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RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER



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Note: The Resource Guide for Families of Children with Cancer is not a comprehensive list of local, state, or national childhood cancer resources. This is a list of several of the most utilized resources but cannot replace recommendations from healthcare providers. Communication with your healthcare provider before, during, and after treatment is of the utmost importance. A social worker's referral or doctor's letter may be required for some of the resources mentioned in this document.



WHAT DOES THE DIAGNOSIS MEAN?

Bone Cancers

Bone cancers derive from a mutation of cells in bones. Osteosarcoma and Ewing's sarcoma are the two most common bone tissue malignancies in children. About 2% of childhood cancers are bone cancers. These mutations typically occur in the growing ends of long bones in the body, typically near the knee or the shoulder.

Explore pediatric bone cancer organizations here:

- MIB Osteosarcoma Agents - learn more at mibagents.org
- National Pediatric Cancer Foundation - learn more at nationalpcf.org and search for "osteosarcoma"
- Sarcoma Alliance - learn more at sarcomaalliance.org/pediatric-sarcoma and search for "pediatric sarcoma"

Brain and Central Nervous System (CNS) Cancers

Central Nervous System cancers affect the brain and the spinal cord. CNS tumors are the most common solid tumors in children, making up about 25% of pediatric cancer cases.

Explore pediatric CNS cancer organizations here:

- Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Warrior - learn more at dipgwarrior.org
- My DIPG Navigator - learn more at mydipgnavigator.org
- Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation - learn more at curethekids.org
- Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium Foundations - learn more at pnocfoundation.org
- Understanding the Journey: A Parent's Guide to DIPG - learn more at acco.org and search for books - "Understanding the Journey"

Germ Cell and Gonadal Tumors

Germ cell tumors occur in areas of the reproductive system of males and females, and gonadal tumors occur in the ovaries and testes. These tumors can be malignant (life-threatening) or benign (not life-threatening). Malignant germ cell tumors include several types of cancer, such as Immature teratoma, yolk sac tumor, and choriocarcinoma. They can destroy the testes or ovaries and spread to other body parts. Germ cells and gonadal tumors are rare in children, only compromising 2-4% of all pediatric cancer.

Explore pediatric reproductive cancer organizations:

- Children’s Oncology Group - learn more at childrensoncologygroup.org and search for “germ cell tumors”
- Childhood Ovarian Cancer Association - learn more at childhoodovariancancer.org/home

Hepatic Tumors

Pediatric Hepatic tumors are malignancies of the liver in children.

The two most common types are hepatoblastoma in children under six and hepatocellular carcinoma in children older than six. However, hepatic tumors are rare and only comprise about 2% of pediatric cancers.

Explore organizations here:

- The Hepatoblastoma Resource Network - learn more at hepatoblastoma.org

Leukemia and Lymphoma

Leukemia is a blood cell cancer from cells originating in the bone marrow. Lymphoma is cancer of the lymphatic system or the immune system. Lymphatic tissue is found in many places in the body, including the lymph nodes, tonsils, adenoids, and inside bone marrow. According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, approximately 40% of all pediatric cancers are blood cancers.

Explore leukemia and lymphoma organizations here:

- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - learn more at lls.org

Melanoma

Melanoma is a skin cancer that begins from a mutation of melanocytes, which give the skin its color. It is very rare in children, with only about 300 children in the US diagnosed each year. However, pediatric melanoma is increasing in frequency each year.

Explore melanoma organizations here:

- Aim at Melanoma Foundation - learn more at aimatmelanoma.org and search for “pediatric melanoma”
- Skin Cancer Foundation - learn more at skincancer.org and search “when a child gets skin cancer”

Neuroblastoma

Neuroblastoma is a type of solid tumor that occurs in the nervous system, specifically the developing cells of the sympathetic nervous system. This impacts the automatic, involuntary actions of the body, such as heart rate. Approximately 7% of pediatric cancers are neuroblastoma.

Explore pediatric neuroblastoma organizations here:

- Children’s Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation - learn more at cncfhope.org
- Neuroblastoma Children’s Cancer Society - learn more at neuroblastomachildrencancersociety.org

Nephroblastoma and Kidney Tumors

Nephroblastoma is a cancer that originates in the kidneys. Around 6% of all childhood cancers are kidney tumors. Many pediatric kidney cancers include Wilms Tumor, renal cell carcinoma, and more.

