



## WE DID THE WORK. HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Maybe you had a preemie and you knew there were going to be issues right away. Maybe it was in the maternity ward, when the doctor said, "There's a problem." Or after a few years, when you couldn't help but notice the lack of verbal progress or engagement with you.

Whenever you discovered that your child fell into one of the special needs areas, your love didn't change, but your dreams had to change. That realization is like being hit by a truck. But there was another collision coming. A financial one. It costs an estimated \$233,610 to raise a child to age 17, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Autism Speaks, an autism advocacy organization, estimates the cost to raise a child with autism or an intellectual disability is \$1.4 to \$2.4 million.<sup>1</sup> The more severe the disability, the more expensive the lifetime cost.

Take a deep breath. Help is out there. There are many benefits for parents of a disabled child available for special needs children through sources like the Social Security Administration, Medicaid, insurance, grants and educational assistance. Will these sources cover all costs? No. But they can make a big difference in what your budget looks like for a special needs child.

### We've listed some additional resources below

#### GENERAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT



In charge Debt Solution  
[www.incharge.org](http://www.incharge.org)

Red Tree House  
[www.Redtreehouse.org](http://www.Redtreehouse.org)

Mission Kid Success  
[www.missionkidsuccess.org](http://www.missionkidsuccess.org)

#### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund  
<https://www.mass.gov/catastrophic-illness-in-children-relief-cicrf>

United Healthcare Children's Foundation  
<https://www.uhcf.org>

Parkers Purpose Foundation Assistance  
[www.autismassistanceresources.com](http://www.autismassistanceresources.com)

Autism Care today SOS  
<https://www.act-today.org>

First Hand Foundation  
<https://www.fundsforngos.org>

#### SUPPORT FOR SINGLE PARENTS WITH DISABLED CHILDREN



Single Parent Center  
[www.singleparentcenter.net](http://www.singleparentcenter.net)

Federal Grants for Single Parents  
<https://www.debt.org>

Check back often! We'll continue to update this list.

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