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# **Assistance Available Through Friends of the Children Fund**

APRIL 7, 2016 BY KIRSTEN MCGILL



The Friends of the Children Fund provides financial support to University of Mississippi employees and full-time students whose dependent children require medical treatment for serious medical conditions.

Although no funding is available for medical expenses, the fund can provide partial support for costs such as airline tickets, meals, lodging or child care fees for other legal dependents who reside in your household.

"Funds are available to assist faculty, staff and students with nonmedical expenses associated with treatment of their dependent's medical condition," said Pamela Johnson, UM assistant director of benefits and compensation.

Created in 2003 by a group of UM faculty, staff and student volunteers, the fund exists to help members of the Ole Miss family whose children have extraordinary medical needs. Although the committee is no longer active, the goal is to distribute the remaining funds that were obtained through donations.

"This is simply an effort to exhaust the funds in a way for which they were intended," Johnson said.

To apply for assistance, applicants need a document from a certified medical care provider, basic information on his or her situation, and specifics about the requested support. All information will remain confidential and is maintained in a secure location within the Department of Human Resources.

For more information on applying for assistance, email Pamela Johnson at pkjohnso@olemiss.edu.

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