

Financial Assistance

Avery-Fuller-Welch Children's Foundation

500 Sutter St., Room 401

San Francisco, CA 94102

415-986-1687 (information message-need to write for an application)

Provides grants to children with disabilities for the purpose of increasing their self-sufficiency. A doctor, therapist or special school needs to submit the application.

Community Service Department, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/service/content/heap.htm

The application form can be downloaded or by calling 925-646-5756 to receive an application packet. The program helps households pay their energy bill once a year.

Targeted for low-income households with high-energy costs.

Disabled Children's Relief Fund

www.dcrf.com

P.O. Box 89

Freeport, NY 11520

516-377-1605

Provides grants for obtaining wheelchairs, braces, walkers, hearing aids, eyeglasses, medical equipment, surgery, physical therapy for children with disabilities focusing on those who do not have adequate health insurance, particularly those with physical disabilities. Write to the address above for an application. Applications are available between April and September.

Native Daughters of the Golden West

www.ndgw.org/child_found.htm

543 Baker Street

San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

800-994-6349

They serve children from infancy to age 18 who are not eligible for any other existing aid by providing funding for: braces, wheelchairs, operations, hearing aids, and camperships, etc. The application can be downloaded from their website or by contacting them. The physician, hospital or clinic which is to provide the service will need to provide a statement of the nature of the disability, the service needed and the cost thereof.

NORD's Medication Assistance Program

www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication

800-999-6673 (voice mail)

NORD administers the Medication Assistance Program to assist uninsured or underinsured individuals in securing life-saving or life-sustaining medications.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

www.pge.com/res/financial_assistance/

800-743-5000

Offers financial assistance programs: CARE-20% discount on bill for low-income families; FERA-rate reduction program for large households of three or more people with low-to-middle income; Energy Partners-free weatherization for low-income families; Medical Baseline and Life Support Program-low rate for those who require a life-support device, or special heating or air-conditioning needs. Applications for these programs can be downloaded from their website or by calling the number above.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

www.pparx.org

888-477-2669

Partnership for Prescription Assistance is a comprehensive one-stop link to thousands of medicines offered through hundreds of patient assistance programs. Providing prescription medications free of charge to those with limited incomes.

Salvation Army

Central County: 925-676-6180; West County: 510-262-0500; East County: 925-778-0303

Referral for assistance in obtaining basic needs. Emergency food pantry. Administers the REACH program for PG&E (800-933-9677): once in 12 months can help with PG&E bill.

SHELTER Inc. of Contra Costa County

www.shelterincofccc.org

800-808-6444

SHELTER, Inc.'s goal is to end homelessness in Contra Costa County. We work towards this goal through three areas: Homeless Services, Homelessness Prevention, and Affordable Housing.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

www.ssa.gov/d&s1.htm

800-772-1213

SSA provides monthly cash stipends and access to Medi-Cal for children with specific disabilities or chronic illnesses. Parents must meet income criteria.

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

www.cchealth.org/services/wic

800-414-4942

WIC is a free, supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, new mothers, and young children (under five years) with limited income. WIC provides special checks to buy healthy foods such as milk, juice, eggs, cheese, cereal, dry beans and peas, peanut butter, infant formula, and baby cereal. Exclusively breastfeeding women receive extra food checks.