



## **RESOURCE GUIDE**

For pediatric cancer patients  
& their families

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All resources & sites have been checked for appropriateness and validity for families being treated in the Greater Tampa Bay area with a child diagnosed with cancer. This packet is not exclusive to all organizations.

## Financial Assistance

### Along Comes Hope

<https://alongcomeshope.com/cancer-help/> | (805) 322-1423

Along Comes Hope has helped hundreds of children and families through financial assistance with travel for treatment, creative emotional support programs, advocacy work for policy changes, awareness and education.

### **Andrew McDonough Be Positive (B+) Foundation**

[www.bepositive.org](http://www.bepositive.org) | [Carly@BePositive.org](mailto:Carly@BePositive.org) / [Joe@BePositive.org](mailto:Joe@BePositive.org) | (302) 563-8389

Provides financial assistance, funds cancer research & helps spread positive messages promoting to “do good”. Funds for utility, phone, car payment, car insurance and rent are considered. Child must be under 21 years of age and in-treatment. Must have hospital/clinic Social Worker involvement. Assistance may be granted once in a 12-month period/ 2 times overall.

### **Arms Wide Open**

[www.awoccf.org/helping-families/](http://www.awoccf.org/helping-families/) | [Kristen@awoccf.org](mailto:Kristen@awoccf.org) | (732) 904-2799

Provides monthly grants to families suffering hardship due to their child’s cancer diagnosis. Children must be under the age of 21. Must fill out an application on the website. Need Social Worker referral. Sent directly to families. No 3<sup>rd</sup> party payments.

### **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation -- PBTF**

<http://www.curethekids.org/> | [familysupport@curethekids.org](mailto:familysupport@curethekids.org) | (800) 253-6530 x306

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, raises public awareness of the disease and advocates 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 UF Shand’s and Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children are eligible and must be made through the Social Worker.

### **Cancer Care**

[www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org) | [info@cancercare.org](mailto:info@cancercare.org) | 1-800-813-HOPE (4673)

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, child care and practical help by professional oncology social workers and are free. Co-Payment Assistance program based on diagnosis. Must have Social Worker involvement. Does NOT cover living expenses. All correspondence needs to be done electronically through email or fax.

### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)

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

### **Chai Lifeline**

<https://www.chailifeline.org/about> | (212)-465-1300

Chai Lifeline is a leading international children's health support network, providing social, emotional, and financial assistance to children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses and their families through a variety of year-round programs and services.

### **Children's Cancer Center**

<https://childrenscancercenter.org/programs/> | (813)-367-5437

A non-profit organization dedicated to providing emotional, financial and educational support to families with children battling cancer or chronic blood disorders.

*White Hat Fund* - Assistance for parents who have a child on active treatment. Must be referred by Social Worker. Financial assistance for essential bills, electric, mortgage, rent, car payments and insurance.

*Fueling Families* - \$100 gift cards for groceries & \$50 gas cards for families referred by social worker twice in a year (every 6 months).

### **Clayton Dabney Foundation**

[www.claytondabney.org](http://www.claytondabney.org) | [Lauren@claytondabney.org](mailto:Lauren@claytondabney.org) | (214) 361-2600

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 diagnosed at age 18 or younger, or still in treatment by 21 years of age. Families must qualify as low income or financially need prior to diagnosis. Patient can only be referred by a hospital or hospice care, families cannot submit applications. \$2,000 assistance maximum per family.

### **Compass to Care (trips too!)**

[www.compasstocare.org](http://www.compasstocare.org) | [info@compasstocare.org](mailto:info@compasstocare.org) | (563) 231-0458

A 501(c)(3) charitable organization scheduling and paying for travel arrangements to the hospital where a child is being treated for cancer. Must have child under 18, in treatment, traveling at least 60 miles one way to get to treatment and demonstrate financial need. You can't receive application until you have been referred by child's Social Worker or Doctor.

