

Beta Sigma Phi Endowment

The Endowment Fund - Projects benefit a variety of charitable and health organizations since the fund was started in 1947. These projects are approved by a majority vote of the chapters and councils to the International Office. They are screened by the International Executive Council. Your chapter should vote on the proposals presented. After the chapter votes, return the ballot to the International Office by May 1, 2010. Ballots are sent to chapter presidents. Ballots received after the date CANNOT be counted. To submit a new project or renew a project, contact BARBARA CHAMPION at the International Office.

Alzheimer's Association - This grant is for research into the cause, treatment, and prevention of the disease, treatments and ways to delay the onset and studies for the caregiver's role with the disease. The grant is \$10,000.

www.alz.org

A - T Children's Project - Ataxia Telangiectasia is a rare childhood disease causing progressive loss of muscle control, immune deficiencies and high incidents of cancer. The grant is for \$5,000 for 2010, 2011 and 2012. www.atcp.org

Bay Area Lupus Foundation - Lupus, primarily a woman's disease, affects the immune system as well as the skin, joints and vital organs. Money for this grant provides education and support services to victims of Lupus worldwide. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.balf.org

Breast Cancer Research Fund - When you pledge a new member to your chapter you may allocate the expense allowance to this cause. Research conducted by the DANA-FARBER INSTITUTE in Boston is extremely important to every woman in the world. This FUND is separate from the regular ENDOWMENT FUND grant to the INSTITUTE. For more information, contact the RUSHING DEPARTMENT.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America and Canada - Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are lifelong illnesses. They are chronic diseases of the large and small intestines for which there are no known causes. The disease affects men, women and children. The grant in memory of Gladys Turner Crain is \$10,000 per country for 2010, 2011 and 2012, www.ccfca.org and www.ccfca.org.

Cystic Fibrosis - Over 30,000 children and adults are affected by this genetic disorder that causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus which can clog the lungs and lead to fatal infections. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.cff.org

Dana - Farber Cancer Institute - The institute's single goal is research into the cause and cure of cancer and observation of victims of the cancers under investigation. The grant is \$10,000 per year and is used to combat women's cancer including breast, ovarian and lung cancers. www.dana-farber.net

Go Red For Women - A new division of the American Heart Association is designed to teach and assist women to improve their life styles. Women are dying each year from heart disease and stroke at almost twice the rate as from all forms of cancer combined. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.americanheart.org

Heart to Heart International - Heart to Heart started in 1992 with a humanitarian airlift of medicines to Russia. Since then, international airlifts involve volunteer delegations delivering multi-million dollar loads of medicines and supplies to the world's poor and needy. The domestic program provides help for those in need across America, i.e. homeless and domestic violence shelters, inner-city clinics and elder care facilities. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.hearttoheart.org

Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada (Ellis Research Program) - Researches viruses suitable for gene therapy of Bb-thalassemis and sickle cell anemia. Gene therapy provides an alternative cure that would not only rely on bone marrow transplants. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.sickkids.on.ca

Intermountain Children's Home and Services is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that provides treatment programs dedicated to children suffering from moderate to severe emotional disturbances. Since 1982, Intermountain has specialized in residential and outpatient services that effectively address the treatment and permanency needs of young children. Intermountain offers highly integrated therapeutic and educational services for children and youth. Located in Helena, Montana, Intermountain has responded to the special needs of children since 1909. The grant is \$5,000 for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Be The Match (Formerly "The Marrow Foundation") - It provides tissue matching between

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donor and donee for patients with leukemia, aplastic anemia, lymphoma and other life threatening diseases. The registry has almost 5 million listed donors. There is an average of 3,000 people searching at any given time. The grant is \$10,000 for 2010, 2011 and 2012. www.marrows.org

Mid - America Heart Institute - The institute is a nationally recognized diagnostic treatment, surgical and research center for cardiovascular diseases. It develops and leads in the development of new and innovative forms of diagnosis and treatment. The grant is \$10,000 per year. www.saint-lukes.org

Ranch Hope - The \$10,000 grant for 2010 helps defray the costs of purchasing and renovating a building that will be used for a special educational school for girls of Ranch Hope. www.ranchhope.org

R E T T Syndrome - A rare progressive neurological disorder seen almost exclusively in females and becomes apparent after 6-18 months of early normal development. It leads to lifelong handicaps including loss of speech and mobility. Grant is \$10,000 for 2010. www.rettsyndrome.org

Scleroderma Foundation - This disease is often called the HARD SKIN, but it can also affect internal body organs. Any age, sex or race can be affected, but more than 80% of the victims are women from 25-55 years of age. The grant supports the search to improve the lives of patients. This Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.scleroderma.org

Seedlings Braille Book for Children - Funding makes possible the purchase of hundreds of Braille books at half the cost of printing. They are available throughout the United States and every province of Canada, as well as many other English-speaking countries. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.seedlings.org

St. Jude Children 's Research Hospital - A non-sectarian, hospital open to all patients whose diseases are studied at the institution. Patients are admitted regardless of their ability to pay. Research at St. Jude is shared with physicians and scientists around the world. Grant is \$10,000 for 2010.

Stanford University Kidney Research Fund - Beta Sigma Phi's support over the years has resulted in the Beta Sigma Phi Research Lab to be established. We now have the opportunity to have our donations matched by the Lucile Packard Foundation. Be assured that all monies, both from the Endowment Fund and the Lucile Packard Foundation WILL be awarded to the Kidney Research Program. Grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.packardchildrenhospital.org

Wheelchair Foundation - The Wheelchair Foundation is a non profit organization with a goal to provide a free wheelchair to every child, teen and adult worldwide who needs one. Independence is being given to people deprived of their mobility by war, disease, accident, natural disasters and advanced age at a rate of more than 10,000 per month. The grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.wheelchairfoundation.org

Arthritis Research Center of Canada - Provides research seeking the genetic cause of rheumatoid arthritis and developing treatment strategies to improve the quality of life for patients. The grant is \$5,000 for 2010. www.arthritis.ca

New Fund Proposals (not yet approved)

Hope for the Warriors - This organizations mission is to enhance quality of life for US Service Members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty, particularly with regard to the short and long-term care of the severely injured. Grant is \$5,000 per year for 2010, 2011 and 2012. www.hopeforthewarriors.org

Medical Teams International - This organizations mission is to provide medical care for people whose lives have been torn apart by disasters, conflicts and poverty. They focus on improving the health of those they serve by sending volunteer teams and shipments of donated medicines and medical supplies to more than 50 countries. Grant is \$10,000 for 2010, 2011 and 2012. www.medicalteams.org

Contributions to the FUNDS are completely voluntary and no chapter is obligated to participate. Payments should be made to BETA SIGMA PHI and the enclosed contribution slip must be returned with your check to ensure the monies are properly credited.