Explore nephroblastoma organizations here:

- Urology Care Foundation - learn more at urologyhealth.org and search “kidney cancer in children”
- Wilms Cancer Foundation - learn more at wilmsfoundation.org

Rhabdomyosarcoma

Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS or “rhabdo”) is a tumor of cancerous cells that look like immature muscle cells. About 350 new cases are diagnosed each year in the United States. RMS may arise in any part of the body. Still, the most common sites for this tumor are adjacent to the base of the skull; around the eye; and other superficial sites in the head and neck, such as the cheek or lip; arms and legs; urinary system and reproductive sexual organs.

Rhabdomyosarcoma is the most common type of soft tissue sarcoma in children, and it makes up about 3% of all pediatric cancers.

Explore organizations here:

- Children’s Oncology Group - learn more at childrensoncologygroup.org and search “rhabdomyosarcoma”
- Isabella Santos Foundation: Rare and Solid Tumor Program - learn more at isabellasantosfoundation.org and search “rhabdomyosarcoma”
- Sarcoma Alliance - learn more at sarcomaalliance.org and search “pediatric sarcoma”

Thyroid Carcinomas

Thyroid cancer is rare in younger children but more common in teenagers. Thyroid cancer impacts the production of hormones that regulate temperature, energy, body weight, and appetite.

Approximately 1% of all childhood cancers may be thyroid cancer.

Explore thyroid cancer organizations here:

- Children’s Oncology Group - learn more at childrensoncologygroup.org and search “thyroid-cancer”
- ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors’ Association - learn more at thyca.org and search “pediatric”



GETTING STARTED

Here are some essential things you need to know in the first few days after a child's cancer diagnosis.

[CaringBridge](#)

CaringBridge is a free, personal website to share health updates, post photos, and rally loved ones to get support when and where it is needed.

Learn more at [caringbridge.org](https://www.caringbridge.org)

[Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas](#)

The Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas is a valuable resource throughout a child's cancer journey. They provide comprehensive support and compassion to families whose children are battling cancer.

Learn more at [childrenscancerpartners.org](https://www.childrenscancerpartners.org)

[Courageous Kidz](#)

Courageous Kidz, Inc. is a non-medical organization that strives to provide year-round activities and experiences for children with cancer in South Carolina.

Contact: 843-767-2129

Location: 230 Old Dominion Dr., Charleston, SC 29418

Learn more at [courageouskidz.org](https://www.courageouskidz.org)

[Meal Train](#)

When faced with a crisis, cooking meals for your family can seem impossible to manage. Meal Train is a website that coordinates meal deliveries from friends, families, and neighbors to help alleviate some minor stressors in overwhelming times.

Learn more at [mealtrain.com](https://www.mealtrain.com)

[SC Handicap Parking Rules](#)

Children diagnosed with cancer may be eligible for a handicap placard or tag. This allows for free parking at city, county, and state-owned meters, garages, and parking lots. This includes MUSC parking facilities.

Learn more at scdmvonline.com and search “Disabled parking placards”

[Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#)

Supplemental Security Income programs supply monthly payments to families of children with disabilities who have income and resources below specific financial limits.

Learn more and apply at ssa.gov and search “benefits/disability/apply child”

[Tax Equality and Fiscal Responsibility Act \(TEFRA\)](#)

TEFRA, also the Katie Beckett Program, provides Medicaid coverage for children with life-threatening diseases who live at home and would otherwise be ineligible due to financial resources or income. In South Carolina, TEFRA coverage is a part of the Healthy Connections Medicaid Program.

Learn more at www.scdhhs.gov and search “eligibility groups/disabled children”



SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND INFORMATION

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation \(ALSF\)](#)

The ALSF provides a variety of multimedia resources on childhood cancer information. Multimedia resources cover topics from types of childhood cancers to how to talk to children about cancer.

Learn more at alexslemonade.org/childhood-cancer/about-childhood-cancer

[ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation](#)

The ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation created five video series from experts at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU that explain topics of interest. These series include Ask a Nurse, Educational Support, Family Support, Emotional Support, and Survivorship Support.

