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Rest Haven Children's Health Fund Announces 2022 Special Grant Recipients

Funding supports critical children's health initiatives in San Diego and Imperial Counties

SAN DIEGO (September 27, 2022) – Rest Haven Children's Health Fund (Rest Haven), a nonprofit foundation supporting health-related services for underserved children in San Diego and Imperial Counties, awarded grants totaling **\$214,815** to 18 area nonprofit agencies through its 2022 Special Grant funding cycle.

Rest Haven established the Special Grant annual competitive request for proposal process in 2008. Annual awards average \$200,000, with over \$2,780,000 distributed since the grant's inception. These one-time grants have been awarded to over 75 different San Diego and Imperial County nonprofit agencies that share Rest Haven's children's health mission.

The 2022 Special Grant recipients are as follows:

- American Academy of Pediatrics CA Chapter 3
- Aseltine School
- Autism Tree Project Foundation
- Boys and Girls Club of Vista
- Casa de Amparo
- Emilio Nares Foundation
- Home of Guiding Hands
- Imperial Valley Food Bank
- Neighborhood Health Care
- Neighborhood House Association
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego
- San Diego Blood Bank

- San Diego Center for Children
- SBCS
- Sharp Health Care Foundation/Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital
- The Elizabeth Hospice
- TrueCare
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego

Each year, the Rest Haven's Board of Directors invites local agencies and institutions to submit proposals requesting funding for identified children's health needs in their communities. The one-time grants must be used to increase the organization's capacity to provide healthcare to meet the physical, developmental and/or mental health needs of children through age 17.

Prior to initiating a formal competitive request for proposal process in 2008, Rest Haven had been giving grants to local agencies since its inception to support children's health's needs. Rest Haven has been supporting the health of San Diego County's underserved children since its founding in 1909, and later expanded their support to include children and agencies in Imperial County.

Rest Haven's mission is to provide funds for health-related services for children in San Diego and Imperial Counties when no other funds, private or public, are available. In addition to providing agency grants, Rest Haven provides emergency funding assistance for individual children throughout the year through an online individual referral process. Any service provider who is working with a child and identifies a health-related need that is unmet due to lack of funding can visit the website at www.resthavenchf.org to submit a referral form.

Rest Haven Children's Health Fund has been operating under its current name since 1998.

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