

St. Elizabeth's Outreach Ministries

Grantee: Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (NREIC)

Website: <http://www.nreic.org>

The mission of the Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative ("NREIC") is to aid families of infants and toddlers (up to age 3) with developmental disabilities enrolled in the NJ Early Intervention System. Specifically, the organization ensures that these children have access to services and other support that will allow them the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential, where paying for this support can be a challenge.

The grant given to NREIC is to support the Special Needs Fund, which serves families in the region who face financial challenges. Currently, families can receive up to \$500 per year. This fund is comprised mostly of donations from individuals and foundations. It is important to consider that the Special Needs Assistance Fund is supported solely by private donations and is not part of the state-funded early intervention program.

This organization provides an important resource for families of young children with disabilities. The cost of certain equipment and other aids is both expensive and not always covered by insurance. This charity provides the finances to support some children who may otherwise go without certain helpful developmental aids.

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