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999 for Kids is an all-volunteer organization. About 300 LASD employees and many of their family members dedicate their time to making kids' lives better. Throughout the year, they raise funds and put on special events, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to help children in need.

# DONATE

## 999 for Kids Needs You!

Without the generous contributions of its supporters, 999 for Kids would be unable to continue providing the crucial assistance that special-needs youth so desperately require. All proceeds from donations and fundraising events go toward making a positive difference in the lives of these children.



For more information call (877) KIDS-411 or (562) 946-7905 , or email us at [999forKids@lasd.org](mailto:999forKids@lasd.org). You can also visit our website and make a donation online with a credit card by visiting [www.999forKids.org](http://www.999forKids.org).



To make a donation, please mail your check payable to "999 for Kids" to:

**999 for Kids**  
**c/o Los Angeles**  
**Sheriff's Department SVB**  
**211 West Temple Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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# If Children Need Assistance, 999 for Kids Steps Up

ITS NAME IS A REFERENCE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO CODE: 999.

IT MEANS, "OFFICER NEEDS EMERGENCY HELP." BUT, IN THIS CASE, IT'S NOT A REFERENCE TO AN OFFICER IN NEED. IT'S A REFERENCE TO CHILDREN IN NEED.

"999 FOR KIDS" WAS CREATED IN 1985 THROUGH A JOINT EFFORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE TWO COUNTY AGENCIES BEGAN WORKING TOGETHER AFTER THEY RECOGNIZED A NEED TO HELP PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN WHO ARE MEDICALLY VULNERABLE OR ARE VICTIMS OF THE MOST SEVERE CASES OF CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

THE PROGRAM RAISES MONEY TO PURCHASE SPECIAL ITEMS AND SERVICES FOR THESE CHILDREN, INCLUDING SPORT WHEELCHAIRS, COMPUTERS, SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES, MEDICALLY ORIENTED TOYS AND GAMES. THE FUNDS SEND CHILDREN TO SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE DEAF, BLIND, AND THOSE WITH OTHER MEDICAL ISSUES WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE SUCH POSITIVE EXPERIENCES.

## ABOUT 999 FOR KIDS

### WHY THERE'S A NEED

Thousands of children in L.A. County are under the care of or assisted by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) because they have been abused, neglected or have severe mental and physical disabilities that require resources far beyond their families' capabilities.

County funding is not always sufficient to provide the special equipment and services that these children need to enhance their lives. Many of the children must use wheelchairs or cannot interact and communicate without assistance.



### HOW 999 FOR KIDS HELPS

When DCFS caseworkers identify equipment that will aid children in their daily lives, 999 for Kids steps in to purchase the items. Most are provided on a case-by-case basis, as the children's needs are highly individual. Donations from 999 for Kids include:

- Laptops and Braille computers for physically disabled youth to help them in their studies and preparations for college, as well as providing a lifeline to explore and connect with the world beyond their homes
- Specialized medical equipment, such as sport wheelchairs, that improves mobility for physically disabled youth
- Special education classes and medically oriented toys and games designed for disabled children

- Safety, medical monitoring and transportation support equipment for children requiring round-the-clock care
- Summer camps for children with conditions that would otherwise preclude them from enjoying such quintessential childhood experiences

In addition to providing customized equipment, 999 for Kids helps fulfill the important social and psychological needs of these children. By engaging in a greater variety of activities, youth assisted by the program have described that they get to feel "normal," resulting in a higher quality of life and more optimistic outlook. They also enjoy a special bond with Sheriff's deputies and volunteers, who host events such as the elaborate annual Christmas party for over 1,000 participating children.

