

Project HOME & PRIDE Mini Grant Opportunities

Caswell Center Foundation was established in 1999 to enhance the quality of life for persons at Caswell Center and in Eastern North Carolina with mental retardation/developmental disabilities.

In October 2001, the Project PRIDE (PRiority to Individuals with Disabilities in the East) was a mini grant opportunity established through funds donated to the Foundation from external sources that have allowed Area Programs to apply for funding assistance when all other funding sources were exhausted. Since October 2001, Project PRIDE has awarded over \$18,139 to Local Management Entities (LMEs), which has enabled numerous individuals to enhance their quality of life.

In April 2002, Project HOME (Helping Our Individuals Maximize their Everyday Lives) was established through funds primarily donated from Caswell Center employees through the State Employees Combined Campaign as a mini grant opportunity for Caswell Center individuals to have access to funds to assist them in becoming more independent and achieve a better quality of life. Since April 2002, Project HOME has awarded over \$34,187 to individuals and homes at Caswell Center.



Helping Our Individuals Maximize Their Everyday Lives

Harmony Court homes have been awarded over \$1,118 to date

- Walkie talkies for use when traveling through campus
- Reinforcement items to assist with behavior programs
- "Listen to Me" voice device to assist with communication
- Liquid level sound indicators that assist with pouring liquids into a cup
- Area rug to help absorb sound in home's living area
- Portable stereo system; picture frames/photo processing
- Gardening & landscaping items

Tapestry Grove homes have been awarded over \$2,356 to date

- Flexible eyeglasses for two individuals
- Sensory stimulation items for two different homes; lamps & fountains
- Technological switches and power links
- Covered shelter for outdoor leisure area
- 2 Powell Glider rockers



Sunset Village homes have been awarded over \$6,140 to date

- Outdoor furniture, glider swings & outdoor storage shed
- Gardening and courtyard beautification items for 3 homes
- Items to assist in "Edenizing" 2 homes to include mechanical animals and videos featuring gardens, animals, etc.
- Tumble form wedges to increased comfort while bathing and eating
- Flower bulbs & items for flower gardens in 2 homes
- Fish & guinea pig equipment/supplies for Pet Therapy Program
- Christmas decorations for home
- Feather bed overlays for mat tables; Powell Glider rocker chair
- Indoor hortitherapy activities for homes
- Treadmill for exercise area in home
- DVD player and assorted DVD videos; DVD/VCR player; leisure videos
- Multi-sensory/sensory stimulation items for 2 homes

Rolling Hills homes have been awarded over \$6,416 to date

- Outdoor furniture for home
- Multi-sensory items, switches, bubble blowers to promote more diverse

- interactive homes & for Snoezelen room
- Gardening & landscaping items
- Control switches to allow more independence for in home
- Mechanical items to assist in performing their work tasks
- Specialty foam sheets for alternate seating choices
- Therapeutic Riding for 2 individuals
- Resonance bean bag
- Shower curtains and wallpaper border for bathrooms
- Sheer textured curtain material for home's sensory/relaxation room



Vernon Woods homes have been awarded over \$2,221 to date

- Electrical supplies to assist in promoting sensory stimulation/relation
- Tune piano in home
- Software to allow increased communication for individuals
- Items to make a multisensory home environment.
- Vet needs for "Lucky" the dog [pet therapy program]
- Recliner for home
- Recover pool table
- Outdoor cushioned chairs; bench, bird feeders & bird feeder supplies

West End Villas homes have been awarded over \$3,484 to date

- Vacuum cleaner for home; weighted therapy blanket
- Tuning and repairing of pianos in homes
- Beautification of courtyards; Gardening & landscaping items
- Wall mural; bench, reel mower, outdoor items
- Multi-sensory stimulation items for the homes
- Wall art for home's shared living area
- Specialty support garments for individual

Communication Services has been awarded over \$1,237 to date

- Color printer to use in printing out pictures for communication devices
- Magic touch screen
- Carousel communication device
- BookWorm talking, adaptive book

Education Services has been awarded over \$1,649 to date

- Outdoor landscaping items
- Moisture resistant clothing for an individual
- Glowing Goo tube; nail station for Spa area

Medical Services has been awarded over \$350 to date

- Digital (medical) scales

Occupational Therapy has been awarded over \$743 to date

- Wic-A-Way shirts for an individual
- Stereo system & Active Pod; weighted blanket set

