



RESOURCE GUIDE

For pediatric cancer patients
& their families

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Financial Assistance

Andrew McDonough Be Positive (B+) Foundation

www.bepositive.org Carly@BePositive.org

Foundation provides financial assistance, funds cancer research & helps spread positive message promoting to “do good”. Funds for utility, phone, car payment, car insurance and rent are considered. Must have hospital/clinic Social Worker involvement.

Arms Wide Open

www.awoccf.org/helping-families/ dena@awoccf.org

Provides monthly grants to families suffering hardship due to their child’s cancer diagnosis. Must fill out application on website. \$500 Takes a month or so to process: Need SW referral. Sent directly to families. No 3rd party payments.

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation -- PBTF

www.curethekids.org info@curethekids.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 1-800-813-HOPE (4623)

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 for transportation, home care and child care (does NOT cover living expenses) 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.

Centers for Medicare & 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. Funeral expenses up to \$1,000.00/
Fueling Families-\$100 gift cards for groceries & \$50 gas cards for families referred by social worker.

Clayton Dabney Foundation

www.claytondabney.org Lauren@claytondabney.org

Gifts, last wishes and financial assistance which will facilitate quality of family life and create everlasting memories. Case must have progressed to last stage, terminal cancer. Must be referred by a social worker or doctor. Foundation chooses to anonymous

Compass to Care

www.compasstocare.org

A 501C3 charitable organization scheduling and paying for travel arrangements to the hospital where a child is being treated for cancer. Under 18, active TX, demonstrate financial need, live in and be traveling within the contiguous United States.

Emma's Little Helpers

www.emmaslittlehelpers.org

Assists Tampa Bay families with a child going through treatment through various programs:

- Yummy Tummys: provide meal tickets to families through All Children's Hospital
- Cozy Clothes: provide clothing for families that have to stay at the hospital for extended periods unexpectedly
- Drive to Thrive: provide gas cards and tolls via Sunpass for families that have to travel to see their sick kids
- Toys for Joy: provide toy giveaways to the families of sick children during the holiday season
- Tot watch: provide baby-sitting while parents have to attend to needs of ill child

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 is also some limited funding available for young adults (ages 18-30) who are on treatment for cancer. Must have patient's Social Worker involvement. All Children's only Tampa Bay area affiliated hospital.

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. 18+younger, special consideration for 19-21 for treatment, medication, equipment, travel/lodging, for TX only.

Friends 4 Michael Foundation

www.friends4michael.org

Brain tumor specific. Can apply through the website for up to a \$400 financial grant non-medical costs.

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. Only through January 2018

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 & their families. Funds for rent, car loans, travel and lodging associated with treatment with maximum of \$750. Must have Social Worker involvement. Needs photo and bills emailed to info@ironmatt.org. Reviews apps on the 20th of the month.

Isaiah Alonso Foundation

www.isaiahalonsofoundation.org Cheryl@isaiahalonsofoundation.org

Financially assists deserving families of oncology patients to minimize financial hardship that is directly attributable to the child's illness. Small charity – limited funds.

Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation

www.jensensheartofgold.com

Hardship Assistance Program aims to assist families with basic expenses to afford them the opportunity to focus on the health and well-being of their child. Available for families in Hillsborough or Polk County.

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 and St. Joseph's Children's. Must be referred by physician or social worker. Requires a photo of child to access funds.

Joey Powers Leukemia Project

www.joeypowersleukemiaproject.org

Provides up to \$500.00 for families of children affected by Leukemia or Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. Approved expenses include: car payment/insurance, utility payments, medical bills, mortgage payments, etc. Families in Florida and Illinois.

Kasie Helpz Kidz

www.khkidz.org

Assists families with up to \$500 per year in reimbursements for co-pays, medications, and counseling services during their child's battle with cancer. Must fill out form on website to be contacted by organization. 1-19 years.

Mission 4 Maureen

www.mission4maureen.org

The mission of the Mission4Maureen Foundation is to provide financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. Request photo and pathology/MRI report.

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.

1. Transportation Assistance Fund for travel, meals & lodging, mileage
2. Emergency Assistance Fund, \$200 (away from home for 3 months)

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. NHL, Philadelphia chromosome & ALL

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 & preservation of their financial stability. PAF also offers Scholarships for Survivors Program under 25 diagnosed a TX for cancer in the past 5 years.

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.

Smiles for Sophie Forever

www.smilesforsophieforever.org

Offers family grants with a child who has been diagnosed with brain cancer 1-17 years the opportunity to apply for up to \$1000 in grants to assist with financial hardships. Will need to call (216-346-0913) or email (shawn@smilesforsophieforever.org) to request application. Need a physician's letter.