### **Family Reach Foundation**

[www.familyreach.org](http://www.familyreach.org) | [FTP@familyreach.org](mailto:FTP@familyreach.org) | (973) 394-1411

*Financial Treatment Program Eligibility* - Have a cancer diagnosis, be in active treatment or have completed treatment within 1 year, be represented by healthcare professional who can communicate with family reach on your behalf.

*Emergency Relief* - Fund for essential, non-medical costs like rent, transportation, lodging, childcare etc. Patient must be on active treatment or within one year of being on active treatment. Assistance for child facing cancer 0-17, young adult patients 18-20, and adult patients 31+ who have children aged 18 and under. Needs healthcare professional/social worker.

### **First Hand Foundation**

[www.firsthandfoundation.org](http://www.firsthandfoundation.org) | [firsthandfoundation@cerner.com](mailto:firsthandfoundation@cerner.com) | (816)201-1569

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 families without existing insurance coverage.

### **Healthwell Foundation**

[www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org) | [grants@healthwellfoundation.org](mailto:grants@healthwellfoundation.org) | (800) 675-8416

The Healthwell Foundation reduces financial barriers to care for underinsured patients with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. For families who have some insurance.

### **Iron Matt Foundation**

[www.ironmatt.org](http://www.ironmatt.org) | [info@ironmatt.org](mailto:info@ironmatt.org) | (201) 410-2751

Foundation provides financial assistance for pediatric brain tumor patients & their families. Funds for rent, car loans, travel and lodging associated with treatment. Must be under the age of 21. Must have Social Worker involvement and have a social worker submit an application. Needs a photo and bills emailed to [info@ironmatt.org](mailto:info@ironmatt.org). Application, photo and copy of bills are due on the 15th of the month.

### **Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation**

[www.jensensheartofgold.com](http://www.jensensheartofgold.com) | [hardship@jensenheartofgold.com](mailto:hardship@jensenheartofgold.com) | (813)967-0481

Hardship Assistance Program, a non-profit, 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 Central Florida. Download and submit application on website, allow 2-3 weeks for processing.

### **Jessica June Foundation**

[www.jjccf.org](http://www.jjccf.org) | (954)593-5603

JJCCF is a Children's Charity Fund and foundation based in South Florida and partners with certain hospitals. 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 a physician or social worker. Requires a photo of the child to access funds. Children must be under 18, receiving government help and of a low-income family.

### **Joey Powers Leukemia Project**

[www.joeypowersleukemiaproject.org](http://www.joeypowersleukemiaproject.org) | [thejoeypowersleukemiaproject@gmail.com](mailto:thejoeypowersleukemiaproject@gmail.com) | (941) 549-0594

Provides up to \$500.00 for families of children affected by Leukemia or Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma up to age 20. Approved expenses include: car payment/insurance, utility payments, medical bills, mortgage payments, etc. Families in Florida and Illinois. Verified diagnosis from oncology social worker, nurse or physician needed.

### **Mission 4 Maureen**

[www.mission4maureen.org](http://www.mission4maureen.org) | [info@mission4maureen.org](mailto:info@mission4maureen.org) | (440) 840-6497



The mission of the Mission4Maureen Foundation, a brain tumor foundation, is to provide financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. Application online for children 18 and under. Request photo and pathology/MRI report. Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

### **The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS)**

[www.theNCCS.org](http://www.theNCCS.org) | (314) 241-1600

NCCS, a non-profit, 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.

*Transportation Assistance Fund for travel, meals & lodging, mileage* - Child must be diagnosed with cancer, if brain tumor must be high grade (III or IV) or anaplastic. Diagnosed before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and started treatment before 21 years old. Family must have less than \$5,000 in checking or savings account.

*Emergency Assistance Fund* - \$300 per year. In patient for 15 consecutive days within the last 90 days. Relocated for treatment for 15 consecutive days within the last 90-day period. Meet Transportation Assistance Fund eligibility.

