



# COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY TRUST

*Security for people with disabilities since 1990*

To: Public and Private Nonprofit Organizations  
From: Joanne Marcus, MSW, Executive Director  
Date: April 2009

Re: **Commonwealth Community Trust (CCT) is Accepting Applications for Charitable Fund Awards**

The Commonwealth Community Trust (CCT) established the **CCT Charitable Fund Award** to provide 50 Virginia residents living with disabilities (**who meet federal poverty guidelines\*\***) a maximum award of \$250 for equipment, medication or services. The Charitable Fund Award was established by the CCT Board of Directors as part of the organization's mission to enrich the quality of life for individuals living with a disability.

**The application for the CCT Charitable Fund Award must be completed and signed by the beneficiary's advocate who is either the care manager or other professional staff.**

Please return the application by August 1, 2009 to: CCT, P.O. Box 29408, Richmond, VA, 23242; fax to (804)740-6065; email to [commonwealthcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:commonwealthcommunitytrust@gmail.com). The award check will be made payable to a vendor and not to the Beneficiary. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the advocates will be notified by September 30, 2009.

Established in 1990, The Commonwealth Community Trust (CCT) is a nonprofit organization that administers Special Needs Trusts for people with disabilities that will not jeopardize government benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

CCT administers two types of trusts:

The self-funded Pooled Disability Trust for individuals who receive a personal injury award, inheritance or social security back payment.

The third party Special Needs Trust is for family members who want to ensure the quality of life for a loved one with a disability by leaving funds in a trust.

The CCT Charitable Fund Award application and additional information about the Commonwealth Community Trust, including FAQ and trust documents, are available at: [www.commonwealthcommunitytrust.org](http://www.commonwealthcommunitytrust.org) or contact us by telephone in Richmond, VA at 804-740-6930 or toll free at 888-241-6039.

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Name of the Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Beneficiary disabled by the \*SSA definition of disabled? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Does the Beneficiary meet the \*\*federal poverty guidelines? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

What are the funds to be used for? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of the item needed? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the funds make a difference in the Beneficiary's life?

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Are there funds available from another resource? Is this request the last resort? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Who should check be made payable to? (Payment will be paid directly to vendor and cannot be paid to Beneficiary):

\_\_\_\_\_

Advocate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Advocate's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advocate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Disability for adults is defined as the inability to engage in "substantial gainful activity." There must be a physical or mental impairment that can be expected to last at least 12 months.

\*\* Federal Poverty Guideline for one person for 2009 is \$10,830; see guidelines for families.