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 & 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. Medical grant for ages 16 and younger. Must be covered by commercial insurance & benefit limits are exceeded.

University of Florida IFAS Extension

One-on-One Financial Guidance with a certified financial mentor to help you develop a strategy to take control of your finances.

For Hillsborough County contact: Lisa Leslie at lesliel@hillsboroughcounty.org or 813-744-5519 ext. 54143

For Polk County contact: Whitney Fung at whitneymfung@ufl.edu



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 For Patients tab then Patient Assistance then apply online today. Also provides travel assistance.

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 & lodging for study participants. Need applicable diagnosis, live in US, meet financial criteria. Call or email to apply.

Needy Meds

www.needy meds.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 & information so that you can directly apply to the drug manufacturers & other organizations that provide assistance. NeedyMeds does not provide medicine, supplies or financial assistance. (Each pharmacy is different)

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.patientservicesinc.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. Online, and need a doctor’s letter.

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. Must be submitted by physician, physician assistant, office manager, or social worker. Online request only.

Online Resources & Websites

2bMe

lookgoodfeelbetter.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 & free online treatment journal-
www.ChildhoodCancerJournal.com. Serves families at All Children's Hospital.

American Brain Tumor Association

www.abta.org

ABTA wishes to advance the understanding & 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, as well as information – Late Effects, nutrition, returning to school, understanding the healthcare systems, etc. No specific programs for children diagnosed with cancer listed online.

American Childhood Cancer Organization

www.acco.org

Offers free books & resources for kids, teens, and families. Offers advocacy, awareness and supporting research.

Angie's Angel Help Network

www.angiesangelhelpnetwork.com

Provides resources for various types of assistance from financial help to advice articles, food pantries, free diapers, etc.

Association for Cancer Online Resources

www.acor.org

Provides cancer-related online email lists & resources as well as cancer communities.

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.cancercare.org

Provides free online workshops on different cancer related topics. Registration is required.

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 & providing grants.

Free publication- [A Resource Guide for Parents of Children with Brain and Spinal Cord Tumors](#)

Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation

www.cncfhope.org

Funds research and provides education, awareness & 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. A learning resource.

CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation

www.curesearch.org

Funds & supports cancer research, provide information & 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.

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. Also has a PAF on the website.

I'm Too Young For This!

www.stupidcancer.org

Founded by and for young adults affected by cancer, The I'm Too Young For This! Cancer Foundation is the nation's largest support community for the next generation of patients, survivors, and caregivers between 15-40 years old.

Know Cancer

www.knowcancer.com

Dedicated to connecting, educating and empowering all people affected by the many forms of cancer.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

www.lls.org

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

Livestrong Foundation

www.livestrong.org

- Planet Cancer is a Livestrong initiative for young adults with cancer to empower & access support & provide resources.
- Your local YMCA may have a Livestrong program for survivors of cancer (all ages)
YMCA@LIVESTRONG.org
- Fertile Hope~ A Livestrong initiative~ livestrong.org/we-can-help/livestrong-fertility 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 & podcasts.

MyLifeLine.org

www.mylifeline.org

Provides free websites for cancer patients and their caregivers to build an online support community to empower connection, inspiration and healing.

National Brain Tumor Society

www.braintumor.org

Provides information & resources on brain tumors.

National Cancer Institute

www.cancer.gov & www.cancer.gov/contact

Credible current comprehensive cancer information. Have specialists to help 1-800-4-CANCER

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

www.canceradvocacy.org

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

National Library of Health/Medline Plus

www.medlineplus.gov

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. Resources to help families get support. Newsletters on the website, and a Facebook group.

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 & promotes awareness of childhood brain tumors. Educational materials and family support programs.

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 & funding for rare cancer research.

Sarcoma Alliance

www.sarcomaalliance.org

Guidance, education, message board & 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 & hotel.

Soupy for Loopy

www.soupyforloopy.org

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

Starbright World

www.starlight.org

An online social network where teens (aged 13 to 20) who have serious medical conditions and their siblings, can connect with each other via moderated chat rooms, games, bulletin boards, videos, and more.

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 & empower young adult cancer survivors.

Wigs & Hats

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.

Children With Hair Loss

www.childrenwithhairloss.us

To qualify, the recipient must be under the age of 21, be experiencing hair loss due to a documented medical condition diagnosed by their physician, fill out the online request and submit application.

Hats Off For Cancer

www.hatsoffforcancer.org

Submit request through website for children or young adults up that have cancer. Fill out online application.