Physical Therapy has been awarded over \$262 to date

- Video equipment for use in assessment/treatment process

Physical Therapy has been awarded over \$338 to date

- Digital camera

Recreation Therapy has been awarded over \$5,837 to date

- Cordless microphone; talent show decorations
- Qchord (computerized instrument); music & music equipment
- Ping pong table for Harmony Court & Vernon Woods shared leisure area
- Items to develop leisure area outside of Tapestry Grove
- Portable stereos for Acute Care Unit rooms; stereo & portable stereo
- Games, exercise videos, DVD player, TV for shared leisure area
- Arts supplies for Leisure Arts Program; Recreation & leisure videos
- Books & videos for Creative Story Time program; garden tools
- Art, Craft & Framing supplies for Creative Arts Program; mat cutter
- CD burner & CDs for Music Therapy Program; CD player for Chapel

Residential Services has been awarded \$350 to date

- Supplies to print Pet Therapy brochure

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*Enhancing the quality of
life for individuals with
mental retardation/
developmental disabilities
& their families at Caswell
Center & in
eastern North Carolina.*



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Project PRIDE

PRioritizing Individuals with Disabilities in the East

Albemarle LME has been awarded \$350 to date (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank, Perquimans Counties)

- \$350 given to assist in replacing a hearing aid

Eastpointe LME over \$4,975 has been awarded in grants to date (Duplin, Sampson, Lenoir, Wayne Counties)

- Extra width shoes for leg braces
- Wedge therapy devise
- Assistance with replacement dentures; other medical expenses
- Assist in purchasing a communication system
- Portable toilet in order for an individual to be able to make home visits
- Compression hosiery
- CD-Rewriter and printer for an individual in order to expand this individual's interests and provide a self-employment opportunity
- Leap Frog Learning systems and assorted books
- Safety grab bar for an individual
- New computer for an individual's communication needs
- Financial assistance for an individual in need of securing guardianship
- Portable stereo/sound system for Arc of Lenoir County
- Arts and crafts program assistance for 5 individuals



Edgecombe-Nash LME has been awarded \$320 to date (Edgecombe, Nash Counties)

- Side rails for use with adaptive toilet

Five County LME has been award over \$549 to date (Halifax County)

- Assistance with a portion of the cost of a lift chair
- Aquatics therapy

Neuse LME has been awarded over \$1,851 to date (Craven, Jones, Pamlico Counties)

- Assistance in purchase knee braces for individual
- Shelving units to organize Autistic child's dietary needs/clothing
- Trike bike; clothes dryer; bed

Onslow-Carteret LME has been awarded \$350 to date (Carteret and Onslow Counties)

- Word progression program for increased independence

Pitt County LME has been awarded over \$3,532 to date (Pitt County)

- Assistance with 2 individual's medical expenses
- Ensure and diapers for a unique medical/needy situation
- Bed, mattress and bedding accessories
- Rifton chair and accessories
- Assistance with legal costs associated with guardianship issues
- Blender/food processor to meet the needs for pureed foods
- Household items for semi-independent living arrangement
- Items needed related to this individual's ingestion problems
- Flexible eye glasses
- Assistance for child to attend summer activity programs

Project PRIDE continued

Roanoke-Chowan LME has been awarded \$700 to date (Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Northampton Counties)

- Computer that would assist with this individual's education
- Aquatics therapy program
- Public transportation assistance

Southeastern LME has been awarded \$1319 to date (Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties)

- Purchase the required knife set needed to complete culinary course—completing course will assist with future employment
- Assistance with attendance of alternate learning programs
- Therapeutic riding lessons as part of their habilitation
- Assistance in purchasing hearing aids
- Conference expenses for family & individual



Tideland LME has been awarded over \$651 to date (Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, Washington Counties)

- Handrail in a bathroom for an individual
- Silicone liner for a below the knee prosthesis
- Wireless entrance chime

Wilson-Greene LME has been awarded over \$3475 to date (Greene, Wilson Counties)

- Two slings needed that go with a lift that is needed by twins
- Bus tickets for an individual who was in need of transportation in order to continue with vocational placement
- Pullups/diapers/PediaSure for individuals due to families needing temporary assistance
- Washing machine; jogger stollers
- Therapeutic riding lessons for an individual—therapy was not covered by Medicaid
- Replace cap on a tooth
- Occlusal guard



Caswell Center Foundation also assists in providing educational opportunities for staff at Caswell Center and professionals in the eastern region who provide services to individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. The Foundation's annual aging workshop series is held each year in the fall. Plans are in the works for another workshop series in the fall of 2006. These types of educational opportunities provided a wealth of knowledge from nationally known speakers that help enhance the quality of care individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities receive.

How can you help? Caswell Center Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation is an active participating agency in the annual State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC).

Caswell Center Foundation's annual golf tournament is held the Thursday before the first Saturday in May (*Festival on The Neuse*). Donations and sponsors are needed for this annual event. Caswell Center Foundation also accepts memorial and honorary gifts and envelopes are available by contacting the Foundation office at 252-208-3766 or 252-208-1409.

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