

Testimonials of our Success

"This grant opportunity has been a big help to many of the families at our special needs school. Many of our families are on long waiting lists for services and it is very frustrating for a family with a special needs child. It has been such a relief for our families to be able to apply for things they need at home. The grant application is easy and user friendly. We greatly appreciate the generosity extended to our families who have children with severe disabilities." *Rebecca, Paul B. Stephens School*



"I felt funny asking for assistance from the Make a Difference Fishing Tournament grant program. But, my daughter needed a specialized car seat and this seemed like a great way that we could get it. The car seat has helped my daughter immensely. I am glad that I applied and believe that the grant program is wonderful." *Lorna, parent*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FISHING TOURNAMENT
P.O. Box 16535
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Make a Difference Fishing Tournament For Special Kids

Grant Program



501(c)(3) non-profit organization
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About Us

Make a Difference Fishing Tournament is an organization that started in 1995 with a simple idea, "Helping children with disabilities experience the simple joy and camaraderie of fishing." This idea has blossomed into multiple tournaments with over 900 special needs anglers on our registration list. At our tournaments, each angler is provided a free rod and reel, fishing tackle and bait. All of our anglers and guests are supplied with food and drinks for the day.



In order to continue providing services to our anglers, their families and the community, Make a Difference Fishing Tournament has various fund-raising activities. Our largest fund-raiser is the annual auction and gala event, usually held in August. Due to the efforts of our volunteers and benefactors, Make a Difference Fishing Tournament is in a position to provide more assistance to our community, beyond fishing tournaments.

Grant Program

Make a Difference Fishing Tournament is pleased to announce our grant program. This program is designed to provide financial assistance to children with disabilities and their families. The program is also designed to assist organizations that serve children with disabilities.



Application Process

For individuals and families, there is a one-page application form. Organizations are required to provide more information. The application forms provide more specific details of what is required to apply for a grant.

There are two grant periods each year. The deadline for the first grant period is May 1, the second period is November 1. All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Grant Committee. The Grant Committee will bring the accepted applications to the Make a Difference Fishing Tournament Board of Directors for final review. Individuals and organizations that are approved for the grants will be notified after the Board of Directors meeting.

If you are interested in any of the following please contact us for further information or materials.

- Grant Applications
- Kids Fishing Tournaments
- Adult Fishing Tournament
- Volunteering
- Donations
- Benefit Auction
- Sponsorship

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