

# **The Children's Link Society**

**Suite 245, 720 - 28<sup>th</sup> Street N.E Calgary, Alta. T2A 6R3**  
**Phone:230-9158/ Fax:230-3252/ E-mail:child@nucleus.com**  
**Website: [www.childrenslink.ca](http://www.childrenslink.ca)**

## **POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CALGARY ROCKY VIEW REGION**

### **Alberta Child Health Benefit**

Phone: (780) 427-6848

Alberta Government

or outside of Edmonton first dial 310-0000 then 427-6848 for toll free access.

Provides coverage only for certain health services for children under 18 whose parents or guardian have a total net income of \$20,921 a year or less. Children whose parent or guardian receives student assistance for an upgrading program.

### **Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation**

288 Shaganappi Trail NW

Calgary, AB T2R 0B7

Phone: (403) 955-8818

Website: [www.childrenshospital.ab.ca](http://www.childrenshospital.ab.ca)

An independent foundation entrusted with prudent investment and administration of charitable public funds dedicated to the special care and treatment of children through increasing support of quality pediatric health care, services, facilities, education and research primarily in southern Alberta at Alberta Children's Hospital.

### **Alberta Children's Hospital - Special Children's Fund**

Catherine Morrison, Supervisor

Family Community Resource Centre

Alberta Children's Hospital

2888 Shaganappi Trail NW

Calgary, Alberta T3B 6A8

Phone: (403) 955-2297

This fund is generously provided via a donor supported trust, and is managed by the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. It is used to help meet instrumental needs as well as medical and clinical interventions for children (and their families) when guardians are experiencing financial hardship. Requests must come through an Alberta Children's Hospital Social Worker or staff person, who will assess and determine the families need(s). The child must be a current patient or active recipient of care at ACH, through its clinics and service areas. Supports offered through this fund must relate to the child's medical situation, and are meant to support families in the short term.

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## **Alberta Orange Foundation for Children**

22 Beauvista Drive  
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A 3M5  
Phone: (780) 467 – 1161  
Contact: Jane Parks, Secretary

Funding source for individual children and to registered charitable organizations aiding orphaned, handicapped and underprivileged children who are 18 years of age or younger in the province of Alberta. Grants will not be made for research projects, capital funds, operating funds, building funds, emergency funds, conferences, seminars, deficit financing, endowment funds, matching funds or seed money.

## **Burns Memorial Fund**

Attn: Executive Director  
#1109, 615 Macleod Trail S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2G 4T8  
Phone: (403) 234-9396  
Fax: (403) 233-0513  
Website: [www.burnsfund.com](http://www.burnsfund.com)

Offers financial support for educational and recreational activities for people under the age of 21. Helps provide basic necessities such as clothing and medical needs. Call for more information.

## **Calgary Children's Foundation**

P.O Box 48043  
40 Midlake Blvd. S.E  
Calgary, Alberta T2X 3C7  
Phone: (403) 263-KIDS (5437)  
Fax: (403) 254-2684  
Email: [calgarychildrensfoundation@shaw.ca](mailto:calgarychildrensfoundation@shaw.ca)

Offers financial assistance to various groups and individuals who support the well being of Calgary children who are underprivileged and challenged physically, socially and emotionally. They will grant funding for professional salaries i.e. therapists, teachers or caregivers, necessary furniture & equipment including computers for children and sports equipment, games, books, wheelchairs, etc. Families can apply directly by calling the above number and asking for an application form. The deadline to submit applications is always March 31. The board of directors reviews all applications approximately the third week of April and cheques are usually issued in May.