Learn more at askccf.org and search for the video library

[Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Nurses \(APHON\)](#)

APHON's disease-specific Handbooks for Patients and Families provide a comprehensive overview of hematologic and oncologic diseases. This organization also provides a list of other available resources.

Learn more at aphon.org and search for "education/patient family resources"

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\)](#)

The ACCO yields information on childhood cancer statistics, diagnosis, clinical trials, and more. In addition, the ACCO provides a virtual library resource and free books for families dealing with childhood cancer.

Learn more at acco.org

[Children's Cancer Association \(CCA\)](#)

The CCA Kids' Cancer Pages are a national resource directory that provides information and support resources for families of children with cancer.

Learn more at joyrx.org and search for resources

[Childhood Cancer Guides](#)

Alex's Lemonade Stand provides comprehensive pediatric Cancer Guides that include explanations of childhood cancer, descriptions of treatments, access to resources, and a wide variety of shared experiences.

Access Cancer Guides at alexlemonade.org and search for "childhood cancer guides"

[Children's Oncology Group \(COG\)](#)

The Children's Oncology Group is the world's largest pediatric cancer research organization. The COG is a collaborative body of more than 200 national and international children's oncology centers, which work together to conduct clinical trials. The COG is dedicated to providing reliable information on medical knowledge, coping with cancer, and research. In addition, the COG partnered with St. Baldricks Foundation to share the Children's Oncology Group Family Handbook for information on treatment, support, and follow-up care.

Learn more at childrensoncologygroup.org and search for "patients and families section"

Access the Children's Oncology Group Family Handbook at childrensoncologygroup.org and search for "cog family handbook"

[Coalition Against Childhood Cancer \(CAC2\)](#)

The Coalition Against Childhood Cancer is an international, collaborative childhood cancer network seeking to advance childhood cancer causes in advocacy, family support, survivorship, research, and treatment. In addition, CAC2 hosts the Hope Portal resource database and the thoroughly vetted Childhood Cancer Fact Library.

Learn more at cac2.org and search for the "childhood cancer fact library"

[Courageous Parents Network](#)

The Courageous Parents Network strives to empower parents and caregivers with multimedia resources that reflect the shared experiences of other families through videos, podcasts, blogs, and more.

Learn more at courageousparentsnetwork.org

[CureSearch](#)

The mission of CureSearch is to end childhood cancer by driving targeted and innovative research with measurable results in an accelerated time frame. The website offers informative online guides and resources addressing the specifics of different types of childhood cancer, what cancer is, and an extensive video library of childhood cancer-related information.

Learn more at curesearch.org

[Hope Portal](#)

The Hope Portal is a searchable database that provides access to over 400 organizations assisting childhood cancer patients and their families. Updated frequently, this database is a valuable resource for locating informational resources, support, summer camps, travel options, and wishes for children with cancer and their siblings.

Access at cac2.org and search for the “hope portal”

[Lachlan’s Hope](#)

Lachlan’s Hope is dedicated to supporting families throughout their journey with stem cell and bone marrow transplants. They provide information on the life-saving organization, Be the Match, and highlight resources for transplant and blood cancer patients.

Learn more at lachlanshope.org

[National Cancer Institute \(NCI\)](#)

The National Cancer Institute shares information on types of cancer, treatments, coping skills, survivorship, and more. Additionally, the NCI directs families to related resources in other areas covered by the National Cancer Institute.

Learn more at cancer.gov and search for “childhood cancers”

[National Children's Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)

The NCCS provides a series of publications tailored by age. From kindergarteners to college students to parents, the NCCS publications are perfect cancer resources for all ages.

Learn more at [thenccs.org/publications](https://www.thenccs.org/publications)

[Understanding Childhood Cancer](#)

The South Carolina Cancer Alliance provides a brief overview of pediatric cancer through statistics, information on educational impacts, and additional resources.

Learn more at [sccancer.org](https://www.sccancer.org)

View the Understanding Childhood Cancer flyer at [sccancer.org](https://www.sccancer.org) search "Members" to find "Resources" and then look for the "Childhood Cancer Overview"



SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

[Alex's Lemonade Stand \(ALSF\)](#)

The ALSF produces programs to support families with travel costs, school support, navigation, sibling support, and more.

