

CHILDREN & YOUTH GUIDE 2009-2010

Our Auxiliary programs were developed to help our Veterans and their families. The Children & Youth Programs mission is to work with the "Legion Family" to help provide care and protection to our nation's children. Our programs are to help encourage, develop and meet the needs of our veteran's families, our military families and for all the children. The Children & Youth program is to improve the physical, the emotional, the educational, the spiritual and the family home life for all our children.

Due to these trying times, it is very important to remember that our children are our future. We need to move forward with new ideas and truly reconnect with our members and focus on those we serve. So it is our job to work together as "The Legion Family" in supporting our children. We need to honor our commitment as Auxiliary members and remember why we started this organization. We need to get back to the basics of why the Children & Youth program was developed.

You will notice that the guides are not as thick as other years. This is so we as Auxiliary member can focus on more effective ways to improve the lives of our veterans and their families. Under this year's Plan of Action, we will be focusing our attention on the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award. Also we will try to increase the number of Units reporting their contributions to the Children & Youth Program.

THE DEPARTMENT CHILDREN & YOUTH 2009-2010 SPECIAL PROJECT is THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION.

The Child Welfare Foundation is to provide direct aide, services and information about resources for veteran's children. Our role as Auxiliary members is to work with the American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and Eight & Forty to educate our members and our community about Child Welfare Foundation. The Child Welfare Foundation's priority is to provide other non-profit organizations with ways to educate the public about the needs of our nation's children. Our objective this year is to increase the amount of donations to this program and also the number of reported donations.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH PLAN OF ACTION
2009-2010

THE FIRST OBJECTIVE is to bring our Departments local children & youth recognition and reward them for their positive actions through the YOUTH HERO AWARD and the GOOD DEED AWARD.

1. Contact your local media for deserving youth to receive this award.
2. Fill out the YOUTH HERO / GOOD DEED AWARD
3. Publicly plan an event for the recipient.
4. On the annual report form report the number of youth awards given.
5. Invite your local government & public officials to present the award.

THE SECOND OBJECTIVE is to increase our Departments donations to the Child Welfare Foundation by providing aide, services and information to our Veterans children. Make sure to report this on your annual report form.

1. Work with your Post, Squadron and Unit Children & Youth Chairman to assist our Veterans children
2. Supply our Veterans Families¹ with local information on organizations that can help them.
3. Inform your local community and members about our Child Welfare Foundation.
4. Keep in contact with your Unit Children & Youth Chairman so she can monitor all contributions given to the Child Welfare Foundation.
5. Provide information for families on government and public grants that are available.

THE THIRD OBJECTIVE is to increase our Departments Unit Annual Reports to the Children & Youth Program with contributions of 100% to help impact the Legion Family Report to Congress.

1. Keep in contact with your Unit members by emails, letters, phone calls, bulletins or newsletter.
2. Stress the importance of reporting all contributions to C.W.F. to Unit members.
3. Monitor all donations to C. W.F. quarterly and report them to your District C. & Y. Chairman who will then report them the Department C. & Y. Chairman
4. Remember that our numbers that our reported to Congress are very important, the impact it makes does make a difference.
5. Recognition will be given to the Units for 100% reporting of donations to the C.W.F. in a timely manner as outlined above.

CHILDREN & YOUTH
LINKS TO RESOURCES

Children's Miracle Network: www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org/amlegion
Josh Co. LLC: www.joshandfriends.com
The American Legion C&Y Program: www.cwf-inc.org National Foster Care Month:
www.fostercaremonth.org Songs of Love Foundation: www.songsoflove.org Operation Military Kids:
www.operationmilitarykids.org National Family Week: www.nationalfamilyweek.org Alliance for
Children & Families: www.alliance1.org
Zero to Three: National Center for Infants: www.zerotothree.org/military
Special Olympics: www.specialolympics.org
Kid Voting: www.kidvotingusa.org
Big Brother Big Sister: www.BigBrotherBigSister.org
Children's Safety Network: www.childre.ssafety.network.org
Children's Safety Network-Injury Prevention/The Basics www.childre.ssafety.network.org/injuryprevention/default.ask-44k
RadKids: Children's Safety Network Education: www.radkids.org Protect your Children: www.KidsinDanger.org
Stranger Safety: www.SafetyWorld.com
Children Safety: www.LeapsandBounds.com
Bike Safety: www.McGruff.org or www.kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/bike_safety.html
Teach Kids Fire Safety: www.McGruff.org
Fire Safety Plans: www.fireplans.com
Playground Safety: www.kidshealth.org/parent/fitness/safety/playground.html
Firearms Safety Eddie Eagle Safety Program: www.nrahg.org/safety/eddie Babysitter Guide:
www.sosnet.com/safety/babysitters.tips.html
Children's Toys Selection Guide: www.childrens-toys.us

NATIONAL C&Y UNIT REPORT FORM: www.legion-aux.org (under programs)

YOUTH HERO & NOMINATION FORM: www.legion-aux.org (under programs)

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARDS

EVA PELHAM CITATION: To the first District submitting 100% reporting. All Units must submit both the National and Department reports.

LOUISE FERGUSON CITATION: To the Unit submitting the best Children & Youth program for the month of April.

Report must be typed in narrative form and contain no more than 500 words. (A, an, the, will not be counted as part of the 500 words.) DO NOT write this narrative on the back of the Annual Report Form

Entries must be submitted in a folder.

Pictures can be used, but no more than five.

Each entry must contain: Name of Unit, Name and address of Chairman.

Entries MUST HAVE GREEN SLIP attached that has been properly filled out by the District President or Chairman.

