



**Special needs individuals are full of life and deserve a chance to grow and flourish. To serve them best, we may rely on the experience and judgement of health care workers and recommendations from service agencies.**

**We recognize that gaps in health care coverage can cause financial hardship, so preference in awarding grants will be based on need.**



**To contribute to this fund or to inquire as to eligibility, please contact the Rusk County Community Foundation.**

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# **Shane Jenness Special Needs Fund**



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**Shane Jenness** is an amazing young man who shares his happiness and joy despite his physical problems, special needs, and inability to talk. His personality draws people to him and he shares his love freely with them. Shane gave us the passion to establish the



**Shane Jenness Special Needs Fund** through the Rusk County Community Foundation. Through this fund Shane will continue to share with many people of special needs and their families far into the future. It is our vision that this fund will continue to grow and give back to those in need in honor of Shanes' exceptional life and wonderful, caring parents.

**We both taught art for more than thirty years, and in that capacity were involved with students of special needs in and out of the classroom. Our interest and enjoyment has continued and grown with fund raising for West Lake Enterprises and the Snoball Dance for special needs students.**

**The Shane Jenness Special Needs Fund will improve the quality of living for many beyond our lifetimes.**

*Alan Miller  
Richard LaBelle  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Formally of Bruce, WI*



**To serve special needs individuals, this fund will consider the following:**

- Supports individuals that participate in programs that improve the health, social skills and general education of special needs individuals(i.e. camp).
- Provides funds for health care emergencies (i.e. gas card, hotel voucher).
- Provides funds towards medical, technical or exercise equipment that cannot be obtained through other resources.
- Supports initiatives that enhance self-sufficiency (i.e. classes, lessons, and courses).

**The Foundation typically awards grants once a year through a competitive grant process. Applications can be submitted at any time. Funds may not go for normal operating expenses of agencies serving special needs clients. Emergency fund applications will be handled on a case by case basis and are reviewed more frequently.**