### **Patient Access Network Foundation**

[www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org) | [info@panfoundation.org](mailto:info@panfoundation.org) | 1- (866) 316-7263

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, etc. Family must be on or below 400-500% of the poverty line, child must be in treatment and must have health insurance.

### **Patient Advocate Foundation**

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org) | [help@patientadvocate.org](mailto:help@patientadvocate.org) | (800) 532-5274

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 retention 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 and treated for cancer in the past 5 years. Offers premium assistance, copayment assistance, ancillary assistance, infusion and nursing assistance, and travel assistance. Open funds and applications vary per diagnosis and availability.

### **Payton Wright Foundation**

[www.paytonwright.org](http://www.paytonwright.org) | (800) 435-7352

Foundation supports research and provides financial assistance to families who have a *child being treated for brain and spinal cord cancer at All Children's Hospital*. Assistance for 3 consecutive months, excludes hospital/doctor bills, medication and trial protocol. Includes

mortgage, rent, utilities, travel expenses etc. Must be diagnosed before 18th birthday. Applicant must be legal guardian.

### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

[www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org) | [customerservice@uhccf.org](mailto:customerservice@uhccf.org) | 1- (855) 698-4223

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 and reside in the USA.

## **Medication Assistance**

### **Good Days**

[www.mygooddays.org](http://www.mygooddays.org) | [info@mygooddays.org](mailto:info@mygooddays.org) | (972) 608-7141

Good Days helps patients with chronic disease, cancer and other life-threatening conditions obtain assistance with co-pays for medications, travel assistance, diagnostic testing, and medical insurance coverage. There is a current list of diseases that are covered (ALL, CML, Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma, & Hodgkin's Lymphoma). To apply, click on the For Patients tab then Patient Assistance then apply online today.

### **Medical Assistance Tool**

[www.medicalassistancetool.org](http://www.medicalassistancetool.org)

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PHRMA) helps qualifying patients without drug coverage get the medicines they need for free or nearly free. Navigate webpage for various options.

### **National Organization for Rare Disorders**

[www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org) | [1-\(800\)999-6673](tel:1-800-999-6673)

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 clinical trials and insurance co-pays. Need an applicable diagnosis, live in the USA, meet financial criteria. Call or email to apply.

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

[ALL@rarediseases.org](mailto:ALL@rarediseases.org)

1-844-251-7425

FAX 1-203-267-0847

Hodgkin's Lymphoma

[matulane@rarediseases.org](mailto:matulane@rarediseases.org)

1-855-653-3220

FAX 1-203-349-3282

### **Needy Meds**

[www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org) | [info@needymeds.org](mailto:info@needymeds.org) | 1-800-503-6897

NeedyMeds is an online information resource of programs that aid 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. Not a patient assistance program. For questions, please contact specific programs directly. (Each pharmacy is different)

### **Patient Services Incorporated**

[www.patientservicesinc.org](http://www.patientservicesinc.org) | 1- (800) 366-7741

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 copayments to facilitate positive health and well-being. Online, and need a doctor's letter.

### **RxHope.com**

[www.rxhope.com](http://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**

### **Alex's Lemonade Stand**

[www.AlexsLemonade.org](http://www.AlexsLemonade.org) | (610) 649-3034

Offers travel funds for cancer treatment, cancer symposium and educational sources on cancer. Program offers comfort and care services, sibling support and school guide.

### **American Brain Tumor Association**

[www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org) | [info@abta.org](mailto:info@abta.org) | (800) 886-2282 | (773) 577-8750

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](http://www.cancer.org) | (800)227-2345

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. Offers live chat online. Promotes childhood cancer awareness in the Relay for Life events.

