

Children's Organ Transplant Association®

The Trusted Leader Supporting Families ... For a Lifetime

February 3, 2023

Maxie C Wix, Commander
The American Legion Post 281
2034 N Mount Juliet Rd
Mount Juliet, TN 37122-3357

Dear Commander Wix:

Thank you for your service to our country and to The American Legion.

My purpose in writing is to make you aware of a local 11 month old boy who could use your help. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national charity that helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant. COTA has been commended by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, and a copy of that commendation is printed on the reverse side of this letter.

The family of Henry Smith, who is waiting for a life-saving heart transplant, has asked for assistance from COTA to raise funds for transplant-related expenses. Throughout the country The American Legion Family -- posts, units and squadrons -- have assisted COTA campaigns by raising funds to help transplant families in their communities. COTA, a Child Welfare Foundation grant recipient, has also been the Commander's or President's project in a number of Departments and Detachments.

My hope is that you and your colleagues in your post, SAL squadron, Rider chapter and/or Auxiliary unit will consider raising funds for COTA in honor of Henry's Heart. You can learn more about Henry and their transplant journey at <https://cota.org/campaigns/COTAforHenryHeart>.

I look forward to answering questions, providing complimentary COTA materials, and helping you in any way. If you wish to verify the legitimacy of COTA's work, you can contact Dewey Long, Past Detachment of Indiana Commander, at 812.381.1576; Past Department of Florida Commander Art Schwabe at 386.235.9990 or SchwabeArthur@yahoo.com; or Lenny Hart, Past Post 493 Commander (Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey), at 609.339.6537.

Thank you, Commander Wix, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rick Lofgren, President
rick@cota.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206
MAY 7-8, 2014**

RESOLUTION NO: 23

Commending Children's Organ Transplant Association

COMMISSION: Americanism

ORIGIN: Committee on Children & Youth

WHEREAS, It is the position of The American Legion that all children should have access to quality medical services to assure their physical, mental and emotional well being; and

WHEREAS, Children's Organ Transplant Association exists to assist patients who require life-saving organ, bone marrow, cord blood or stem cell transplants; and

WHEREAS, Children's Organ Transplant Association seeks to assist all patients 21 years of age and younger in need of medical transplants; and

WHEREAS, Each day 15,000 children are waiting for an organ transplant and another 5,000 are in need of a bone marrow transplant; and

WHEREAS, Children's Organ Transplant Association assists families from across the nation with local fundraising efforts and a matching grant to meet transplant-related expenses that are not typically covered by health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Children's Organ Transplant Association improves the lives of children and families in need of organ transplants and increases public awareness of their plight; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Children & Youth has reviewed this resolution and recommends its approval; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 2014, That The American Legion commends Children's Organ Transplant Association for its humanitarian efforts on behalf of children in need of organ and bone marrow transplants; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth send a copy of this resolution to Children's Organ Transplant Association as an expression of The American Legion's congratulations and continuing admiration.