Headcovers Unlimited

www.headcovers.com

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

Hip Hats with Hair

www.hatswithhair.com

4707 Nebraska Ave. Tampa 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)

Wigs For Kids

www.wigsforkids.org

Can create Hair Replacement Systems at no cost for children who are 18 years or younger, experiencing hair loss as a result of an illness, and referred by a medical professional.

Wig Villa

www.wigvillaonline.com

575 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(727) 823-3100

With CCC approval & 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.andriveroflife.org

Ages 12-21 who have a catastrophic illness. The deadline is January 31.

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.

National Children's Cancer Society

thenccs.org/scholarship

Scholarship for cancer survivors. Available from early January until March 31st.

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. Exceptions for 17 year olds.

Patient Advocate Foundation's Scholarships for Survivors

www.patientadvocate.org

Scholarships for patients or survivors under 25 that have been diagnosed or treated within the last 5 years.

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 Simon Cancer Foundation

www.thescf.org

Assisting cancer patients by awarding scholarships and making charitable donations to camps and educational programs. Application deadline January 31, must sign an affidavit.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

www.ulmanfund.org/scholarships/

Must have been between the ages of 15 and 39 during their own diagnosis/treatment or their parent or sibling's diagnosis/treatment.

Camps

Base Camp

www.basecamp.org

One night monthly “camp” for children 5-15 that combines an activity that the whole family is invited to attend.

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 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 & 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 & 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.

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.



Wishes & Dreams

Children's Dream Fund

www.childrensdreamfund.org

727-896-6390 toll free 1-800-456-4543 x 6736

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

Grant 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.



Transportation

Air Charity Network (ACN)

www.aircharitynetwork.org

Matches patients of medical need with free flights and other travel resources.

Angel Flight

www.angelflight.com

Helps arrange free flights to people with medical needs.

Angel Wheels To Healing

www.angelwheels.org

Provides non-emergency, long-distance ground transportation to financially stressed ambulatory patients who are traveling for treatment. Cannot exceed 300 miles one way.

Corporate Angel Network

www.corpangelnetwork.org

Helps families arrange free flights to treatment centers by using empty seats on corporate aircrafts flying on routine business.

Grind for Life

www.grindforlife.org

Provides families with gas cards to assist with their transportation needs. The Social Worker will write a letter documenting your child's diagnosis and need for assistance. Those who qualify may request assistance not only for travel but lodging expenses, meals, and personal needs, as well.

LifeLine Pilots

www.lifelinepilots.org

Facilitates transportation for on-going medical treatments, diagnosis and follow-up care through pilot donation of flight expenses and time.



Care Packages/Programs

Angels Sending Hope

www.angelssendinghope.com

Offers various programs to support families with children going through life-threatening diseases. Card programs and wish-list programs are available.

Battle For A Cure

www.battle4acure.org

The Hope Box Program is now only available to children who have been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Siblings under age 18 are still included in this program. Application available on website.

Gamerosity

www.gamerosity.com

A child fighting cancer has to be nominated. When it is approved, it turns into a campaign for the Little Hero. When the child's campaign fully funds, we notify the Little Hero and the nominator and the Little Hero will receive their package shortly after that.

Packages of Hope

www.packagesofhope.com

Started by a college student with a goal of providing care packages for children in all 50 states. Application available on website.

Phil's Friends

www.philsfriends.org

Provides cancer patients with care packages. Applications available on website.



Literature and Movie Resources

Books for Elementary Aged Children and Younger:

Lift ME Up by Trevor Romain

Free through the American Childhood Cancer Organization

His 22 page coloring book is filled with inspirational pictures to color for the 3-10 year old child diagnosed with cancer.

Chemo, Crazyness, and Comfort: My Book About Childhood Cancer by Nancy Keene and Trevor Romain

Free through the American Childhood Cancer Organization

A 200 page resource that provides practical advice for children diagnosed with cancer between 6 and 12 years of age. Warm and funny illustrations and easy-to-read text help the child (and parents) make sense of cancer and its treatment.

The Amazing Hannah: Look at Everything I Can Do! By Amy Klett

Free through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Perfect for ages 1-6.

A photo story created for a preschooler with leukemia, to help her adapt to doctor visits and treatments. Using the word “tubies” to describe the central line, its function and care, this book can be read and shown to children as young as 1 year.

Paul and the Dragon (available in English or Spanish)

Free approximately 25 minute video through vimeo or YouTube

The Famous Hat by Kate Gaynor

A story book to help children with childhood cancer to prepare for treatment, namely chemotherapy, and losing their hair (special stories series 1, volume 1)

Bobo’s Just Fine by Anne Gioia

A little girl must go to the hospital for cancer treatments and takes her best friend Bobo, with her.