### **American Childhood Cancer Organization**

[www.acco.org](http://www.acco.org) | [staff@acco.org](mailto:staff@acco.org) | 1-(855) 858-2226, x102

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

### **Band of Parents Bound by Hope**

[www.bandofparents.org](http://www.bandofparents.org) | [kim@bandofparents.org](mailto:kim@bandofparents.org) | (646) 846-4475

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](http://www.cancercare.org) | [info@cancercare.org](mailto:info@cancercare.org) | (800) 813-4673

Counseling, online support groups, & education workshops/webinars.

### **Children's Brain Tumor Foundation**

[www.cbtf.org](http://www.cbtf.org) | [info@cbtf.org](mailto:info@cbtf.org) | (866) 228-4673

Weekend retreat for survivors, young adult & teen Conferences, parent groups, individual support & counseling via phone, bereavement support and scholarship

### **Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation**

[www.cncfhope.org](http://www.cncfhope.org) | [ptall@mindspring.com](mailto:ptall@mindspring.com) | (866) 671-2623

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

### **CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation**

[www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org) | [info@curesearch.org](mailto:info@curesearch.org) | (800) 458-6223

Funds & supports cancer research, provides information & resources for all those affected by cancer. Can request a special Barbie Doll.

### **Imerman Angels**

[www.imermanangels.org](http://www.imermanangels.org) | [info@imermanangels.org](mailto:info@imermanangels.org) | (866) 463-7626

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. Patients 17 years and younger will need parental consent and typically also involves connecting a parent or guardian. Caregiver mentors available too.

## **Stupid Cancer**

[www.stupidcancer.org](http://www.stupidcancer.org) | [contact@stupidcancer.org](mailto:contact@stupidcancer.org)

Founded by and for young adults affected by cancer. For ages 15-39. Empowering young adults affected by cancer by ending isolation and building community. Cancercon, meetups & webinars

## **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

[www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org) | 1 (800) 955-4572

Funds research for blood cancers; offers families information on blood cancers; online support groups & chats. May provide financial assistance when funds are available. Also have local events to look out for on website.

## **Livestrong Foundation**

[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

Helping cancer survivors and their loved ones. Your local YMCA may have a Livestrong program for survivors of cancer (all ages) for free to help promote health after treatment [YMCA@LIVESTRONG.org](mailto:YMCA@LIVESTRONG.org)

## **Lymphoma Research Foundation**

[www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org) | [helpline@lymphoma.org](mailto:helpline@lymphoma.org) | [1-800-500-9976](tel:1-800-500-9976)

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

## **My Leukemia Team**

[www.myleukemiateam.com/resources](http://www.myleukemiateam.com/resources)

A website that provides informational articles and additional resources on leukemia.

## **MyLifeLine.org**

[www.mylifeline.org](http://www.mylifeline.org) | Support Hotline: (888)793-9355

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](http://www.braintumor.org) | (617) 924-9997

Provides information & resources on brain tumors. Funds research.

## **National Cancer Institute**

[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov) | 1(800) 4-CANCER

Credible current comprehensive cancer information. Have specialists to help.

## **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org) | [info@canceradvocacy.org](mailto:info@canceradvocacy.org) | 877-NCCCS-YES

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](http://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](http://www.neuroblastomacancer.org) | [neuroblastomacancersociety@gmail.com](mailto:neuroblastomacancersociety@gmail.com) | (800)

532-5162\_-Funds research; lobbies for more research funding. Resources to help families get support.

## **OncoLink**

[www.oncolink.org](http://www.oncolink.org) | hampshire@uphs.upenn.edu | (215) 349-8895

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

## **Partnership for Parents**

[www.partnershipforparents.net](http://www.partnershipforparents.net) | (916) 489-2222

A support network for parents of children with serious illnesses.

## **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**

[www.curethekids.org](http://www.curethekids.org) | [familysupport@curethekids.org](mailto:familysupport@curethekids.org) | (800) 253-6530 x306

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

## **Sarcoma Alliance**

[www.sarcomaalliance.org](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org) | [info@sarcomaalliance.org](mailto:info@sarcomaalliance.org) | (415) 381-7236

Guidance, education, newsletters & support for people affected by sarcoma. The Suzanne Renee Leider Memorial Assistance Fund- may grant up to \$1,000 for a single second opinion consultation with a sarcoma specialist including mileage, meals & hotel. Specific deadlines on application page.