LYNN D. ALLEN CITATION: To the Unit with the best all-around program for the year. Must be accompanied by a green slip.

HELEN HODGES CITATION: To the Unit making the largest contributions to the Department Children & Youth Special Project the CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION.

NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH AWARDS

"BEST OVERALL" PROGRAM--DEPARTMENT AWARD

An award will be presented to the Department chairman in each division conducting the Best Overall Promotion of the Children & Youth Program.

Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words and must include a complete copy of the Annual Department report form. Entry due to Division Chairman by June 1.

"OUTSTANDING" PROMOTION OF SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES--UNIT AWARD

An award presented to the unit Children & Youth Chairman in each division who promotes the Most Outstanding Program promoting any or all of the ALA activities.

Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words and must include a complete copy of the Annual Unit Report form. Department C&Y Chairman judges entries and selects a winner and forwards entry to National C&Y Vice Chairman by June 1.

YOUTH HERO AWARD—LOCAL/UNIT and NATIONAL

This is an award for a youth under the age 18, who performs a heroic act of physical valor. Nominations are to be completed at Unit level and sent to the Department Secretary, who certifies entry and then sends the application to National. DO NOT send it directly to National.

GOOD DEEDS AWARD-LOCAL/UNIT and NATIONAL

An award for a youth, under the age 18, who do not meet the Youth Hero Award criteria, but who are great examples of community service. This award is submitted on the same nomination form as the Youth Hero Award.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION AWARDS BY THE AMERICAN LEGION

100% PER CAPITA BANNER PROGRAM: A banner awarded to each Post, Unit, Squadron or Salon donating at least one dollar for each member to the Child Welfare Foundation for the year 2009-2010. Based on total membership as of June 1, 2009.

LEGACY AWARD: A plaque presented to the top department based on combined contributions of the American Legion Family and Eight & Forty to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.

GARLAND M. MURPHY. JR. AWARD: A plaque presented to one department from each organization of Legion Family with the greatest contributions to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.

EXCELLENCE AWARD: A plaque presented to one often departments of the Legion Family With the highest contribution average for June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.

"HERITAGE CIRCLE" GIFT CLUB: A plaque presented to Departments of the American Legion Family and Eight & Forty for overall donations June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.

Benefactor-\$5,000 Patron---\$2,500 Sponsor-\$1,000

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: A plaque presented to the top department in each organization with the highest increase to the American Legion child Welfare Foundation June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.

"CHILDREN FIRST": GIFT CLUB: A plaque presented to organization (Post, Unit, Salon, and Squadron) for their overall donation June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010

Guardian - \$1,000 Advocate --\$750.00 Caretaker-- \$500.00

"CORNERSTONE" GIFT CLUB: A pin awarded to individuals for their overall donation June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.
Ambassadors-\$1,000 President's Circle-\$500 Partners \$250 Century Club- \$100

RETURN TO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN WITH ANNUAL REPORT FORM

Did your Unit participate in any of the following National Children & Youth program objectives? (please check)

- 1. _____ Family Emphasis (National Family Week)
- 2. _____ Children's Miracle Network
- 3. _____ Missing Children
- 4. _____ April is Children & Youth Month Observance
- 5. _____ Halloween Safety
- 6. _____ Family Support Network
- 7. _____ Child Safety (Drug Abuse Prevention; Teenage Suicide Prevention, etc.)
- 8. _____ Other (please list)

9. How many hours of volunteer service were provided by the membership of your Unit for the children and youth of your community? _____ hours

10. Please estimate the amount of money expended by your Unit for administrative expenses for Children & Youth overhead. (Postage, printing, seminars, travel, salaries, etc.) \$ _____

Please use the space below to describe in some detail specific Children & Youth activities of your Unit. (Details of your Unit's Children & Youth activities are important to judging reports for various Department and National Awards.)

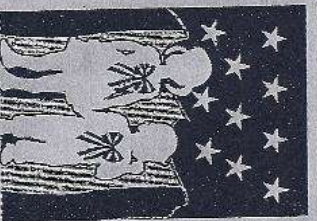
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UNIT CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT

2009—2010
(June 1, 2009—May 31, 2010)



TO BE COMPLETED BY:
Unit Children & Youth Chairman

TO BE MAILED TO:
District Chairman
with Annual Report Form.

DO NOT MAIL TO THE
AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

RETURN TO DISTRICT CHAIRSMEN WITH ANNUAL REPORT FORM

PLEASE REPORT ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM

SECTION A

DIRECT AID

	Amount of	No. of
1. Cash aid given to needy children	\$	13.
2. Value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)	\$	14.
3. TOTAL DIRECT AID (Add Lines 1 & 2 and 3.)	\$	15.

SECTION D

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

These will include parties, teenage dances, free movie, picnics, clinic, parades, educational programs, etc.

The Activity	The Cost	No. Children
TOTAL	11.	16.

SECTION F

COMMENTS

Unit Name _____ No. _____
 City _____ State _____
 Present Membership _____ District _____
 Department of _____
 Person making report _____
 Title _____
 Address _____
 Date _____
 Signed _____

SECTION B

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO

	Amount
4. American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$
5. Children's Picnic Network	\$

SECTION C

OTHER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE FOR CHILDREN AT

	Amount
6. Local Level	\$
7. County Level	\$
8. State Level	\$
9. National Level	\$
10. Total Contributions (Add Lines 6 to 9)	\$

SECTION E

TOTALS

Total Contributions and Cost of (Add Lines 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11)	12. \$
Total Number of Children Served (Add Lines 1, 5 & 16)	17.