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### **Calgary Foundation – The Watson Family Fund**

700, 999 – 8 Street SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2R 1J5  
Phone: (403) 802-7700  
Fax: (403) 802-7701  
Email: [info@calgaryfoundation.org](mailto:info@calgaryfoundation.org)  
[www.calgaryfoundation.org](http://www.calgaryfoundation.org)

The Calgary Foundation builds and administers permanent endowment funds to support the long-term growth and well being of the community. **The Watson Family Fund** specifically provides financial assistance to families caring for their children with special needs. It is intended that the Fund will provide immediate one-time (or possible long term) financial assistance to help improve and sustain the quality of life for the child and his/her family. Has provided funds for computers, equipment, respite, etc. For a grant application, contact Teresa Schwartz at Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary 240-3111.

### **Campbell McLaurin Foundation**

1109, 615 Macleod Trail S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2G 4T8  
Phone: (403) 264-0211  
Fax: (403) 233-0513  
Website: [www.burnsfund.com](http://www.burnsfund.com) please click on programs.

Offers financial assistance to individuals for the provision of equipment that will assist individuals with hearing deficiencies. Administered by The Burns Memorial Fund.

### **Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta**

Attn: Funding Request Coordinator  
3688 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Calgary, Alberta T3J 5C8  
Phone: (403) 543-1161 / 1-800-363-2807  
Fax: (403) 543-1168  
Web Site: [www.cpAlberta.com](http://www.cpAlberta.com)

Offers individuals with C.P. who are CPAA members and reside in Alberta can receive up to \$1,000 in funding per fiscal year (February 1 through January 31.) Funding has been provided for items and programs including adapted bikes, Conductive Education, car seats and various computer systems.

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**Cerebral Palsy Association - Calgary – Sheralee Stelter – (403) 205-4935.** Cerebral Palsy Calgary is a source of information and support for families that have children with Cerebral Palsy. Please call Sheralee Stelter at the above number for more information. (Website: [www.calgarycp.org](http://www.calgarycp.org) e-mail: [support@calgarycp.org](mailto:support@calgarycp.org))

### **Children's Wish Foundation of Canada**

#### **Alberta & N.W.T. Chapter**

271, 339 50<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Calgary, Alberta T2G 2B3  
Phone: (403) 265-9039  
Fax: (403) 265-1704

Email: [cwf@enernet.com](mailto:cwf@enernet.com)

Web Site: <http://www.childrenswish.ca/>

Grants the special wishes of children (aged 3 to 18 years) suffering from high risk, life-threatening illness.

### **Easter Seal Ability Council**

103, 811 Manning Road N.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2E 7L4  
Phone: (403) 235-5662  
Fax: (403) 248-1716

[www.telusplanet.net/public/easter](http://www.telusplanet.net/public/easter)

Provides: Equipment and support services – grants or interest-free loans to eligible individuals of all ages with physical disabilities.

### **Family Support for Children with Special Needs (formerly Children with Special Needs Program) – Calgary Rocky View Region**

Phone: Central Intake: 297-6022  
Fax: 297-6422

Support to families with a child who has a handicapping condition to assist with some of the extraordinary demands resulting from their child's disability. Some of the "extraordinary costs", i.e. those expenses that are above and beyond costs normally associated with providing for and caring for a child may include, family support, prescription drugs, special diet and prescribed formula, aide services in day care, etc. Contact Central Intake for eligibility and specifics.

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### For the Love of Children Society of Alberta

Attn: Bahl Ashid

101, 223 – 12 Avenue S.W.

Calgary, Alberta T2R 0G9

Phone: (403) 232-6010

Fax: (403) 232-1030

Website: [www.fortheloveofchildrensociety.org](http://www.fortheloveofchildrensociety.org)

Helps special needs children and children who are suffering from high-risk, life-threatening illness or trauma in Canada and overseas. They help, hope and support the disadvantaged locally, regionally and internationally.

### Home Renovations to Improve Accessibility – Call individual programs for specifics on eligibility

- **Home Adaptation Program (HAP) – Alberta Municipal Affairs**

Provincial grant for residents of Alberta, wheelchair users, gross household income below \$30,000.

