



Grants awarded at the 2015 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon:

- **New England Disabled Sports (NEDS) - \$25,000**
Lincoln, New Hampshire
New England Disabled Sports (NEDS) offers sports and recreational opportunities within a safe, fun boundary-free environment for adults and children living with a myriad of disabilities who require adaptive instruction.
- **Matthew's Hearts of Hope - \$25,000**
Sherman, Connecticut
Matthew's Hearts of Hope funds research to advance the diagnosis and treatment of Congenital Heart Defects (CHD). Grants are awarded to Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Fellows at Boston Children's Hospital conducting research in this area. One major effort of particular note is to fund 3 D Heart imagery screenings for complex CHD babies and children, which are not currently covered by insurance.
- **Cooley Dickinson Hospital - \$20,000**
Northampton, Massachusetts
The Cooley Dickinson Hospital Emergency Department is repurposing and reconstructing three ER open bays into two pediatric-friendly emergency rooms to provide a supportive, calming, and child- and family-centric environment to lessen the stresses related to pediatric emergency care.
- **Hasbro Children's Hospital - \$20,000**
Providence, Rhode Island
The most critically ill children admitted to Hasbro Children's Hospital occupy beds in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), which consists of two suites of eight rooms each. Loved ones are allowed to stay at their child's bedside, but families need a place to retreat, eat, shower and recharge. The grant will assist with renovating the PICU Family Room.
- **Mount Auburn Hospital - \$20,000**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Nearly 3,000 babies are delivered each year at Mount Auburn Hospital. Currently, equipment is needed for treating newborn jaundice (hyperbilirubinemia). If left untreated, it causes permanent brain damage (kernicterus) leading to cerebral palsy, autism and auditory issues. The funds will be used to purchase a BiliBed phototherapy system to treat this condition, as well as to provide training for pediatric nurses in its use.

- **UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center - \$15,000**

- **Palliative Care Program, Worcester, Massachusetts**

- The Advancing Palliative Care Program was established five years ago to provide a unique service to children with life limiting diseases and their families. These children require multi-specialty care, repeated hospitalizations, admission to critical care units, home nursing for nutritional and respiratory care, and multiple costly medications/supplies. This is physically and emotionally taxing for families and financially draining. The funds will be used to supplement incidental uncovered costs for approximately 50-75 children including more home visits, providing overnight coverage and support to ancillary team members.

- **Baystate Pediatric Endocrinology - \$12,000**

- **Springfield, Massachusetts**

- Recognized by the American Diabetes Association for over 15 years and the past two years ranked by the *US News and World Report* within the top 50 national Pediatric Endocrine Practices, the funds to Baystate Pediatric Endocrinology will improve access to pediatric diabetes patients through video communication. Many children with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus are not able to achieve glycemic control and have high morbidity rates due to missed appointments caused by social challenges, school and parental work schedules, among other factors. This project will introduce video calls with patients, their physicians and diabetes educators to the program and improve access to care and diabetes control.

- **Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake, Inc. - \$10,000**

- **Casco, Maine**

- Since its inception in 1984, Camp Sunshine has been instilling hope in families affected by life-threatening childhood illness through a unique, supportive program on the campus of Maine's Sebago Lake by providing respite and support to each family member – children, siblings and parents. The families who come to Camp Sunshine have children diagnosed with cancer, hematologic conditions, renal disease and many other severe illnesses. The Family Sponsorship Program provides a much-needed safe haven to families whose lives are often in turmoil because of serious illness. The grant will allow five children with life-threatening illnesses and their families from New England the opportunity to attend a session at Camp Sunshine.

- **Health Imperatives, Inc. - \$10,000**

- **Brockton, Massachusetts**

- Health Imperatives is a non-profit community based agency that provides health and human services to more than 27,000 families in Southeastern Massachusetts. Funds will be used for the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) programs and provide comprehensive, coordinated care to children who are survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Each child and family will receive crisis counseling and therapeutic support that will help counter the devastating effects of violence, break the cycles of violence, and facilitate their long-term stability.

- **Julia's Wings Foundation - \$10,000**

- **Sherman, Connecticut**

- The mission of the Julia's Wings Foundation is to provide financial assistance during treatment to families with critically ill children who have been diagnosed specifically with aplastic anemia, a rare bone marrow failure disease. Such assistance includes, but is not limited to the payment of daily living expenses and support for medical co-payments and medications not covered by insurance.