



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

In 1995 the Arizona Funeral Directors Association established the "Foundation for Children." This 501(c)3 non-profit organization was designed specifically to raise funds, within funeral service and local communities for the continuing well-being of children.

In 1998 the School Nurse Fund was developed and school nurses were chosen to be the recipients of these monies on behalf of children in their schools. Our combined efforts enable children with immediate health needs to be identified and assisted promptly.

The Foundation is more unique than other resources available to schools, in that monies are readily available without extensive paperwork or delays.

AWARDS

In 2006, the Foundation was given two awards: Award of Excellence for community service by the Arizona Society of Association Executives and the "Ray Rafford Community Award" by the Mesa Public School Student Services Center for its outstanding contributions to the special education students.

GRANTS

In 2006 a grant of over \$12,600 was received from funds raised by the Jr. High Student Council members from a number of Arizona schools. They also granted the Foundation over \$3,000 in 2007.

SCHOOL NURSES/PRINCIPALS CAN HELP

We celebrate principals and school nurses and commend them for the work they do. Without their expertise this program could not be effective in identifying crisis situations, nor could the voice of a young child's plea be heard.

You as a principal or school nurse can find help for the children in your school whose parents are unable to provide them with medical care.

Special medical needs are considered such as, eyeglasses, hearing aids and one time or emergency situation medications. Surgeries and other expensive medical treatments must be considered by the Board of Directors for approval. The Foundation has provided items such as eyeglasses, medications, hearing aids, nebulizers, x-rays, dental care, catheters and the list goes on and on.

To obtain this help you will need to fill out a request form which may be found on the Arizona Funeral Directors Association website: www.azfda.org. - click on the Foundation button- School nurse criteria and form. Criteria and procedure information is also available..