Phone: Rite-Line 310-0000 and ask for 427-5760

- **Housing Corporation (CMHC)**

Forgivable loan for persons with disabilities that affects mobility. Disabled RRAP used for renovations to improve accessibility; Homeowner RRAP used for major repairs, e.g. plumbing, electrical. Must meet eligibility requirements for gross household income threshold and property value threshold.

Phone: 515-3000 (CMHC in Calgary) or 268-5654 (Calgary Planning & Building Department).

### Hope Air

4711 Yonge Street

Toronto, Ontario M2N 6K8

Phone: (416) 222 – 6335

Fax: (416) 222 – 6930

Toll Free: 1 – 877 – 346 – HOPE

Email: [mail@hopeair.org](mailto:mail@hopeair.org)

Website: [www.hopeair.org](http://www.hopeair.org)

A not-for-profit organization that connects patients and families with free airline seats to get them to the help they need. This is not an air ambulance service, but assistance to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants who demonstrate financial need and require air transportation for medical appointments or treatments.

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### **KEEN Education Foundation (funding for Edmonton only)**

203, 50 Brentwood Blvd.  
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A 2H5  
Phone: (780) 417-5336 / Toll Free: 1-888-417-KEEN  
Fax: (780) 417-5337  
Email: [karen@KEEN.org](mailto:karen@KEEN.org)

Offers funding for equipment, computers, resources, mentors, therapy, tutors, training, tuition and counselling, projects, programs, transportation, library, evaluation of results.

### **Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta (formerly Kids Cancer Camps)**

Suite 302 609 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Calgary, Alberta T2N 2A1  
Phone: (403) 216-9210 / Toll Free: 1-888-554-2267  
Fax: (403) 216-9215  
Website: [kidscancercare.ab.ca](http://kidscancercare.ab.ca)

**Provides:** Funds Alberta-based projects in outpatient clinics and hospital units, supports children's cancer research and provides for the psychosocial needs of family through **camping programs** and development of other support services.

### **KidSport Society of Alberta – KidSport Calgary**

Attn: Virginia Moore, Grant Coordinator  
P.O. Box 2100, Stn M  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5  
Phone: (403) 202-0251  
Website: [www.kidsport.ab.ca](http://www.kidsport.ab.ca)

Allocates funds and/or sports equipment to recognized organizations on behalf of individual recipients to help overcome financial obstacles that prevent children from ages 5 – 18 years from participating in sports programs.

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Alberta**

Bay 5 2308 24<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2T 5H8  
Phone: (403) 228-3666  
Fax: (403) 228-0612  
Email: [salbertachapter@makeawish.ca](mailto:salbertachapter@makeawish.ca)  
Website: [www.makeawish.ca](http://www.makeawish.ca)

Grants wishes to children between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness or life-threatening medical condition. Child must be able to identify a wish and cannot have received a prior wish.

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### **President's Choice Children's Charity**

3225 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Calgary, Alberta T2E 7S9  
Phone: 1-866-996-9918

Website: [www.presidentschoice.ca/childrenscharity/](http://www.presidentschoice.ca/childrenscharity/)

The President's Choice Children's Charity is dedicated to helping children who are physically or developmentally challenged. They provide direct financial assistance to families for expensive mobility equipment, environmental modifications, physical therapy and more.

### **Rainbow Society of Alberta**

P.O. Box 1153, Stn. M  
Calgary, AB T2P 2K9  
Phone: (403) 252-3891  
Fax: (403) 252-4839  
Email: [emmelman@calcna.ab.ca](mailto:emmelman@calcna.ab.ca)

Website: [www.rainbowsociety.ab.ca](http://www.rainbowsociety.ab.ca)

Grants wishes to children between the ages of 3 and 18 dealing with life-threatening or chronic illness, i.e. not just terminal illness. The child must make three wishes him or herself (one wish may be granted)

### **Sunshine Dreams for Kids**

200, 465 Richmond Street  
London, Ontario N6A 5P2  
Phone: (519) 642-0990  
Fax: (519) 642-1201  
Toll free: 1-800-461-7935

[www.sunshine.ca](http://www.sunshine.ca)

Makes dreams come true for children ages 3-19 who are challenged by severe physical disabilities or life threatening illness. Could include personal gifts such as a computer or musical instrument.

