Easter Seals Northern Ohio administers this fund of the Elyria Rotary Club

"To provide assistance to children with disabilities for equipment, supplies, services or treatment which would help them to live with equality, dignity and independence."

**FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Eligibility requirements for applicants include:
- Age: newborn through age 17
- Residency in Lorain County
- Referral by a healthcare or social service professional
- Requests for assistance are those that would not be fully payable by any third party payer including but not limited to private payers, government payers, or other agencies that typically provide support to children with disabilities. Assistance may include full payment, co-pays, co-insurance, deductibles, or payment balances after insurance reimbursement or other form of payment has been received
- Demonstrates need for financial assistance
- Requests for assistance would help the child to live with equality, dignity, and independence

Items that have been funded include recreational equipment, assistance with therapy bills, and communication devices.

Items not eligible for funding consideration are:
- Transportation
- Medication
- Registrations, tuition assistance, and/or training

For an application, please contact Murray Ridge Center:
- Valerie Deptula, Early Intervention (EI) Supervisor at (440) 284-3655
- Diane Smith, Family Support Coordinator at (440) 329-3734
- Service & Support Administration at (440) 324-2366 or (440) 233-4600