Learn more at alexslemonade.org and search “childhood-cancer/for-families#support”

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\)](#)

The ACCO provides support resources to parents of children diagnosed with cancer through face-to-face and online support groups. Additionally, the ACCO produced A Parent's Guide to Enhancing Quality of Life in Children with Cancer.

Learn more at acco.org and search “psychological-and-emotional”

Check out A Parent's Guide at acco.org and search “Enhancing-Quality of Life”

[Angel Aid](#)

Angel Aid provides emotional support to families living with rare, chronic, and complex diseases. Connect with other caregivers, learn self-care tools, and be listened to without judgment.

Learn more at angelaidcares.org

[Austin Hatcher Foundation](#)

The Austin Hatcher Foundation helps children and families build the tools to cope and thrive after childhood cancer. Services include counseling, music and art therapy, family programs, occupational therapy, industrial arts classes, healthy lifestyle education, and more.

Learn more at hatcherfoundation.org

[Camp Happy Days](#)

Camp Happy Days serves children with cancer and their families across South Carolina. Camp Happy Days offer support and encouragement by providing cost-free year-round programs, special events, and access to crisis resources. The goal is to improve the physical, emotional, and psychological health of the entire family facing pediatric cancer.

Learn more at camphappydays.org

[Chemo Angels](#)

The Chemo Angels program supports cancer patients through “buddy” support during the cancer journey. Angels send uplifting messages and supporting words of encouragement to help give patients the comfort and confidence of knowing they are not alone in their fight. Chemo Angels aim to fuel a positive attitude and aid in the road to recovery.

Learn more at chemoangels.com

[Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation](#)

Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation provides quality-of-life programs for families impacted by brain and spinal cord tumors. Programs include art and creativity, mentoring, online support groups for various age groups, including AYA and young professionals, yoga, and more.

Learn more at cbtf.org

[Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas](#)

Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas helps to support cancer kids and their families throughout their journey and beyond, up to age 21. This comprehensive and continuous support includes travel funds, resource connections, gifts-in-kind, and psychosocial support.

Learn more at childrenscancerpartners.org

[Children's Cancer Research Fund \(CCRF\)](#)

The CCRF seeks to give children creative opportunities to express themselves and find comfort through the Big Dreams program, the C.C. Bear program, and Camp Norden.

Learn more at childrenscancer.org

[Coalition Against Childhood Cancer \(CAC2\)](#)

CAC2 aids families of children with cancer through the Family Support Interest Group, which seeks to educate families and share resources.

Learn more at cac2.org and search the hope portal for “family support”

[Courageous Kidz](#)

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Learn more at courageouskidz.org

[Courageous Parents Network](#)

The Courageous Parents Network is a non-profit organization that orients and empowers parents and others caring for children with serious illnesses by providing resources and tools that reflect the experience and perspectives of other families and clinicians. Here—in videos, podcasts, printable guides, Guided Pathways, and blogs—you will find wisdom from families and pediatric clinicians to help you feel you are doing your best for your child and family.

Learn more at courageousparentsnetwork.org

[Family Connections of South Carolina](#)

Family Connections of South Carolina offers a variety of programs and services to address questions and concerns related to complex healthcare, mental health, and educational systems that families must navigate when caring for a child with disabilities and/or chronic/life-threatening medical issues.

Learn more at familyconnections.sc.org

[Hope Cam](#)

Hope Cam helps kids stay connected with their classmates as a way of reducing isolation and depression and improving support during treatment.

Learn more at hopecam.org and search for the families section

[Imerman Angels](#)

Imerman Angels provide comfort and understanding for all cancer fighters, survivors, previvors, and caregivers through a personalized, one-on-one connection with someone who has been there.

Learn more at imermanangels.org

[MaxLove Project](#)

The MaxLove project provides resources for families to enhance their quality of life outside the hospital. Programs include personalized cooking classes, whole-family wellness resources, peer social support, and more.

Learn more at maxloveproject.org and search “What We Do”

[Momcology](#)

Momcology is a national organization that provides platforms for primary caregivers to support one another, reflect on experiences, and identify personal self-care strategies. This includes online support, caregiver retreats, and more.

