

## **Financial Aid Resources for Patients with Amputations - Prostheses and Assistive Devices**

### **American Amputee Foundation, Inc.**

P.O. Box 250218, Hillcrest Station, Little Rock, AR 72225; 501-666-2523, phone; 501-666-8367, fax

The American Amputee Foundation, Inc. helps with insurance claims, justification letters to payors, testimony and life care planning, direct financial aid for prosthetic devices and home modifications, technical assistance in developing self-help programs, hospital visitations, counseling services, and telephone inquiries and referrals. The organization also has self-supporting chapters in various states that provide multiple forms of peer support. To locate a local chapter, contact the national office.

### **Amputee Coalition of America**

900 E. Hill Ave., Ste. 285, Knoxville, TN 37915-2568; 888-267-5669, phone; 865-525-7917, fax; [www.amputee-coalition.org](http://www.amputee-coalition.org), Web site (program page); [www.amputee-coalition.org](http://www.amputee-coalition.org), Web site (youth camp page)

The Amputee Coalition of America advocates for the rights of people with limb loss. This includes access to and delivery of information, quality care, appropriate devices, reimbursement, and the services required to lead empowered lives. The National Limb Loss Information Center refers amputees to sources for rehabilitative and prosthetic services and appropriate state and federal agencies.

### **National Amputation Foundation**

Al Pennacchia, President, 40 Church St., Malverne, NY 11565; 516-887-3600, phone; 516-887-3667, fax; [amps76@aol.com](mailto:amps76@aol.com), e-mail; [www.nationalamputation.org](http://www.nationalamputation.org), Web site

The National Amputation Foundation offers donated durable medical equipment to any person in need.

### **National Amputee Golf Association**

11 Walnut Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; 800-633-6242, phone; 414-376-1268, fax; [info@nagagolf.org](mailto:info@nagagolf.org), e-mail; [www.nagagolf.org](http://www.nagagolf.org), Web site

This is the clearinghouse for amputee golf and golf-related activities. The association also conducts the First Swing program and Learn to Golf Clinics that are open to any disabled individual.

### **National Odd Shoe Exchange**

3200 N. Delaware St., Chandler, AZ 85225-1100; 480-892-3484, phone; 480-892-3568, fax; [www.angelfire.com](http://www.angelfire.com), Web site

The National Odd Shoe Exchange is a nonprofit organization that provides footwear and contacts for exchanging footwear to amputees and people with feet of different sizes.

### **United Amputee Services Association, Inc.**

P.O. Box 4277, Winter Park, FL 32793-4277; 407-359-5500, phone; 407-359-8855, fax; [www.oandp.com](http://www.oandp.com), Web site

The Barr/United Amputee Assistance Fund was established through grants from the Barr Foundation. The organization's mission is to provide assistance to amputees who cannot afford prosthetic limbs and to promote quality prosthetic care for all amputees by reimbursing for materials and maintenance costs to prosthetists that

provide limbs to amputees with no other source of funding. This program is a cooperative effort between the Amputee Assistance Fund and the amputee's prosthetist to improve the quality of life of the amputee. The United Amputee Services Association, Inc., also publishes *A Survivor's Guide for the Recent Amputee that offers information about amputation, care of the residual limb, and a variety of other topics.*

## **Angels with Limbs**

289 Broadway  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
732/222-2500  
<http://www.angelswithlimbs.org>

(New Jersey only) Angels with Limbs is a charitable, non-profit corporation soliciting unused artificial limbs so as to recycle their usable prosthetic components in fabricating a new prosthesis for needy un-insured or under-insured New Jersey amputees.

## **Barr Foundation**

c/o MedShare International  
3240 Clifton Springs Road  
Decatur, GA 30034  
561/391-7601  
<http://www.oandp.com/resources/organizations/barr>

This fund pays for materials and fitting of a new prosthesis after the prosthetist has established that there are no other sources of funding available. The Barr Foundation also accepts monetary, used and new prosthetic devices and components, and will acknowledge all donations with our federal non profit federal tax identification number for your tax purposes. Please call or e-mail the Barr Foundation for further information

## **Bowman Siciliano Limb Bank Foundation**

100 Spanish Oak RD  
Weatherford, Texas 76087  
817/597-1826  
[http://www.danabowman.com/danabowman122006\\_032.htm](http://www.danabowman.com/danabowman122006_032.htm)

This Foundation collects and distributes all forms of prosthetic limbs to those in need. They collaborate at times with other foundations to assist in countries outside the U.S. and prosthetic labs across the U.S. They raise funds to provide transportation, lodging, and prosthetic limbs and services to those in need.