## **13Thirty**

[13thirty.org](http://13thirty.org) | [staff@13thirty.org](mailto:staff@13thirty.org)

Provides information on cancer, treatments, medicines, clinical trials, and many issues (school, friends, exercise, nutrition, etc.). Provides a peer community virtual support group to connect children and young adults undergoing cancer treatment.

## **Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

[www.ulmanfund.org](http://www.ulmanfund.org) | [info@ulmanfoundation.org](mailto:info@ulmanfoundation.org) | (410) 964-0202

A leading voice in the young adult cancer movement that are working to provide support, education, connections & empowerment for young adult cancer patients and survivors.

## [Wigs & Hats](#)

### **Caps for Kids**

[www.capsforkids.org](http://www.capsforkids.org) | [info@capsforkids.org](mailto:info@capsforkids.org) | (504) 891-4277

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. Contact your social worker or child life specialist to fill out and submit a request form.

### **Children With Hair Loss**

[www.childrenwithhairloss.us](http://www.childrenwithhairloss.us) | (734) 379-4400

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 an application with a picture attached.

### **Headcovers Unlimited**

[www.headcovers.com](http://www.headcovers.com) | (281)334-4287 | 1-800-264-4287

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

### **Locks of Love**

<https://locksoflove.org/> | (561) 833-7332

Offers children under the age of 21 who are experiencing hair loss a hairpiece free of charge. The application is available online or it can be mailed to you to fill out. A photo, two letters of recommendations, medical diagnosis and most recent tax return should be attached to the application.

### **Wigs For Kids**

[www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org) | (440) 333-4433

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. Provides one hairpiece per child per year and can reapply for a new hairpiece the following year if needed.

### **Wig Villa**

[www.wigvillaonline.com](http://www.wigvillaonline.com) | [wigvillacentral@gmail.com](mailto:wigvillacentral@gmail.com) | (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.

1200 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. St N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

## Scholarships

### **Children's Cancer Center**

[www.childrenscancercenter.org](http://www.childrenscancercenter.org) | (813)367-5437

Applications available online starting in October. Open to young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer or a chronic blood disorder and treated at a Tampa Bay area hospital, before the age of 21.

### **Compassion Can't Wait**

[www.compassioncantwait.org](http://www.compassioncantwait.org) | [info@compassioncantwait.org](mailto:info@compassioncantwait.org) | (310) 276-7111

This award was created by Andre's parents when they recognized how quickly this very popular boy experienced isolation from his peers. His solitude engendered great spiritual wisdom that transcended physical illness, the award was created to encourage young survivors to express themselves openly and help others whose illness was in the future, of what they would have liked to hear from their best friends during their illness. Young people are as short on words as are adults when it comes to the grave diagnosis of friends and family. These stories were to serve as a guide of how the person struck by illness would have liked to be spoken to.

### **National Children's Cancer Society**

<https://www.thenccs.org/scholarship> | (314) 241-1600

Scholarship for cancer survivors under the age of 25 and diagnosed before the age of 18 with cancer or a high grade or anaplastic brain tumor. Available from early January until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **National Collegiate Cancer Foundation**

[www.collegiatecancer.org](http://www.collegiatecancer.org) | [info@CollegiateCancer.org](mailto:info@CollegiateCancer.org) | (240) 515-6262

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.

## Camps

### **Base Camp**

[www.basecamp.org](http://www.basecamp.org) | [info@basecamp.org](mailto:info@basecamp.org) | (407) 673-5060



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

### **BayStar Family Retreat**

[www.baystarfamilyretreat.org](http://www.baystarfamilyretreat.org)

Creating experiences for both children and adults. The retreats include faith-based devotion and worship time, children’s groups, parent groups, family time and special nightly activities. Typically, a 4-day, 3-night retreat, with accommodations, meals and activities.

