



# The Children's Guild FOUNDATION



*Purpose and Passion for  
Children with Special Needs*



*Thousands of children,  
Scores of important advancements,  
and a multitude of life-changing opportunities*

Through our advocacy and funding of healthcare, research, education, and therapeutic recreation, The Children's Guild Foundation serves as a catalyst of demonstrable change for children with special needs and their families.

Since our beginnings in 1910, when a small group of women opened a home for disabled children, we've expanded our scope, we've refined our methods, and we've grown our resources, but we've stayed true to our original purpose and passion. We've gone from helping seven children in a small group home to helping countless children through large-scale funding of programs, services, and research projects.



#### **RESEARCH**

*"The impact of what is being done here in Down Syndrome research funded by The Children's Guild Foundation will have impact, not only in our community, but around the world."*

- EUGENE YU, PH.D.,  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
GENETICS PROGRAM,  
ROSWELL PARK  
CANCER INSTITUTE



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Partnerships, like the innovative one formed with The Children's Hospital of Buffalo in 1959, enabled The Children's Guild to extend its efforts into the burgeoning areas of medical and rehabilitative care.

With the turn of the century, The Children's Guild Foundation also provided funding through grant programs to other non-profits in the specialized areas of healthcare, education, therapeutic recreation, and research.

In all of our years serving the children and families of Western New York, we've found that while the times change, the needs do not diminish, and neither do the opportunities before us.



**THERAPEUTIC  
RECREATION**

*"The grant awards received from The Children's Guild Foundation have brought sunshine, laughter and a lot of fun to our children in their learning and camping experiences."*

- THE ARC OF ORLEANS COUNTY





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The Foundation addresses these needs and realizes those opportunities to the greatest extent possible, by acting solely as a funding body. Working as a foundation that awards critical funds to non-profit organizations, we continue to serve the special group of children whose health and happiness have always been our focus—but now we're doing more, and reaching more than ever before.

Over the last two decades alone, The Children's Guild Foundation has contributed in excess of \$20 million to the most promising programs and projects.

This money has been given to hospitals, schools, clinics, and camps for education, healthcare, therapeutic recreation, and research. We strive to fund and support strategies that will effect positive change and lasting impact.

#### **HEALTHCARE**

*"The Children's Guild Foundation has been an integral part of making the dreams of so many children a reality. They were the founding partner in the creation of the Robert Warner M.D. Center for Children with Special Needs over 55 years ago. We are deeply grateful for their continuing support and untiring dedication to the work we do at the Center."*

- WOMEN & CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL OF BUFFALO



*And through all of this,  
a single purpose, a single passion—  
supporting children with special needs*

We're proud of our history, and we're grateful to those who have helped us shape it, by supporting our work and giving generously to our mission.

We've seen medical breakthroughs that have saved lives, and we've seen recreational programs that have changed lives. We've given abundant support to our community, and we've received abundant support from our community.

And we've done all this with a single purpose and a single passion, for over one hundred years, for thousands of children and families, who've shared with us a million smiles, and promise a million more to come.

**EDUCATION**

*"The impact of the grant made to our organization by The Children's Guild Foundation is simply life changing for our students. It enables them to achieve their greatest level of independence and highest quality of life despite their developmental disability. It opens up their world to countless new possibilities!"*

- SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



# *Organizations Funded by The Children's Guild Foundation, Inc.*

ARC of Orleans County

Bornhava

Buffalo Hearing & Speech

Buffalo Public School District

Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center

Camp Special Place

Canisius College Autism Research Institute

Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center

Center for Handicapped Children's Learning Center

Center for Hospice & Palliative Care

Center for Sports Therapy Research, Inc.

Child & Family Services

Community Services for  
the Developmentally Disabled

Cradle Beach Camp

Early Childhood Direction Center

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, MD  
Center for the Visually Impaired

Excalibur Leisure Skills

Greater Niagara Frontier Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Hauptman-Woodward  
Medical Research Institute, Inc.

High Hurdles Therapeutic Riding Program

Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center

Medaille College

Mid-Erie Counseling and Treatment Services

Moving Miracles Dance

Parent's Anonymous

Parent Network of WNY

People, Inc.

Robert Warner M.D. Center for Children  
with Special Needs

Roswell Park Cancer Research Institute

SABAH

School 84

Sister's of Charity Hospital of Buffalo

Spina Bifida Association of WNY

St. Bonaventure University

Summit Educational Resources

The Children's Guild Foundation Autism  
Spectrum Disorder Center of Excellence

The Hunter James Kelly Research Institute

The Robert Guthrie Biochemical  
Genetics Laboratory

University of Buffalo Center  
for Children & Families

University of Buffalo Medical Research

University of Chicago Pediatric Research

University of Buffalo School of Engineering

University of Buffalo School of  
Research & Biomedical Sciences

Upstate New York Transplant Services

Westminster Early Childhood Program

Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo

Young Audiences of WNY





The Children's Guild Foundation seeks to effect change, provide opportunities, and promote inclusion & diversity for children with special needs and their families by advocating on behalf and funding organizations within the eight counties of Western New York that provide programs and services for the children.

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