

CHILD WELL-BEING FOUNDATION

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Overview: To educate members, along with local community, about The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation, it's mission, and to help provide financial assistance to the American Legion in their efforts to award grants to youth-serving nonprofit organizations. Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of children and youth: to aid progress in the field of child well-being: and to the sum total knowledge of children and youth through research, studies, surveys and projects, or in other ways, including but not limited to, activities and programs benefiting the children and youth of this Nation.

Department Goals: Our department goal is to increase unit participation in the 100% Per Capita Banner Program. By supporting this program of recognition, we will be contributing to the financial support of the Child Well-Being Foundation.

Unit Goals: To educate to help better understand the needs of children described above who reside in local communities.

Suggested Fundraising for Units: CWF piggy bank out at all events, \$1 drive, 50/50 drawing and bake sales.

Suggested Activities for Units: To help increase knowledge of children's needs, engage the local Department of Human Services – Child Welfare Services to share info about number and types of child abuse/neglect referrals they receive and the # per year, the number of children in out of home care. foster care, the need for foster homes, etc. and how can the ALA/community assist them, what trends and issues that families and children have ie. drug usage, domestic violence, sexual abuse cases, obtain info about CASA program, support mentoring programs, and help identify community programs that reach out to children in need.

Report Due Dates: Unit End of Year Report due by April 30, 2027, 100% Per Capita Banner Program Request Form is due to National by May 31, 2027. If you plan to send directly to National, be sure to send our department Headquarters a copy of your report so your contribution is recorded.

Donations Accepted all Year: Unit donation goal is \$1 per member based upon it's official membership total on June 1, 2027.