### **Blue Skies**

[www.WhereSkiesAreBlue.org](http://www.WhereSkiesAreBlue.org) | [info@whereskiesareblue.org](mailto:info@whereskiesareblue.org) | (678) 718-5455

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](http://www.BoggyCreek.org) | [info@campboggycreek.org](mailto:info@campboggycreek.org) | (352) 483-4200

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. Serves children ages 7-16 who have been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening conditions and their families. Camp is free. Transportation is not included. Space is limited.

### **Camp Sunshine- Maine**

[www.campsunshine.org](http://www.campsunshine.org) | [info@campsunshine.org](mailto:info@campsunshine.org) | (207) 655-3800

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](http://www.childrenscancercenter.org) | (813) 367-5437

One week during the summer for patients ages 5-12 years old filled with day long field trips and activities designed to create memories and celebrate summer camp. First week is for children on active treatment for cancer and their siblings, ages 5-12 years old. Second week is Hematology/Survivor/Bereaved Siblings week ~chronic blood disorder patients, children who have completed treatment for cancer and siblings that have lost a brother/sister to cancer, ages 5-12 years old.

### **Children’s Cancer Center- FLIGHT Camp**

[www.childrenscancercenter.org](http://www.childrenscancercenter.org) | (813) 367-5437

Families Laughing in Groups Hoping Together. An overnight weekend camp bringing families of children diagnosed with cancer together to rate memories and new experiences.

### **Deliver the Dream**

[www.deliverthedream.org](http://www.deliverthedream.org) | [contact@deliverthedream.org](mailto:contact@deliverthedream.org) | 1 (800) 687-3732

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](http://www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org) | (678) 290-2955

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 a faith-based retreat.

### **Sunshine Kids – Southeastern Region**

[www.sunshinekids.org](http://www.sunshinekids.org) | (239) 919-8867

Provides exciting, positive group activities for children with cancer, so they may once again do what kids are meant to do – have fun and celebrate life. Provides exciting activities in the Sarasota/Bradenton/Tampa area, as well as trips and camps across North America.

## **Wishes & Dreams**

### **Children's Dream Fund**

[www.childrensdreamfund.org](http://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~ Southern Florida, Tampa & Sarasota**

[www.sfla.wish.org](http://www.sfla.wish.org) | Tampa 813-288-2600 | Sarasota 941-952-9474

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

### **Make-A -Wish International**

[www.worldwish.org](http://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](http://www.martylyonsfoundation.org) | 813-681-6043 | [kdewitt@martylyonsfoundation.org](mailto:kdewitt@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](http://www.aircharitynetwork.org) | (871) 621-7177

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

### **Angel Flight**

[www.angelflight.com](http://www.angelflight.com) | [angel@angelflight.com](mailto:angel@angelflight.com) | (918) 749-8992

Helps arrange free flights to people with medical needs. Patient's home or treating facility must be located in Oklahoma or surrounding states, locator page is available on the webpage.

### **Angel Wheels To Healing**

[www.angelwheels.org](http://www.angelwheels.org) | <https://angelwheels.org/contact-us> | (757) 318-9174

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

### **Corporate Angel Network**

[www.corpangelnetwork.org](http://www.corpangelnetwork.org) | (914) 328-1313

Helps families arrange free flights to treatment centers by using empty seats on corporate aircrafts flying on routine business. Simple flight request available on website.

### **Grind for Life**

[www.grindforlife.org](http://www.grindforlife.org) | (561) 252-3839

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](http://www.lifelinepilots.org) | 1 (800) 822-7972

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

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

## Care Packages/Programs

### **Amanda Hope**

<https://www.amandahope.org/comfycozy> | [hello@amandahope.org](mailto:hello@amandahope.org) | (602) 775-5090  
As a 12-year-old undergoing chemotherapy, Amanda Hope envisioned and designed a shirt that would give all children a sense of dignity and control. We call that shirt, Comfycozy's for Chemo. Applications are available online; names of doctors and life specialists are needed on application.

