Special Kids Fund (SKF) was founded in 2000 by Daniel Goodman, father of a special needs child, and several friends, who shared an interest in helping developmentally disabled children. The goal was to be a nonsectarian umbrella fundraising organization for special needs programs.

SKF enlisted Jason Alexander (radio spot) and Jerry Greenfield (Ben & Jerry’s) to join the original Founders Circle. Over the years, we have (a) provided funding for PALS (Police Activity League) disability programs, Camp HASC (350 special needs campers), learning disabled programs and Boston Higashi School and (b) developed innovative fundraising channels, benefitting over 1000 social welfare charities.

In 2005 SKF created a unique nationwide Wheelchair Van Donation Program.

**You can change the world for a disabled child and their family.
Help us make this miracle happen!**

http://www.specialkidsfund.org/wheelchair/

Like many charities… we had a vehicle donation fundraiser and received submissions of various types of vehicles, working through an agent who sold them at dealer auctions. Occasionally, we would get the donation of a wheelchair van. Our president, Daniel Goodman, knowing the mobility this afforded special needs kids, such as his own son, thought it a waste to get several hundred dollars at auction for such a vehicle; “why not give it to a needy family!”

At first, vans in the tri-state area would be towed to Lakewood, NJ to give to local families. Seeing that there was no nationwide venue for filling such a need, we developed a system for families to submit applications and for donors to contact us via our website. About. com (March 2006) noted us as a ‘Site of the Day’, for “putting a unique twist” on a charity’s vehicle donation program.

We have transferred vans to needy families in CA, NJ, NY, MA, IL, FL, PA, MD, TX and many other states. We have endorsements from the Rabbi of Mosaic Law Temple in Sacramento, the Archdiocese of Portland, JFS, Hamaspik and Niles Township District for Special Education. We were covered by many local newspapers, FOX TV News nationwide and JM in the AM. CBRE Cares has invited us to make presentation during their quarterly conference call with US offices in April.

Van recipients have been elated and exceedingly appreciative; one responding, “I am speechless, I feel like I won the lottery!”

As can be imagined, we get 100 times more requests, than donations. We receive 10-12 donations per year and have 1200 new requests just over the past 12 months**.** Also, although we try to ascertain that the vans are in good condition, and make clear that vans are given ‘as-is’; needy families are often confronted with repairs early on, that they can ill-afford.

This is a wonderful **Legacy** and **Sharing** to benefit another family.

* $35,000 for hiring a program director. To supervise the advertising and handle the influx of donations/transfers.
* $15,000 program assistant to help facilitate contacts with donors and recipients.
* $15,000 for a social marketing person to manage facebook, twitter, blogs, etc
* $15,000 for any additional insurance and/or legal needs.
* $170,000 budget for purchasing and repairing vehicles when needed.

TOTAL: $250,000

Thank you for your consideration.