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Special Needs Fund Facts

- FACT** In Fiscal Year 2011, the Special Needs Fund expended \$71,590.68 responding to 776 requests.
- FACT** Since 1994, the Special Needs Fund has expended \$1,055,595.55 responding to 11,137 requests. [Figures as published in CONCERN's Annual Reports.]
- FACT** Each year the demands on the Special Needs Fund increase on average by approximately 3% in both requests and total dollars.
- FACT** It is projected that in the Fiscal Year 2012 we expect to receive in excess of 750 requests expending more than \$75,000.
- FACT** We can't do it alone. We need your help!

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Special Needs Fund



*Giving Children Back
Their Childhood*



A Special Needs Fund ...

CONCERN's Special Needs Fund was created to enhance the quality of life of the children by enabling them to participate in many of the traditional experiences of family and community life and to meet expenses of unusual and extraordinary needs that are not covered under traditional funding sources.

... For Granting Special Requests ...

Hundreds of requests are made to CONCERN's Special Needs Fund each year. They fall into eight main categories:

Medical and Dental: expenses not covered under Medical Assistance or other medical insurance

Educational: Assisting in meeting educational needs and expenses not covered through the school district.

Camp: experiencing the fulfillment of growth and change through a variety of camping experiences.



Lessons: providing for lessons in a variety of disciplines.

Recreation: providing for community oriented activities and hobbies the clients wish to pursue.

Life Books: not just scrapbooks or memory books, but books detailing and chronicling a client's life including information about birth parents, siblings, foster parents, caseworkers, religion, heritage, academic achievement and much more.

Personal Care Kits: with clients often

entering care with all of their possessions in a garbage bag, a duffel bag filled with personal care items is given to the client to make for an easier transition into care.

Other: other meaningful expenses that do not fit into the other categories.

[Please note that specific guidelines exist regarding the accessing of the Special Needs Fund. These include having the caseworker, in consultation with either the client and/or the foster parent, initiate the request. Each request is then reviewed on its individual merits for approval.]



... For Very Special Children

Children come into CONCERN's care under a variety of circumstances. The following represent only a fraction of those with tremendous needs looking for Special Needs Fund support.

Robert, age 3, came into foster care at seven months as a victim of physical abuse that required a neck brace for a broken vertebra and frequent medical appointments. Thanks to his loving, dedicated foster family, he has healed physically and emotionally from his early trauma, and is a wonderful, active, happy toddler.

Adam (age 11) and **Jennifer** (age 10) entered foster care, victims of sexual abuse by a parent. They were frightened, withdrawn and tormented by memories. Benefiting from the stability of being in the same home for four years and learning to accept the support and love of their foster parents, they are now in the process of being adopted by them.

Yayah, 17, had been in foster care for 10 years in various homes. After a tumultuous early life and adolescence, he has found a home and a niche that has allowed him to find success. He is learning independent living skills and is a star member of his high school's football team. He now has a chance to be a productive, independent young adult.

Because of the generosity of our donors, CONCERN's Special Needs Fund was able to enhance the quality of life for these and hundreds of other children in our care. **Your donation to CONCERN really can make a difference in a child's life!**