s case meets all criteria, we are happy to consider your application. Expenses covered: 1. Treatment: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc. 2. Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc. 3. Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas ($0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child’s care. Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards [https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/](https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/)

First Hand Foundation – Assists children with clinically relevant, health-related needs and no financial resources to cover these expenses. There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses. Must meet income guidelines. [https://applications.cerner.com/firsthand/](https://applications.cerner.com/firsthand/)

Friends of Man – Grants for equipment. Must have a sponsor such as an agency or social worker to apply. [www.friendsofman.org](http://www.friendsofman.org)

Fund It Forward
Fund It Forward is a volunteer run non-profit organization which believes that parents of special
needs children are strong, willing and able to endure daily struggles. Because of the constant battles to provide the best quality of life for their children, Fund It Forward believes these families deserve help in addressing their concerns: We help them obtain expensive medical and adaptive equipment such as augmentative communication devices, bathing and feeding chairs, enclosed beds or sensory equipment. Our Mission is to ease the burdens of families with special needs children by raising money for adaptive equipment not covered by health insurance. [http://www.funditfwd.org](http://www.funditfwd.org)

Gia Nicole Angel Foundation – Enhances the daily functioning of a child with special needs and his or her family by awarding assistance through the purchase of a specific item or items. Preference given to lower income and single parent families. Must demonstrate financial need. Applications are accepted throughout the year. [www.giafoundation.com](http://www.giafoundation.com)

Grottoes of North America Humanitarian Foundation – Helps cover the costs of dental treatment, including hospital and anesthesia costs when needed. For children with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy (and related neuromuscular disorders), organ transplant recipients or those with mental retardation. Dentist must fill out some paperwork. [www.hfgrotto.org](http://www.hfgrotto.org)

ITaalk – Lists funding sources for communication devices for children with autism. For more information, please contact us for information on grants, funding and donations. [info@itaalk.org](mailto:info@itaalk.org). [http://itaalk.org/fundingsources.html](http://itaalk.org/fundingsources.html).

Jack’s Place (Michigan) – Helps families with children affected by autism afford the support they need for specific recreation programs. Individual may apply for scholarship funds up to a maximum of $250 per calendar year per individual. Calendar year is January 1st to December 31st. Note: Excluded fees: Registration, enrollment or assessment. [https://www.jacksplaceforautism.org/](https://www.jacksplaceforautism.org/)

Kiddie Pool – Your family joins the program and a custom webpage is created for your child with special needs. Included on the webpage is a photograph of your child, your child’s story, and products desired for your child and fun facts about your child. This webpage is designed to be shared with friends and family through an email campaign. For special adaptive equipment only. [www.adaptivemall.com/kiddiepool1.html](http://www.adaptivemall.com/kiddiepool1.html)

Kya’s Krusade – Financial assistance awarded through Kya’s Krusade may only be used for adaptive equipment, hippotherapy, or additional physical or occupational therapy sessions not covered by insurance. [www.kyaskrusade.org/info/programs-and-services/financial-assistance-program/](http://www.kyaskrusade.org/info/programs-and-services/financial-assistance-program/)

Lori’s Voice – Providing financial assistance to children with neuromuscular and degenerative diseases. [www.lorisvoice.org](http://www.lorisvoice.org)

Morgan Project – Provides gently used disability equipment. [www.themorganproject.org](http://www.themorganproject.org)

Parker’s Purpose – Monetary assistance up to $1,000. Family completes application. For immediate financial crisis. [http://parkerspurpose.net/](http://parkerspurpose.net/)
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