Children's Miracle Network Grant Application – submitted (on their application) 7/14/07

II. Summary –a brief one paragraph summary of the request.

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Pediatric Jump Kits for Ambulances Project

We will equip each ambulance with a Pediatric Jump Kit (Ped Bag), which includes color-coded bags that correspond to the ENA Crash Cards (a reference guide containing critical information for pediatric patients). These Ped Bags organize appropriately sized equipment and supplies based on the size range of the child. Ped Bags enable EMS providers to handle emergency calls involving children with organized, easily accessible, properly sized equipment, saving valuable time in treating victims.

III. Body

OJWC respectfully requests $3,000.00 from Children's Miracle Network to fund 6 EMT level Ped Bags. 100% of the grant will be used to fund these life saving Ped Bags to EMS departments within Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Clark, Forest, Gogebic, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and/or Wood Counties within 6 months of receipt.

Needs Assessment:
1.

A pediatric patient is not simply a "small adult". The treatment of an adult patient is vastly different from the treatment of a child. A pediatric call could mean a premature infant, a 7-year old, a 15- year old: their size & needs are completely different. Yet most ambulances are not set up with all the appropriate sized equipment to treat pediatric emergencies efficiently and effectively.

2.

The current standard of EMS sifting through a drawer or tackle box or pulling supplies from 16 different locations in the ambulance to find the correct sized equipment is simply not acceptable for our children or for our dedicated (and primarily volunteer) EMS providers.

OJWC's groundbreaking project, the "Ped Bag project" is GFWC - Wisconsin's 2006-2008 State Special Project. Our goal is to fund Wisconsin's ambulances (1,194) with Ped Bags – specialized bags that puts critical pediatric emergency supplies for *all* children in <u>one</u> organized, easily assessable, bag.

3.

Due to privacy laws we won't know how many children these Ped Bags will help. We do know that, nationally, 10% of EMS calls are for children.

Plan:

Once receiving the grant funds, Elizabeth Davy will contact EMS departments within Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Clark, Forest, Gogebic, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and/or Wood Counties. She will then order the Ped Bags from EMP, INC in Waukesha, WI, which will ship the Ped Bags directly to the selected EMS departments. The EMS departments will then assemble the Ped Bag and put into service. This process will take less than 6 months to complete.

Staff needs/volunteers:

This project directly impacts our (mostly volunteer) EMS providers. We have dozens of testimonials. Below is an example of one.
"I know that children in Waukesha County will receive better care because of the proactive approach that your group has taken, the effort to provide all Fire and EMS departments in the county with specialized pediatric equipment is a godsend. Support of your program also allows the people who support this cause to know that they are touching the life of a child during an emergency. Thank you again for your continued support…with this life saving project." *Alex Felde, Past President, Waukesha County Fire Chiefs' Association*

Barriers to implementation:

The barrier to implementation is lack of funds. We will overcome this by requesting grant money, individual and business donations and fundraising.

Alternate Sources of Funding:

OJWC is directly involved in fundraising and grant writing for the $500,000 needed to fund almost 1,000 ambulances needing Ped Bags. Businesses and individuals have donated over $6,000 to date and a $34,000 grant was awarded in March 2007. The entire process to provide these Ped Bags is established and working, all that is needed is the funds. It is only through the teamwork of individuals, businesses, clubs, and foundations that this life saving project will be accomplished.

Evaluation Methodology:

OJWC will accomplish our objectives when all ambulances in Wisconsin carry Ped Bags. This grant will help supply Ped Bags for EMS departments within Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Clark, Forest, Gogebic, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and/or Wood counties to use for their pediatric patients.

Population served:

Children under 14 are 20% of Wisconsin's population. That's 1.1 million kids.

A seriously ill or injured child - the most difficult emergency call for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers. For children especially, every minute, every second counts.

Description of services:

Established in 1971, OJWC has earned local, county, state and national recognition. OJWC is involved in numerous activities in our local community and beyond. Our community is much larger than our own city; our Ped Bag project reflects this belief. A few of OJWC's projects include: Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest -- juried art contest for students, Juniors Care for Kids – winter apparel for students in need, Students 4 Service – mentors High School service group.

OJWC is federated under the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), the oldest and largest volunteer organization for women in the world. We 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

How is your organization supported:

OJWC is supported via membership dues and fundraising.

Funds will be distributed:

The grant funds will go directly to OJWC/EMSC Ped Bag Project. Elizabeth Davy will coordinate ordering the Ped Bags which will be directly shipped to 6 different EMS departments (1 ped bag per department) within Adams, Ashland, Bayfield, Clark, Forest, Gogebic, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and/or Wood counties, if all $3,000.00 is granted.