Learn more at momcology.org

[My DIPG Navigator](#)

The My DIPG Navigator program offers one-on-one support from DIPG/DMG Nurse Navigators with many years of experience in pediatric oncology. These nurses work directly with families to help them better understand the diagnosis and treatment options, connect to proper resources they may need, and offer support throughout the family’s entire DIPG/DMG journey.

Learn more at mydipgnavigator.org

[National Children's Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)

The NCCS's Family Support Program dedicates a case manager to each family throughout their journey. These case managers are trained to provide practical and emotional support, as well as to refer families to other resources. In addition, the NCCS has a Mentorship Program and a private Facebook Group to give families further ranges of support.

Learn more thenccs.org and search "support during treatment"

[Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society](#)

The Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society hosts a Facebook Support Group for families and patients, as well as extensive handbooks on Neuroblastoma and Survivorship.

Learn more at neuroblastomachildrencancersociety.org and search "patient resources"

[Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#)

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation provides resources and virtual support groups for families in all stages of diagnosis, treatment, and life afterward.

Learn more at curethekids.org

[We Are Brave Together \(WABT\)](#)

WABT is a supportive community for Moms of children with disabilities and all unique needs. Expanding across the United States, WABT offers retreats, gatherings, support groups, and online events and podcasts.

Learn more at wearebravetogether.org



SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

[Bite Me Cancer](#)

Bite Me Cancer provides care packages to teenagers with cancer to offer inspiration and support.

Learn more at bitemecancer.org/about

[Boon Project](#)

The Boon Project is a South Carolina-based organization that provides free, year-round programs for young adults diagnosed with cancer. Programs include the Courage Club, Fitness Force, and Patient Support.

Learn more at boonproject.org

[B-Present](#)

This organization aims to support adolescent and young adult cancer patients by providing tools to ensure patients feel connected and supported throughout treatment. The “B-there” program eases communication between patients, friends, and families about needs and support.

Learn more at b-present.org

[Cactus Cancer Society](#)

The Cactus Cancer Society provides a safe place where young adults (ages 18-45) facing cancer can connect, cope and thrive with one another in an online community through creativity and expression. The vision is to end isolation among young adults facing cancer.

Learn more at cactuscancer.org

[Dear Jack Foundation](#)

The Dear Jack Foundation offers hope and support to young adult patients, survivors, and caregivers coping with a life-threatening cancer diagnosis. The Breathe Now program utilizes the tools of yoga, meditation, and therapeutic conversations to heal the mind and body and restore relationships between survivors and their partners after cancer treatment. The Dear Jack Foundation also offers wish granting and community connection opportunities and provides mental health resources to help support young adults during and after cancer treatment.

Learn more at dearjackfoundation.org

[Elephants and Tea](#)

Elephants and Tea is the only cancer magazine targeted towards adolescents and young adults. Digital Issues are produced nearly every month and cover various survivorship topics.

Learn more at elephantsandtea.com

[Expect Miracles Foundation – The SAMfund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer](#)

The Expect Miracles Foundation SAMfund offers much-needed resources for young adult cancer survivors. The foundation offers support, scholarships, financial assistance, and family-building grants.

Learn more at expectmiraclesfoundation.org and search “samfund”

[Noah's Gift Grants](#)

Noah's Gift Grants provide extraordinary experiences to deserving teens 13-19. These gifts are made for teens who dream of an extraordinary experience. It encourages applicants to be creative and to explore opportunities or goals they might not otherwise have had the means to achieve. Applicants are encouraged to explore educational opportunities not covered by scholarships or financial aid, such as study abroad or dues required for participation in service organizations.

Learn more at noahsgift.org

Stupid Cancer

Stupid Cancer's mission is to connect adolescent and young adult communities to end isolation and empower those affected by cancer. Stupid Cancer provides monthly Webinars and video series about exercise, mental health, relationships, and more.

Learn more at stupidcancer.org

Teen Cancer America (TCA)

TCA strives to improve the lives of AYA cancer patients by improving hospitals to fit their needs better. TCA also produced the documentary Cancer Rebellion, which offers insights into the challenges faced by teen cancer survivors and their overcoming spirits.