### **Gamerosity**

[www.gamerosity.com](http://www.gamerosity.com) | [info@gamerosity.com](mailto:info@gamerosity.com) | (971) 246-7789  
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. Child needs to be under 18 years old, undergoing chemotherapy treatment for a childhood cancer, and parental permission.

### **Freedom Waters Foundation**

[www.freedomwatersfoundation.org](http://www.freedomwatersfoundation.org) | [dfrenkel@freedomwatersfoundation.org](mailto:dfrenkel@freedomwatersfoundation.org) (239) 248-1120  
Enhancing the lives of individuals with special needs and veterans through providing therapeutic boat experiences.

### **JoyJars**

[www.negu.org](http://www.negu.org) | (888) 648-6348  
We fulfill our mission by CONNECTING with families, bringing AWARENESS to their stories, offering them a network of helpful RESOURCES and sending the entire family continual doses of ENCOURAGEMENT throughout their journey. Sends diagnosed children with JoyJars.

### **Little Light of Mine- Just Imagine**

<https://www.llom.org/request-a-photo-shoot> | [sheri.kendrick@llom.org](mailto:sheri.kendrick@llom.org)  
Offers an unforgettable photography-based experience for children who are fighting a life-threatening illness or who have debilitating lifelong medical conditions. Children will be treated as VIP guests of the program from start to finish. They will receive a custom-designed costume, photo shoot and art piece, all based on their imagination. Free to participating families.

### **Packages of Hope**

[www.packagesofhope.com](http://www.packagesofhope.com) | [info@packagesofhope.com](mailto:info@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](http://www.philsfriends.org) | [info@philsfriends.org](mailto:info@philsfriends.org) | (224) 653-8315

Provides cancer patients with care packages. Applications available on the 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\*

Download here:

<https://www.acco.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Coloring-book-final.pdf>

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

**Chemo, Craziiness, 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

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/care-support/grief-services/](http://www.chaptershealth.org/care-support/grief-services/) | (813) 871-8111 | 1-866-204-8611

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/](http://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.TheLifecenterofthesuncoast.com](http://www.TheLifecenterofthesuncoast.com) | (813) 237-3114

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. They also have counseling, support groups, and workshops and events.

### **Salt Water- Find Your Safe Harbor**

[www.findyourharbor.com](http://www.findyourharbor.com) | [www.Facebook.com/FindYourHarbor/](https://www.Facebook.com/FindYourHarbor/)

Salt Water is for those who have lost someone that they can't live without. We provide a safe harbor where you can find comfort, support and tools to survive your loss and rebuild your life.

### **Suncoast Hospice**

[www.suncoasthospice.org](http://www.suncoasthospice.org) | (727) 467-7423

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](http://www.suncoastkidsplace.org) | [atriskkids.org/skp](http://atriskkids.org/skp) | (813) 990-0216

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**

### **Binkeez For Comfort**

[www.binkeezforcomfort.org](http://www.binkeezforcomfort.org) | 508-847-5795

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

### **The Blanket Fairy**

[www.theblanketfairy.weebly.com](http://www.theblanketfairy.weebly.com)

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

### **Celebrate Birthdays**

[www.celebratebirthdays.org/blank](http://www.celebratebirthdays.org/blank) | [belinda@celebratebirthdays.org](mailto:belinda@celebratebirthdays.org) | (813) 504-3353

A nonprofit that ensures every foster child and all children, regardless of personal or financial circumstances has the opportunity to celebrate their birthday and receive a present. Inquire through website for more details.

