

RESOURCE GUIDE
for
Pediatric Cancer Patients and Their Families



The Children's Cancer Center
Tampa, Florida



Our Mission is to help children and their families by providing the educational, financial, and emotional relief necessary to cope with the illnesses which threaten to tear their lives apart. The Children's Cancer Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving Tampa Bay area families of children with cancer or chronic diseases such as Sickle Cell Anemia.

The Children's Cancer Center is Compassionate, Credible, and Connected. As a compassionate organization, we provide programs and support for the entire family affected by a child's cancer or blood disorder diagnosis. As a credible organization, we support full financial transparency and reporting. As a connected organization, we maintain a network of friends, families, donors, sponsors, partners, and board members in the Tampa Bay area community. But we also are part of a larger community of organizations that help families locally and nationally. This *Resource Guide* can help you locate additional programs and organizations that supplement our 24 programs: you are not alone.

The Children's Cancer Center

www.childrenscancercenter.org

Tampa, Florida



The Children's Cancer Center was founded in 1974. Mac and Cecile Burnett, who lost their daughter Helen to leukemia, and Dr. Janifer M. Judisch envisioned an organization that would help alleviate the stress of coping with a child's life-threatening disease.

Dr. Janifer M. Judisch

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/MEDICATIONS

Andrew McDonough Be Positive (B+) Foundation

www.bepositive.org

Foundation provides financial assistance, funds cancer research, and helps spread positive message promoting to “do good.” Funds for utility, phone, car payment, car insurance and rent with the total maximum being \$500.00. Must have hospital/clinic Social Worker involvement.

Brain Tumor Foundation for Children

www.braintumorkids.org

Provides financial assistance, social support, and information for families of children with brain and spinal cord tumors; funds research projects that improve treatment options and search for a cure; and raise public awareness of the disease and advocate on behalf of children who are affected. Also have several scholarships they award. Through their Butterfly Fund financial assistance will help with funds for rent, mortgage, utilities, car loans, insurance and repairs up to \$2,000 available for lifetime. Families being treated at All Children’s and St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital are eligible and must be made through the Social Worker.

Cancer Care

www.cancercare.org

CancerCare is a national, nonprofit 501C3 organization that provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones and the bereaved. CancerCare programs include counseling, support groups, education, financial assistance and practical help by professional oncology social workers and are free. Will send family \$100 one-time payment, if income eligible. Must have Social Worker involvement.

Cancer Copay Relief

www.cancercopayrelief.org

Cancer Copay Relief was formed to aid in lessening the financial burden of cancer patients. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first served basis to the extent funding is available.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

www.cms.gov

US Federal government which administers Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Children's Cancer Center

www.childrenscancercenter.org/programs/financial-assistance

White Hat Fund:

Referrals made by the social workers at the hospital for up to \$1500.00 per family, per year for essential living expenses such as rent/mortgage, electric, car, insurance, etc. as it pertains to the child's diagnosis of cancer.

Fueling Families:

\$100.00 gift cards for groceries and \$50.00 gas cards provided for families referred by the social worker at the hospital.

Family Reach Foundation

www.familyreach.org

The foundation provides financial relief to families fighting cancer with home bills, transportation, child care, palliative care and other special needs. There are also some limited funding available for young adults (ages 18-30) who are on treatment for cancer. Must have patient's Social Worker involvement.

First Hand Foundation

www.firsthandfoundation.org

First Hands is a not-for-profit 501C3 organization that provides funding for individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

Foundation for Children with Cancer

www.childrenwithcancer.org

FCC focuses on financially assisting families of children with cancer under the age of 18 with utility, phone, car payment and insurance and rent with the total maximum of \$250. Limits the number of applications they will consider each month. Must be referred by physician or Social Worker.

Giving Hope through Faith

www.givinghopethroughfaith.org

Local faith based organization that will provide gift cards every month for one year only to Tampa area families who have a child on active treatment for cancer.

Healthwell Foundation

www.healthwellfoundation.org

The Healthwell Foundation reduces financial barriers to care for underinsured patients with chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

Iron Matt Foundation

www.ironmatt.org

Foundation provides financial assistance for pediatric brain tumor patients and their families. Funds for rent, car loans, travel and lodging associated with treatment with maximum of \$750. Must have Social Worker involvement.