Oncology, Stupology...I Want to Go Home by Marilyn K. Hershey

This delightfully illustrated picture book is for children (of all ages) battling cancer. The story is wonderfully weaved with humor and brightly colored pictures; while it takes you through a child’s true emotional frustrations from being in the hospital.

The Problem with Hair by Karen Sue Foss

All the kids in the neighborhood, unhappy with their hair color and styles, envy Louella, who has lost her hair from undergoing medical treatment.

H is for Hair Fairy by Kim Martin

An alphabet book with a mission, this 32-page picture book will inspire, comfort, educate and encourage children being treated for cancer.

The Survivorship Net by Jim Owens

A parable for the family, friends, and caregivers of people with cancer.

The Long and the Short of It: A Tale About Hair by Barbara Meyers and Lydia Criss Mays

Two young girls learn more than they expected about hair loss. This charming, award-winning book follows the stories of Isabel and Emma, two young girls with “hair problems.”

Imagine What’s Possible by Jarrod Skole and Gary Skole

This award-winning book can help your child get started with a technique called “visualization.” Here they’ll find seventeen easy and fun visualization exercises: some to help your child relieve stress, some to help your child fight pain, some to help your child imagine a winning fight against cancer.

Kathy’s Hats: A Story of Hope by Trudy Krisher

Kathy has always enjoyed wearing hats. But when she turns nine, she learns that she has cancer. Kathy is scared, and she is especially angry when her chemotherapy treatments make her hair fall out. Suddenly hats aren’t so much fun anymore.

The Hare Who Lost Her Hair by Amy V. Leonard

This one-of-a-kind story is a message of hope for young children and families who are undergoing chemotherapy or any difficult struggle. This book is about believing wishes can come true even in the most extreme circumstances. Ideal for cancers that are not terminal because of the message of survival. Perfect for pairing honest discussions about your personal situation.

The Jester Has Lost His Jingle by David Saltzman

In this charming tale, The Jester awakes one morning to find laughter missing in his kingdom and he and his helpmate, Pharley, set off on a quest to find it. They ultimately discover that not only can laughter redeem a weary world, it also can provide the best tonic for anyone facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Books for Teens:

What’s Up with Richard? Medikidz Explain Leukemia by Dr. Kim Chilman-Blair and John Taddeo (Available in English and Spanish)

Leukemia explained by teenage superheroes! This award-winning graphic-novel makes leukemia information accessible to kids 10-16. The Medikidz are a group of larger-than-life, space-dwelling characters who live on Mediland, a planet shaped just like the human body. Using their vast knowledge, the Medikidz take kids (including kids with leukemia) on a journey through Mediland, explaining leukemia in a language and visual style teens can relate to and understand.

What’s Up with Jo? Medikidz Explain Brain Tumors by Dr. Kim Chilman-Blair and John Taddeo (Available in English and Spanish)

Osteosarcoma explained by teenage superheroes! This graphic-novel makes osteosarcoma information accessible to kids 10-16. Using their vast knowledge, the Medikidz take kids (including kids with osteosarcoma) on a journey through Mediland, explaining osteosarcoma in a language and visual style teens can relate to and understand.

Nistar: In the Face of Despair, Hope if You Dare! By Shira Frimer through Go4theGoal Foundation

Nistar is a graphic novel for teens and preteens that goes through a young boy's battle against Leukemia in the style of science fiction.

Books for Elementary Siblings:

Why, Charlie Brown, Why? By Charles M. Schulz

A story about what happens when a friend is very ill. (Also in movie form).

When Someone You Love Has Cancer: A Guide to Help Kids Cope (Elf-Help Books for Kids) by Alaric Lewis

While adults have the ability to better understand the complexities of cancer, children experience a great amount of confusion, fear, and misunderstanding about the disease and its treatment. This book will help kids cope with the presence of cancer in their lives. May guide them to a healthier understanding of how the disease affects their loved ones, their family, and their world.

Books for Teen Siblings:

When Your Brother or Sister has Cancer: Teen Guide by National Cancer Institute

If your brother or sister has cancer, this book is for you. In this book you will hear from other teens who, like you, have a brother or sister with cancer, find out what has helped them, get ideas about people to talk with when you're upset or feel all alone, and learn a little about cancer and the things you might face. This book provides information about cancer treatments, ways teens can talk to family and friends, how to connect with other teens, and where to find other resources for information and support.

