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Rest Haven Children's Health Fund Announces 2023 Special Grants Recipients

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

SAN DIEGO (September 13, 2023) – 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 **\$207,872** to 21 area nonprofit organizations through its 2023 Special Grants funding cycle.

Rest Haven established the Special Grants competitive annual grant process in 2008. Total annual awards average \$200,000, with over \$2,987,800 distributed since the grant's inception. Since 2008, these one-time grants have been awarded to over 78 different San Diego and Imperial County nonprofit organizations that share Rest Haven's mission and vision.

Each year, Rest Haven's Board of Directors invites local nonprofits to submit applications 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 and related services to meet the physical, developmental, or mental health needs of children who reside in San Diego County or Imperial County. This year Rest Haven expanded its scope to include grants addressing childhood food insecurity.

The 2023 Special Grant recipients are as follows:

- American Academy of Pediatrics CA Chapter 3
- Aseltine School
- Autism Tree Project, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County

- Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Oceanside
- Casa de Amparo
- Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
- Emilio Nares Foundation
- Fred Finch Youth & Family Services
- Fresh Start Surgical Gifts
- Home of Guiding Hands
- Home Start, Inc.
- Imperial Valley Food Bank
- Palomar Family Counseling Service, Inc.
- Promises2Kids
- San Diego Rescue Mission
- SBCS Corporation
- The Elizabeth Hospice
- Vista Community Clinic
- Voices for Children

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 annual Special Grants, Rest Haven provides emergency funding assistance for children throughout the year through its emergency referral grants. 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 resthavenchf.org to submit a referral form.

Rest Haven has been supporting the health needs of San Diego County's underserved children since its founding in 1909, and later expanded its support to include Imperial County.

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

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