Jessica June Foundation

www.jjccf.org

JJCCF is a Children's Charity Fund and foundation based in South Florida and partners with certain hospitals. Currently the only hospital partner in Tampa is All Children's Hospital. JJCCF funds utility, phone, car payment and insurance. Available for families who have reduced income due to diagnosis and are treated at All Children's Hospital. Requires a photo of child to access funds.

Life of Riley Foundation

www.thelifeofrileyfoundation.org

Funds research for pediatric brain cancer. Provides financial assistance for families who have a child with a brain tumor with a referral.

Live, Laugh, Love Foundation

www.livelaughlovefoundation.org

Provide financial assistance specifically for families who have a child treated for cancer at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. Must have request come from Pediatric Oncology Social Worker.

National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS)

www.theNCCS.org

NCCS strives to improve the quality of life for children and their families worldwide. NCCS serves as a financial, emotional and educational resource for those in need at every stage of illness and recovery. Also provide college scholarships for childhood cancer survivors.

Patient Access Network Foundation

www.panfoundation.org

The Patient Access Network Foundation offers help and hope to people with chronic or life threatening illnesses for HMO cost limits and access to breakthrough medical treatments.

Patient Advocate Foundation

www.patientadvocate.org

PAF is a national organization that serves as an active liaison between the patient and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retentions and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis through case managers, doctors, and attorneys. PAF seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability. PAF also offers Scholarships for Survivors Program.

Payton Wright Foundation

www.paytonwright.org

Foundation supports research and provides financial assistance to families who have a child being treated for brain cancer at All Children's Hospital. Must have Social Worker submit request.

Rally Foundation- Emergency Fund

www.rallyfoundation.org

Will provide funds for utility, phone, car payment, car insurance and rent with total maximum being \$500.00. Must have exhausted other available funds and have hospital representative submit request.

The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer

www.thesamfund.org

Provides financial assistance, in-person and online support, The SAMFund helps young adults move forward towards their personal, professional and educational goals.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

www.uhccf.org

The Foundation is a nonprofit 501C3 charity funded by contributions from UnitedHealth Group, UnitedHealthcare and its employees as well as the generosity of individuals and corporations. The Foundation embraces and supports the concept of facilitating access to health-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance the clinical condition or the quality of life of the children and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. The Foundation provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services.

- Funds for travel expenses and meals during hospitalization.
- Renew every 2 months.
- Must have a bank statement to process application unless family has no bank account.
- Has a free download called "The Mountain You've Climbed."

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

Chronic Disease Fund, Inc.

www.gooddaysfromcdf.org

CDF helps patients with chronic disease, cancer and other life threatening conditions obtain the life-saving medications they need. There is a current list of diseases that are covered. To apply, click on the Get Help tab.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

www.rarediseases.org

NORD is a national organization that is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare “orphan” diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research and service. NORD assists with medication, out of pocket costs and travel and lodging for study participants.

Needy Meds

www.needymeds.org

NeedyMeds is an online information resource of programs that provide assistance to people who are unable to afford their medications and their health care costs. NeedyMeds offers up-to-date applications and information so that you can directly apply to the drug manufacturers and other organizations that provide assistance. NeedyMeds does not provide medicine, supplies or financial assistance.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

www.pparx.org

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without drug coverage get the medicines they need for free or nearly free.

Patient Services Incorporated

www.uneedpsi.org

Patient Services is a national non-profit organization who is committed to supporting people with expensive chronic illnesses and conditions through locating solutions with health insurance and assisting with premiums and prescription co-payments to facilitate positive health and well-being

RxHope.com

www.rxhope.com

RxHope provides a helping hand to people in need in obtaining critical medications that they would normally have trouble affording. They act as your advocate in making the patient assistance program journey easier and faster by supplying vital information and help.

Together Rx Access

www.togetherrxaccess.com

1-800-250-2839

Provides a Together Rx Access card sponsored by many of the nation's pharmaceutical companies, helping people gain access to immediate and meaningful savings on prescription products at their own pharmacies. There is no cost to apply or enroll or to use the card.

ONLINE RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

2bMe

www.2bme.org

For teens ages 13-17 years old on treatment for cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

www.AlexsLemonade.org

Offers travel funds for cancer treatment, cancer symposium and free online treatment journal,

www.ChildhoodCancerJournal.com.

American Brain Tumor Association

www.abta.org

ABTA wishes to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending and ultimately saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis. Advocacy; funding of brain tumor research.

American Cancer Society

www.cancer.org

Provides cancer disease specific information, prevention tips, and their Road to Recovery program may help with transportation to medical appointments and treatments.