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### **VRRRI Recreation Centre**

3304 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street NW  
Calgary, Alberta T3L 2A6  
Phone: (403) 284 – 2231  
Fax: (403) 210 – 1836  
Website: [www.vrri.org](http://www.vrri.org)

Fee Assistance Program – 75% discount on facility admissions, 50% discount on registered programs.

A barrier free recreation facility that includes a swimming facility, a full size gymnasium, an aerobics studio, and 2 arts and crafts classrooms. They offer a wide variety of children and adult programs

### **Walter and Wayne Gretzky Scholarship Foundation for the Blind Youth of Canada**

As part of the CNIB, this is an academic post-secondary education scholarship presented to eligible blind

Contact: Kim Kohler  
Walter and Wayne Gretzky Scholarship Foundation  
#955256 Canning Road  
R.R. 2, Paris, Ontario N3L 3E2  
Phone: (519) 458 – 8665  
Fax: (519) 458 – 8609  
Email: [kohlerk@cnib.ca](mailto:kohlerk@cnib.ca)  
Website: [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca)

Website : **Emergency Assistance for Albertan's Facing Utility Disconnection.**

Please visit this site for eligibility criteria and information on how to apply.

[http://www3.gov.ab.ca/hrc/isp/publications/pdf/isp\\_emergency.pdf](http://www3.gov.ab.ca/hrc/isp/publications/pdf/isp_emergency.pdf)

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## SERVICE GROUPS

How to apply for funding through a service group:

1. Families please explain who you are, where you live and how you may be contacted.
2. Families please explain what the child's disability is and how it effects the child as well as the family's day to day living.
3. Please explain the financial circumstances as well list the other financial options that have already been tried.
4. What are the costs of the item/therapy and how will it change the child's life as well as your day to day living.

Please assemble the information and you can email it or mail it to your local club. The listing enclosed gives a contact name and number as well as the address and email address. The service clubs generally meet once a month, you may phone them directly to see when their next meeting may be.

### **Kiwanis Club of Calgary**

241001 Range Road 42  
Calgary, AB, T3Z 2X5  
Telephone: 403-777-7117 or 403-686-6325  
Web Site (Kiwanis International) <http://www.kiwanis.org/>

### **Knights of Columbus**

(Club #1186) Phone: 243-5979  
2419 54 Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T3E 1M2

(Club #4965) Phone 233-7197  
618 2 Avenue NE  
Calgary, AB T2E 0E8  
Call them directly as they only meet three or four times a year.  
Website: [www.kofc.ab.ca](http://www.kofc.ab.ca)

### **Rotary Club of Calgary**

Phone: 261-0531  
Web Site (Rotary International) <http://www.rotary.org>  
Web Site ( Calgary) <http://www.rotaryclubofcalgary.org/>  
Please apply at your local club.

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### **Shriners/Al Azhar Temple**

Shriners Hospitals across North America offer specialized orthopedic and burn care to children under 18 free of charge. They offer assistance to children with cerebral palsy, burns, muscular dystrophy, and spina bifida. They assist with things such as: specialized shoes, braces, prosthetics, and specialized bandages.

Phone: 239-0030

1-800-361-7256 (Canada)

Web Site: <http://www.shrinershq.org>

### **Variety Club of Southern Alberta**

Bay 16, 2180 Pegasus Way N.E.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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Phone: (403) 228-6168

Fax: (403) 245-9282

Email: [variety@varietyclub61.ab.ca](mailto:variety@varietyclub61.ab.ca)

Website: [www.varietyclub61.ab.ca](http://www.varietyclub61.ab.ca)

This service club meets once a month.

**See also** “Associations, Societies & Foundations” in the Yellow Pages for other potential funding sources.

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