Books for Parents:

Happily Hungry: A Smart Recipes for Kids with Cancer by Danielle Cook Navidi and M.D. Aziza T. Shad

Danielle Cook Navidi shares her culinary wisdom and first-hand knowledge by creating delicious recipes dedicated to children undergoing cancer treatment and recovery. These nutrient-dense recipes combine great taste with powerful immune-building ingredients designed to satisfy young palates, while helping set the stage to more effectively battle cancer.



Bereavement

Chapter's Health

www.chaptershealth.org/services/grief-services

Through two non-profit hospice organizations, LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospice, Chapter's Health provides a variety of grief services and resources that assure the long-term emotional, mental, and physical well-being of survivors of all ages by helping them adjust to their loss and express their feelings.

Grief Share

www.griefshare.org/groups/

By going to this link, you can input your location and find GriefShare group meetings near you.

Life Center of Tampa

www.lifecenteroftampa.org

The LIFE Center of the Suncoast, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to providing counseling to those suffering the death of a loved one to those who are suffering with serious illnesses. Weekly workshops are intended for children ages 6 years old to 10 years old and are held every Thursday from 6-7:30PM.

Suncoast Hospice

www.thehospice.org/grief-healing

Suncoast Hospice offers a variety of grief support groups and counseling services to meet your needs including: one-on-one grief counseling, grief support groups, and caregiver support for children and adults.

Suncoast Kid's Place

www.suncoastkidsplace.org

Through peer groups, discussion, education, and play, Suncoast Kid's Place provides the resources necessary to help families grieve a devastating loss, while also finding strength and joy in the shared memories of someone special.



Miscellaneous

Apple A Day Program

www.givehopefoundation.org/apple-a-day-program.php

Provides mobile devices, such as iPhones, iPads, other smartphones and even laptops to children ages 2 to 17 undergoing cancer treatment, at no cost to them or their families. Application is available on the website.

B3 Foundation

www.b3foundation.com

Provides bald, beautiful, Barbie's and gives them to any one that wants or needs them.

Binkeez For Comfort

www.binkeezforcomfort.org

Provides blankets for those fighting illnesses away from the comforts of home. Application available on website.

The Blanket Fairy

www.theblanketfairy.weebly.com

Provides very soft blankets that will help children stay warm especially when they are sick or undergoing treatment for cancer.

Cape's 4 Heroes

www.capes4heroes.com

Can nominate a child in need of a smile who is faced with a life-threatening illness or disability to receive a cape.

Cody's Wheels of Hope

www.cwoh.org

Any child, age 15 or under, suffering from a life-threatening illness is eligible and can request an application through the website.

Flashes of Hope

www.flashesofhope.org

Provides families with free uplifting portraits of their children who are battling life-threatening illnesses. Pictures are taken by award-winning photographers.

Friends of Jaclyn Foundation

www.friendsofjaclyn.org

Pairs children & their families battling pediatric brain tumors with college and high school sports teams for support, friendship, & love. There are partners in Florida

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.

Icing Smiles, Inc.

www.icingsmiles.org

Provides custom celebration cakes and other treats to families impacted by the critical illness of a child. Check if you are in the area by applying. They don't have a list of service areas.

Journey 4 A Cure

www.journey4acure.org

Submit application for the iPad program. Must be ages 3 to 18 with a diagnosis of cancer and in active treatment.

Keep Kids Connected

www.keepkidsconnected.org

Provides netbook/tablet computers to kids ages 4 to 18 in active or follow-up treatment for cancer or any other potentially life-threatening illness.

Monkey In My Chair

www.monkeyinmychair.org

Children who are battling cancer are eligible to receive a free Monkey In My Chair kit that includes a monkey to take their place when they are not able to attend school. Application available on website.

Safelink Wireless

www.freegovernmentcellphones.net/free-cell-phone-providers/safelink-wireless

Must be participating in a public assistance program or have a qualifying low gross monthly household income to qualify for free cell phone plan.

Songs of Love

www.songsoflove.org

Offers free personalized songs for children and teens that are facing medical or emotional hardships. Has to be under 21.

Special Spaces

www.specialspaces.org

Creates dream bedrooms for children ages 0-21 with life-challenging illnesses. Decisions are based on the severity of the child's medical condition and the availability of resources.

Wheels of Success

www.wheelsofsuccess.org

Applicants must be working full time (at least 32 hours a week) or have a verifiable job offer to be considered and must be above poverty level. Must be employed or unable to return to work due to transportation issues. Must be referred by social service agencies, churches, employers, or board members. See website for additional information.