American Childhood Cancer Organization

www.acco.org

Offers free books and treatment kits.

American Society of Clinical Oncology

www.cancer.net

Provides cancer resources and coping tips.

Association for Cancer Online Resources

www.acor.org

Provides cancer-related online email lists and resources. Offers a free download for *Young People with Cancer: A Handbook for Parents*.

Band of Parents Foundation

www.bandofparents.org

A member based organization with the goal of funding new therapies for neuroblastoma. Based out of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Provides grants for medical research; online communication with other parents across the USA.

Cancer Care

www.cancercares.org

Provides free online workshops on different cancer related topics.

Cancer Kids

www.cancerkids.com

Helping children with cancer tell their stories to the world through personal web pages of children.

Cancer Really Sucks

www.cancerreallysucks.org

A website designed for teens looking for hope and ways to cope with cancer in their world.

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

www.cbtf.org

Providing knowledge, support (Family 2 Family Network), advocacy, supporting research and providing grants. Free publication: *A Resource Guide for Parents of Children with Brain and Spinal Cord Tumors*.

Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation

www.nbhope.org

Funds research and provides education, awareness and advocacy. Free download of *CNCF Parent Handbook*.

Conquer Cancer Foundation

www.conquercancerfoundation.org

Conquering cancer worldwide by funding breakthrough cancer research and sharing cutting edge knowledge.

CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation

www.curesearch.org

Funds and supports cancer research, provide information and resources for all those affected by cancer.

Daxton's Fish

www.daxtonsfish.org

Promote awareness, financially assist families touched by neuroblastoma and raise money for pediatric cancer research.

Group Loop

www.grouploop.org

A safe place for teens touched by cancer to connect to find support, education and hope while dealing with their cancer diagnosis.

Imerman Angels

www.imermanangels.org

Through a unique matching process, this organization partners anyone seeking cancer support with someone just like them a “Mentor Angel”. A Mentor Angel is a cancer survivor or survivor caregiver who is the same age, gender and most importantly who has beaten the same types of cancer. Free service to anyone touched by cancer, at any cancer stage level, at any age, living anywhere in the world.

Kids Cancer Network

www.kidscancernetwork.org

Provides a “dose of hope” for kids and families isolated by the rigors of childhood cancer treatments through care packages, creative activities, and hard-to-find stuff and to talk/share with others.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

www.lls.org

Funds research for blood cancers; offers families information on blood cancers; online support groups and chats.

Livestrong Foundation

www.livestrong.org

www.PlanetCancer.org

Planet Cancer is a Livestrong initiative for young adults with cancer to empower and access support and provide resources.

Your local YMCA may have a Livestrong program for survivors of cancer (all ages)
ymca@livestrong.org

Fertile Hope: A Livestrong initiative, www.fertilehope.org, provides reproductive information for those at risk of infertility due to medical treatments for cancer.

Lymphoma Research Foundation

www.lymphoma.org

Provides booklets, fact sheets, clinical trial information, patient education, webcasts and podcasts.

National Brain Tumor Society

www.braintumor.org

Provides information and resources on brain tumors. Will help families find support in their area.

National Cancer Institute

www.cancer.gov

Credible current comprehensive cancer information.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

www.canceradvocacy.org

Advocates for changes in research, regulations, finances, delivery of cancer care and public policy issues. Also provides cancer survivors with publications and programs which provide tools for self-advocacy.

National Library of Health/Medline Plus

www.nlm.nih.gov/medline

Provides information about diseases, conditions and wellness issues in language that is easy to understand. Learn about latest treatments, look up information on a drug or supplement, find out the meaning of words, or view medical videos or illustrations. Also provides links for the most up-to-date medical information/research/clinical trial.

The Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society

www.neuroblastomacancer.org

Funds research; lobbies for more research funding.

OncoLink

www.oncolink.org

Comprehensive information on coping with cancer, cancer treatments, and cancer research advances.

Partnership for Parents

www.partnershipforparents.net

A support network for parents of children with serious illnesses.

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

www.curethekids.org

Funds research and promotes awareness of childhood brain tumors.

Rare Cancer Alliance

www.rare-cancer.org

Primary purpose is to disseminate information and provide support to all pediatric/childhood and adult rare cancer patients. Also raise awareness and funding for rare cancer research.