## **Chemo Angels**

<https://www.chemoangels.com/patient-pre-app>  
<https://www.chemoangels.com/patient-resources>

The Chemo Angels program offers support to those who find themselves in the most challenging situation of their lives – battling a cancer diagnosis and undergoing IV chemotherapy or intensive immunotherapy treatment. Our volunteers support their “buddy” throughout their journey with cards, uplifting messages, supportive words and lots of positive energy.

## **Cody’s Wheels of Hope**

[www.cwoh.org](http://www.cwoh.org) | (814) 460-8228

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

## **CryoChoice**

[www.cryochoice.com](http://www.cryochoice.com) | (800) 619-7869

We are a sperm banking industry leader and proud to offer a cost-effective home collection kit for privately banking sperm. Our Laboratory Director and Scientific/Medical Advisory Board have over 50 years of combined experience in Reproductive and Cryogenic Medicine.

## **Friends of Jaclyn Foundation**

[www.friendsofjaclyn.org](http://www.friendsofjaclyn.org) | (855) 486-3653

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

## **Give Hope Foundation**

<https://givehopefoundation.org/>

Provide support to children and families in Central Florida who are battling childhood cancer and have a unique combination of medical, emotional and financial needs.

## **Hopecam**

[www.Hopecam.org](http://www.Hopecam.org) | [info@hopecam.org](mailto:info@hopecam.org) | (703) 364-5609

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 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are on active treatment for cancer.

## **Icing Smiles, Inc.**

[www.icingsmiles.org](http://www.icingsmiles.org) | Lauren Smith- [SouthCoordinator@icingsmiles.org](mailto:SouthCoordinator@icingsmiles.org) 941-545-0271

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. Does need doctor diagnosis to qualify.

## **Journey 4 A Cure**

[www.journey4acure.org](http://www.journey4acure.org)

Submit application for the iPad program. Must be ages 3 to 18 with a diagnosis of cancer and in active treatment. Send questions in an email through the website.

### **Keep Kids Connected**

[www.keepkidsconnected.org](http://www.keepkidsconnected.org) | [keepkidsconnected@gmail.com](mailto:keepkidsconnected@gmail.com) | (832) 571-7546

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](http://www.monkeyinmychair.org) | (513) 772-4880

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.

### **Myrthil's Law, P.A.**

[luby@myrthilslaw.com](mailto:luby@myrthilslaw.com) | (813) 708-5727

Family Law and Probate from a mom of a childhood cancer survivor.

### **Pediatric Oncofertility Research Foundation**

<https://porf.org/learn/> | <https://porf.org/contact/>

Tim and Suzanne Brown founded the Pediatric Oncofertility Research Foundation (PORF) in 2015 to support research in the field of fertility preservation for children treated for cancer. The primary goal of the foundation is to allow the choice of future fertility to every child with cancer.

### **Safelink Wireless**

[www.freegovernmentcellphones.net/free-cell-phone-providers/safelink-wireless](http://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.

### **Savvy Giving by Design**

[www.savvygivingbydesign.org](http://www.savvygivingbydesign.org)

Savvy Giving by Design™ is a non-profit, national network of professional interior designers whose mission is to provide comfort, support, and healing to families with a child facing a medical crisis by transforming the interior spaces of their homes at no cost to them.

### **Songs of Love**

[www.songsoflove.org](http://www.songsoflove.org) | [info@songsoflove.org](mailto:info@songsoflove.org) | 1-(800)960-7664

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

### **The IEP Advocate**

[www.TheIEAdvocate.com](http://www.TheIEAdvocate.com) | [info@theIEAdvocate.com](mailto:info@theIEAdvocate.com) | (407) 342-9836

If your child is struggling in public school, he or she may qualify for specialized help from the public school through either 504 Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). There are charges for services.

### **Wheels of Success**

[www.wheelsofsuccess.org](http://www.wheelsofsuccess.org) | [info@wheelsofsuccess.org](mailto:info@wheelsofsuccess.org) | (813) 498-0102

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.