



GRANDPARENTS *for* VACCINES
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Grandparents for Vaccines Receives \$250,000 Grant from Cleveland-Based Mt. Sinai Health Foundation

*Grant will help organization engage America's 67 million
grandparents to support childhood vaccination*

March 17, 2026 — [Grandparents for Vaccines](https://www.grandparentsforvaccines.com), a national grassroots organization that champions the powerful, trusted voices of America's grandparents in reminding people of the importance of childhood vaccination, today announced it has received a grant of \$250,000 from The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation, which is based in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Promoting vaccines is at the nexus of The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation commitment to primary prevention and sound health policy," said Foundation President Mitchell Balk. "We're impressed with Grandparents for Vaccines and their focused, storytelling-based approach, and proud to work shoulder-to-shoulder with them in this important work."

Grandparents for Vaccines will use the grant to extend its efforts to inform and educate the public about the importance of vaccinating children against serious diseases. It is the first grant the organization, which was founded on

Grandparents Day, September 7, 2025, has received. The organization has established a presence in 29 U.S. states since its founding.

“We are grateful to The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation for supporting us in our efforts,” said Arthur Lavin, MD, president and founder of Grandparents for Vaccines and a retired, Harvard-trained pediatrician. “The grandparents we talk to share a common bond – they love their grandchildren and want to raise their voices to help protect children from preventable diseases.”

“I’m excited that The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation grant will enable us to tell more stories, engage more people, sign up more volunteers, and ultimately help shift the national conversation on childhood vaccination,” said Kimberly Boller, PhD, executive director of Grandparents for Vaccines.

About Mt. Sinai Health Foundation

The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation is driven by a commitment to advancing the health of populations throughout Greater Cleveland, now and for generations to come. The Foundation’s grantmaking efforts focus on four key areas where transformational change can be made. These areas are health of the Jewish community, equitable health outcomes, academic medicine and bioscience, and health policy. The Foundation has distributed more than \$175 million in its nearly 30 years of grantmaking.

About Grandparents for Vaccines

Our mission is to ensure America’s grandchildren have their best start in life without the threat of vaccine-preventable diseases. We represent the 67 million American grandparents who want the best for their grandchildren. Each of us has different backgrounds and life experiences, but we are united by how vaccines changed our lives for the better. The grandparents of America join together to protect our grandchildren at a time of true peril. Our stories have the power to leave a lasting narrative about the value of vaccines.

To learn more about Grandparents for Vaccines, visit <https://grandparentsforvaccines.org> or visit their YouTube Channel. For Grandparents and/or allies of children wanting to share their life-story before vaccines with others, visit grandparentsforvaccines.com/share-your-story

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