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LogistiCare Foundation Awards \$60,000 in Grants to 20 NCIL Member Organizations in 8 States and D.C.

ATLANTA – The LogistiCare Foundation Inc. announced today that it has awarded \$60,000 in grant funds to 20 member organizations of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and State Councils for Independent Living (SCILs) in eight states and the District of Columbia each received \$3,000 grants to use for transportation programs.

Organizations were required to present a “problem statement” describing transportation needs of their clientele and a proposal explaining how they would use the funds. Awards were presented recently at the NCIL’s Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

“It was great to see so many fine proposals submitted for consideration,” said Chanda Forsythe, program director of The LogistiCare Foundation. “It was a difficult decision for our board to select only 20 winners. Knowing that so many will be helped with their transportation needs and that we’ll also learn more about the mobility problems these individuals face in their communities is a rewarding feeling for me and our board members.”

“We told The LogistiCare Foundation when they first approached us that we were grateful for their interest in helping our members meet their transportation needs,” said John Lancaster, executive director of NCIL. “I was quite pleased to see how many of our member organizations took on the challenge of submitting a proposal. The challenge format was a very innovative concept and really made them think through how they would best make use of grant funds.”

Councils in the following states were eligible to apply for the grants: Missouri, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Florida, Colorado, Maryland, Connecticut, California, Delaware, Oklahoma and Nevada.

The NCIL received an additional \$3,000 for its part in helping to coordinate the grant applications among its member organizations. The LogistiCare Foundation will consider future grant funding based upon the findings from this demonstration year.

For more information about this program or general grant submission and funding guidelines for The LogistiCare Foundation, please contact Ms. Forsythe at 770.994.4608.

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Award Winners by State

California

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) – Hayward
Dale McIntosh Center – Garden Grove

Connecticut

Center for Disability Rights – Westhaven

Florida

Self Reliance Center for Independent Living – Tampa
Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida – Gainesville

Georgia

BAIN Inc. – Bainbridge
Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE) -- Savannah
Multiple Choices – Athens

Missouri

Access II, Independent Living Center – Gallatin
Paraquad – St. Louis
West-Central Independent Living Solutions (WILS) – Warrensburg
The Independent Living Center – Joplin

Oklahoma

Ability Resources – Tulsa
Progressive Independence – Norman

Pennsylvania

Abilities in Motion – Reading
Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living (TRIPIL) – Washington
Liberty Resources – Philadelphia

Virginia

Insight Enterprises – Hampton

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Statewide Independent Living Council (DCSILC)
District of Columbia Center for Independent Living Inc. (DCCIL)

About The LogistiCare Foundation

The LogistiCare Foundation was established in 2004 and is based in Atlanta. It is recognized as a private charitable foundation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a private foundation, the mission of The LogistiCare Foundation is to increase access to transportation for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and persons living in poverty. LogistiCare is the nation's leading provider of specialized transportation network management. For more information, visit www.logisticare.com.

About the NCIL

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), as a grassroots membership organization, advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities through consumer-driven advocacy. NCIL envisions a world in which people with disabilities are valued equally and participate powerfully.