## **Limbs for Life Foundation**

5929 N May, STE 511  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
405/843-5174 or 888/235-5462 (toll-free)  
<http://www.limbsforlife.org>

Thanks to the World Limb Bank, the Limbs for Life Foundation is able to collect and distribute used prosthetics and prosthetic componentry free of charge to amputees in third world countries. Parts are utilized to create prostheses for their recipients, thus reducing the costs for the prosthetist. They also accept unused socks or liners.

## **Limbs of Hope Foundation**

6782 S Dixie DR  
West Jordan, Utah 84084  
801/548-0553  
<http://www.limbsofhope.org/resources.html>

The Limbs of Hope Foundation accepts new and used prosthetics that are to be sent across the globe in hopes of bettering the quality of life for those in need. They also provide recreational opportunities and recreational equipment for underdeveloped countries, as well as remodeling clinics in countries torn by war and/or illness.

## **Limbs of Love**

1000 S Loop West STE 150  
Houston, TX 77054  
713/747-7647  
<http://www.limbsoflove.com/>

Limbs of Love utilizes the time, skills and resources of medical professionals and manufacturers who receive no remuneration in an effort to improve the overall quality of life for amputees, primarily in Texas. Through the support of The Amputee and Prosthetic Center, prosthetic manufacturers, and medical personnel from the Houston area, Limbs of Love will be donating as many as 20 prosthetic limbs with a value of over \$250,000 to those who have suffered the loss of a limb and have been previously turned away.

## **Michigan Society to Advance Rehabilitation, Inc. (M-Star)**

4973 E Ten Mile RD, #7  
Warren, Michigan 48091  
586/757-0862  
<http://m-star.org/donations.htm>

M-STAR provides peer support and aid to those who have lost one or more limbs either through traumatic or surgical amputation. M-STAR is set up for the good of the public and not for private profit. It is a non-commercial endeavor to aid amputees.

## **National Amputation Foundation**

40 Church ST  
Malverne, NY 11565  
516/887-3600  
<http://www.nationalamputation.org>

The National Amputation Foundation (NAF) has for over 80 years been offering valuable assistance to veterans of World War I, II, Korea, the Vietnam Conflict, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. Since then, the Foundation has expanded its facilities to include civilian amputees as well.

## **Physicians for Peace**

229 W Bute ST, STE 200  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
757/625-7569, ext. 326  
<http://www.physiciansforpeace.org/site/PageServer?pagename=donations>

Physicians for Peace is an international, humanitarian, non-profit, medical education organization dedicated to building peace and international friendships in developing nations

with unmet medical needs and scarce resources. Donations of medical supplies and equipment are greatly valued. To make a donation, please contact Physicians for Peace's Gifts-In-Kind Coordinator Ken Hudson or call Ken at call 757/625-7569, ext. 326.

## **The Prosthetic and Orthotic Component Clearinghouse**

MedShare International  
c/o P.O.C.C.  
3240 Clifton Springs Road  
Decatur, GA 30034  
<http://usispo.org/pocc/>

The POC was launched in July 2007 as a collaborative project between MedShare International and the U.S. National Member Society of ISPO (US-ISPO). The aim of the Prosthetic and Orthotic Component Clearinghouse is to provide a mechanism for people to make tax deductible donations of new and gently used prosthetic and orthotic goods while in turn affording non-governmental organizations (NGOs), P&O practitioners, and developing world schools and facilities access to these badly needed supplies. (Prosthetic donations only, through the end of 2007.)

## **Volunteers for Inter-American Development Assistance (VIDA)**

6251 Hollis ST  
Emeryville, California 94608  
510/655-8432  
<http://www.vidausa.org>

VIDA is a nonprofit medical relief and development assistance organization based in Emeryville, CA. Since their foundation in 1991, they have provided nearly \$40 million in medical aid to eleven countries in Latin America. They are currently attempting to acquire prosthetic limbs for victims of landmines.

## **Local Prosthetic Facilities**

Some prosthetic facilities sponsor periodic trips to Third World countries in order to provide prosthetic services. They may collect used limbs and prosthetic componentry for distribution through these programs. Contact a local facility for opportunities and specifics.