



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Children and Youth
October 2021

The artisan focus this month will be The Child Welfare Foundation. In 1952, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr. made a large donation to The American Legion for the purpose of enhancing the lives of children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation, approved by the National Executive Committee on October 15, 1953. Although the CWF was created by the Legion, the Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., is a separate 501(c) 3 corporation.

In 1955 3 grants were given to 3 organizations totaling \$22,500. To date, the CWF has provided more than \$18 million to assist our nation's children. In 2021 grants totaling \$766,761 were given to 24 nonprofits, including the National American Legion Auxiliary who received \$75,000 to support The Ala Girls Nation program, the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship, the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President Scholarship, and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.

Previously the Sons of The American Legion received a grant to start and promote the GI Josh Dog which was used to help children of active-duty military deal with the anxieties of having a parent serving away from home.

Any nonprofit may apply for a grant providing they meet the guidelines and follow the policies set forth to receive a grant. The application can be found on the CWF website.

The CWF welcomes donations to support its mission. Also, any American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Sons of The American Legion Squadron or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the CWF Foundations award year (June 1 through May 31) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer. A form requesting the banner must be submitted to receive it. This form was provided, in each district packet along with other information about the CWF, at Clovis. I will be giving a prize to the unit with the highest donation per member to the CWF. To receive the prize a copy of the request for banner form must be sent to me prior to or with the District End of Year Report.

Mid-Year reports are just around the corner, begin preparing your artisan composition (The arrangement of forms in a work of art) needed to create your masterpiece, sending your masterpiece to your District Chairman by December 1. District will then send their masterpiece to me by December 15.

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.
Denis Waitley

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