



## MBA Opens Doors Foundation Pandemic Relief Program

With the pandemic stretching into a second year and many families still reeling from the economic downturn, the [MBA Opens Doors Foundation](#) is committed to doing more to help keep families with critically ill or injured children in their homes.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Foundation has added three children’s hospitals to its network, the latest being The Children’s Hospital at Saint Francis in Tulsa, OK, bringing the number of hospital partners in its network to 13. The expansion will result in roughly 185-200 grants submitted per month and 2,000+ grants anticipated in 2021.

Building on the Foundation’s effort to expand services, and with the help of a long list of dedicated supporters, the MBA Opens Doors Foundation launched a Pandemic Relief Program. The limited-time supplemental grant program will offer a second grant opportunity to families that qualify. At present, Opens Doors offers one-time rental or mortgage grants up to \$2,500. The supplemental grants, also up to \$2,500, will allow for an additional month of rental or mortgage assistance in a 12-month period. Families can apply for the supplemental grant concurrent to the standard grant application or at the time in which the family qualifies.

The Pandemic Relief Program is estimated to cost an additional \$1M and \$1.5M in grant expense and is retroactive to January 1. The offering for supplemental grant assistance will endure through 2021.

At a time when so many families continue to struggle with the impact of the pandemic, the MBA Opens Doors Foundation Pandemic Relief Program provides extra support and relief from the financial strain of caring for a sick child.

If you are interested in joining the [MBA Opens Doors Foundation](#) in this effort, please contact Deborah Dubois, president, MBA Opens Doors Foundation at [ddubois@mba.org](mailto:ddubois@mba.org). Your support is *the foundation* of what we do.



*What wonderful news! This will help so many families who are truly in need and experiencing additional financial strain as a result of their child’s hospitalization and the COVID-19 pandemic. Anecdotally, I have met with a number of families in the NICU over the course of the last year wherein, due to COVID, one parent has lost their job for months to a year and the other parent has become the sole household income earner.*

*Thank you so much for your important work, Ali*

*Alexandra Pomar, LCSW, Social Worker  
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### The MBA Opens Doors Foundation Hospital Network

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| Akron Children’s Hospital          | Boston Children’s Hospital                  | Children’s Hospital Colorado              |
| Children’s Hospital Los Angeles    | Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia         | Children’s National Medical System        |
| Cook Children’s Hospital           | Lucile Packard/Stanford Children’s Hospital | Massachusetts General Children’s Hospital |
| Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital | Children’s Hospital at Saint Francis        | Texas Children’s Hospital                 |
| UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital   |                                             |                                           |

*\*Nearly 7,000 families helped since 2011.*

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