Sarcoma Alliance

www.sarcomaalliance.org

Guidance, education, message board and support for people affected by sarcoma. The Suzanne Renee Leider Memorial Assistance Fund- may grant up to \$500 for second opinion consultation with a sarcoma specialist including mileage, meals and hotel.

Soupy for Loopy

www.soupyforloopy.org

All volunteer organization that funds research at 5 different hospitals specializing in neuroblastoma. Also provide resources and information on neuroblastoma.

Starlight Children's Foundation

www.starlight.org

Provides comprehensive outpatient, hospital-base and web offerings that enable families to provide ongoing support for children and families from diagnosis through the entire treatment.

Stupid Cancer

www.stupidcancer.org

Empowers young adults affected by cancer through innovative and award-winning programs and services.

Teens Living With Cancer

www.teenslivingwithcancer.org

Provides information on cancer, treatments, medicines, clinical trials, and many issues (school, friends, exercise, nutrition, etc.)

Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

www.ulmanfund.org

A leading voice in the young adult cancer movement that are working at a grassroots level to support, educate, connect and empower young adult cancer survivors.

WIGS

Caps for Kids

www.capsforkids.org

To provide every child that is diagnosed and undergoing treatment for cancer or receiving chemotherapy to treat other life-threatening illnesses a cap autographed by the celebrity of their choice.

Good Hair Days

813-855-4393

13986 Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33635

Specializing in wigs and hairpieces sensitive to chemo patients. Wigs available for children (boys and girls) and adults. Wigs are for purchase.

Headcovers Unlimited

www.headcovers.com

A large variety of hats, turbans, wigs, scarves and accessories for women, men and children.

Hip Hats with Hair

www.hatswithhair.com

4707 Nebraska Ave., Tampa, FL 33603

1-877-447-4287

Offers hats with hair attached to them for sale.

Locks of Love

www.locksoflove.org

561-833-7332

(Only permanent hair loss)

Wig Villa

www.wigvillaonline.com

575 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-823-3100

With CCC approval and SW request: wig will be charged to CCC for discount under their financial assistance program. Currently only able to provide girl/women wigs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation

www.andrerveroflife.org

Pediatric cancer survivors between the ages of 12-21 are able to submit an essay on their experience. Deadline for submissions are December/January.

Brain Tumor Foundation for Children

www.braintumorkids.org

Cancer for College

www.cancerforcollege.org

Scholarships available for cancer patients and survivors. California applicants and those attending Southern California colleges will receive first consideration for perpetual scholarships.

Cancer Survivors Fund

www.cancersurvivorsfund.org

Scholarships for cancer survivors or those currently diagnosed with cancer.

Children's Cancer Center: Panera's Knead for Knowledge Scholarship Program

www.childrenscancercenter.org

Applications available online starting in December. Open to young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer or a chronic blood disorder before the age of 21.

Friends of Scott

www.friendsofscott.org/scholarship.aspx

Scholarship for cancer patients and survivors. 500 word essay part of the criteria.

National Children's Cancer Society

www.beyondthecure.org

National Collegiate Cancer Foundation

www.collegiatecancer.org

Applications are available starting in March. Scholarships are one time awards of \$1,000.00 for young adults (18-35) whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

Patient Advocate Foundation's Scholarships for Survivors

www.patientadvocate.org

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

www.pbtfus.org/survivors/education/scholarships/

Ronald McDonald House Charities

www.rmhc.org

Scholarships for students in financial need who demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Applications available online in October.

The Ryan Mullaly Second Chance Fund

www.ryans2dchancefund.org

Awards scholarships of \$1,000.00 for teens that have been diagnosed with lymphoma or a recurrence of lymphoma between age 13 and graduation of high school.

The Simon Cancer Foundation

www.thescf.org

Assisting cancer patients by awarding scholarships and making charitable donations to camps and educational programs.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

www.ulmanfund.org/scholarship.aspx

CAMPS

Blue Skies

www.WhereSkiesAreBlue.org

Offering beach retreats to families living through the challenges of pediatric cancer that are looking for hope and a reprieve. This is a faith-based organization. Immediate family members only. Applications available online.

Camp Boggy Creek (Eustis, Florida)

www.BoggyCreek.org

To foster a spirit of joy by creating a free, safe and medically-sound camp environment that enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families. A year round retreat with weekend family camp programs. For summer, specific camp weeks are designated for specific diagnosis. Camp is free. Transportation is not included. Space is limited.

