

Oomiak



Foundation

Providing assistance
to families who must travel outside
Humboldt County to obtain
necessary medical treatment for
their children.

Criteria for Assistance

1. Child must be a Humboldt County resident.
2. The medical treatment necessary is not available locally.
3. The medical appointment dates and times must be verified by treating physician.
4. The age range is birth through seventeen years old.
5. Must apply within 30 days of appointment dates.

Fund Disbursal

Funds are disbursed to the families on a per diem basis for each day of appointments or hospitalization.

There is currently a \$1000.00 limit per family per calendar year.

Financial assistance is not determined by income.

Dental and psychological services are not included at this time.



"Oomiak's generous assistance allowed our family to be together during Carly's fourth neurosurgery at UCSF."

-Kerry Walker

Oomiak's first three months...

During Oomiak Foundation's first six months of operation in 2001, we helped sixty-five families travel outside of Humboldt County for two hundred and forty days of medical treatment.

Did you know...

To travel for a one night medically related trip to San Francisco, the costs would be approximately \$469 plus the actual medical expenses!

Car expenses .34 X 600 miles	= \$204
Parking at UCSF Hospital	= 25
Meals for a family of three	= 90
Motel Room	= <u>150</u>
Total	\$469

How You Can Help!



The Oomiak Foundation will be hosting fund raising events throughout the year. If you would like to be involved, call 443-3187.

Donations can be sent to:
Oomiak Foundation
233 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501
707-443-3187

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There is nothing more frightening for a parent than having a child who is seriously injured or ill. Sadly, this situation gets significantly worse when parents learn that the only medical options for their child are located out of the area.

Humboldt County has excellent health care professionals and facilities. However children who are the victims of accidents, burns, cancer, liver problems, cardiac conditions, neonatal complications, and a host of serious, yet curable conditions, are often required to travel great distances for the specialized pediatric treatment they require.

When local residents Dan and Wendy Cooper experienced this situation, they decided to do something to help other parents and children. They established the Oomiak Foundation, which provides direct financial support for families who must seek medical treatment elsewhere. Such support eases the tremendous burden of medically required travel, such as airfare, car rentals, meals, hotel costs, even child care for siblings left at home. Considering that these parents are facing mounting medical bills and, for some, even lost wages, the Oomiak Foundation understands that financial support allows parents to focus on what is most important - the care and treatment of their child. The Oomiak Foundation also intends to make the distribution of financial support a simple, efficient process, as the last thing parents facing a medical crisis need is more paperwork.

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Foundation Information

The Oomiak Foundation was founded in July, 2000. It is a private operating foundation and qualifies as a nonprofit 501c(3) organization. For more information please contact the Oomiak Foundation at the following address or phone:

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