Camp Good Days and Special Times (New York)

www.campgooddays.org

Located on Keuka Lake in New York, offers year round retreats and summer camps. Summer Camp Programs include weekly camps for pediatric patients who have cancer or other life threatening challenges. Campers are from all over the nation and the world. Camp is free. Transportation is not included.

Camp Sunshine (Maine)

www.campsunshine.org

A year-round retreat which provides respite, support and joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Fall, winter, and spring programs for Family Retreats. All meals and accommodations are free for families. Families need to apply.

Children's Cancer Center: KITE Day Camp

www.childrenscancercenter.org

One week during the summer for patients ages 6-12 filled with day long field trips and activities designed to create memories and celebrate summer camp. Hematology week: chronic blood disorder patients only; Oncology week: patients and siblings.

Climb for Cancer Sports Camp (Gainesville, Florida)

www.cfc-foundation.org

To help ease the pain and suffering of those affected by cancer. This organization is affiliated with Shands Hospital. Hosts an annual sports camp at the University of Florida in the fall for children diagnosed with cancer and their siblings. Gas vouchers and hotel accommodations may be available for families. The camp is free.

Deliver the Dream

www.deliverthedream.org

Based in South Florida, this organization provides year round family retreats. Each family retreat is based on a specific diagnosis. Families are eligible for one family retreat. There is no cost for retreats.

Dream Street (California and Arizona)

www.dreamstreetfoundation.org

Provides camping programs for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. Camp for ages 4-14 years old is in Ojai Valley, California. For young adults ages 18-24 years old, the camp is Tucson, Arizona. Space for camp is limited and transportation to the camp is not included. Camp programs are free.

Eagle Mount (Bozeman, Montana)

www.eaglemount.org

Provides quality therapeutic opportunities for people with disabilities and young people with cancer. Big Sky Adventure Camp is offered to kids between the ages of 11 and 18 plus one parent camper. There are 18 camper/parent spots. Activities include river rafting, horseback riding, an overnight camp-out, a visit to Yellowstone National Park, and fishing. All expenses paid including travel. Camp is supervised by a pediatric oncologist and registered nurse. Camp Braveheart is designed for

children 5-10 years old and their immediate families. The only cost is transportation to and from Bozeman. Young Adult Retreat is for young adults (ages 16-23) who have reached remission. The only cost is transportation to and from Bozeman.

First Descents (Colorado)

www.firstdescents.org/programs

Offers young adult cancer fighters and survivors a free outdoor adventure experience designed to empower them to climb, paddle, and surf beyond their diagnosis, defy their cancer, reclaim their lives and connect with others doing the same.

Lighthouse Family Retreats

www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org

Offers 14 retreats from April to October. For families who have a child with cancer 18 years old or younger, on treatment or has completed treatment within the year. Once the family arrives at the retreat, all expenses are paid. This is faith-based.

Ped-Onc Resource Center: Camps

www.ped-onc.org/cfissues/camps.html

A state listing of cancer camps for children.

WISHES

Children's Dream Fund

www.childrensdreamfund.org

727-896-6390; toll free 1-800-456-4543, x6736

Florida based charitable group finding ways to grant wishes to seriously ill children.

Make-A-Wish (Central and Northern Florida)

www.wishcentralfl.wish.org

Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses with offices in Orlando, Tampa Bay and Sarasota.

Suncoast (Tampa Region), 813-288-2600

information@suncoastwish.org

Suncoast (Sarasota Region), 941-952-9474

alene.fowler@suncoastwish.org

Make-A -Wish International

www.worldwish.org

Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. This organization helps with wishes that extend out of the United States.

Marty Lyons Foundation (Florida Chapter)

www.martylyonsfoundation.org

813-681-6043

rdlyons@martylyonsfoundation.org

Based out of New York with a Florida chapter. Works to fulfill the special wishes of children chronologically aged 3-17 years old who have been diagnosed as having a terminal or life threatening illness by providing and arranging special wish requests.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cakes against Cancer for Kids

www.cakesagainstcancerforkids.org

Providing a “designer” quality cake once a year or occasionally for another special event to children who are currently going through cancer treatments.

Friends of Jaclyn Foundation

www.friendsofjaclyn.org

Pairs children and their families battling pediatric brain tumors with college and high school sports teams for support, friendship, and love.

Hopecam

www.Hopecam.org

Helps your child stay connected to friends at school while in treatment for cancer. Eligible for children in Pre-K (must be eligible to attend Kindergarten the following school year) through 12th grade who are on active treatment for cancer.