Learn more at teencanceramerica.org and search for “cancer rebellion”

TCA also offers the Play It Back music program, which allows participants to learn the art of songwriting and production as a means of expression. This process gives participants the complete recording-artist experience.

Learn more at teencanceramerica.org and search for “play it back music program”

Ulman Foundation

The Ulman Foundation's Patient Navigators can help adolescents and young adults manage the return to school, connections with peers, health and wellness, scholarships, communication with medical teams, and individual or family counseling.

Learn more at ulmanfoundation.org and search for “healthcare providers”



FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER

[A Healing Grace](#)

A Healing Grace strives to help families of children with cancer heal with grace and faithfulness through God. They provide fundraising assistance, Transportation and Housing Assistance, crowdfunding resources, and give grants to families with financial burdens from cancer. In addition, the Links of Love program highlights available grants that families may qualify for.

Learn more at ahealinggrace.org

[A Mother's Rest](#)

A Mother's Rest offers respite and retreats for caregiving parents in various locations nationwide (including the Carolinas).

Learn more at amothersrest.org

[Ashley G. Charitable Foundation](#)

The Ashley G. Foundation raises money to fund cancer research and support families. This organization assists families with financial needs and bills, funds scholarships, and provides Christmas gifts to pediatric oncology patients at MUSC.

Learn more at ashleygfoundation.com

[Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation \(AWOCCF\)](#)

The AWOCCF assists families with monthly grants to those facing hardship due to a child's cancer diagnosis and hosts the Helping Hands program. The Helping Hands program is a crowdfunding platform that helps families raise money without paying platform fees.

Learn more at awoccf.org and search for familysupport

[Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation](#)

This program strives to lessen the financial burden on families of children with cancer through assistance covering prescription medication costs, travel costs, mortgage payments, and more.

Learn more at [bepositive.org](#) and search “need-help”

[Camp Happy Days](#)

To ease the financial strain that pediatric cancer puts on families, Camp Happy Days provides financial assistance to qualifying families to assist with bills, groceries, gas, and other everyday needs.

Learn more at [caphappydays.org](#) and search for “family programs resources”

[Campaign One at a Time \(OAT\)](#)

Campaign OAT’s family support program hosts a fundraising opportunity for struggling families. Every dollar this program raises is given to the families who need it. **Learn more at**

[campaignoat.org](#) and search “support-programs”

[Cancer Heroes of the Carolinas](#)

Cancer Heroes of the Carolinas is a nonprofit organization that strives to help families emotionally and financially. Financial aid programs include assistance with medical bills, electricity, water, mortgages and rent payments, insurance, gas, food, and more.

Learn more at [cancerheroesofthecarolinas.org](#)

[Child Cancer Fund](#)

The Child Cancer Fund provides financial assistance to families fighting childhood cancer. The aid helps buffer the costs of household expenses like mortgage, rent, utilities, food, and more.

Learn more at childcancerfund.org and search programs for assistance

[Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas](#)

The Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas is a nonprofit organization that provides resources to families of children with cancer. This organization supplies families with necessities, funds for transportation, and other vital services through contributions and partnerships with other organizations, such as the United Way Gift-in-Kind Center.

Main Location 900 S. Pine Street, Suite F, Spartanburg, SC 29302

Learn more at childrenscancerpartners.org/who-we-are

[Cleaning for a Reason](#)

Cleaning for a Reason is a network of 1,200 residential cleaning companies that serve cancer families. Each client is eligible for two free home cleanings through this organization.

Learn more at cleaningforareason.org and search "patients"

[Clement's Kindness](#)

Clement's Kindness Fund for the Children was established in 2002 through the Community Foundation of Greenville to address the needs of Upstate families impacted by pediatric and AYA cancers. Their financial resources aim to relieve the burden of monthly bills, travel costs, groceries, and more from families. Clement's Kindness supports families from Prisma Health and Bon Secour.

Learn more at clementskindness.org and search programs

[Expect Miracles Foundation - SAMfund for Young Adult Cancer Survivors](#)

The SAMfund supports young adult cancer survivors in the United States as they recover from the financial impact of cancer treatment. The SAM fund helps young adults progress toward their personal, professional, and academic goals through direct financial assistance and free online support and education.

Learn more at expectmiraclesfoundation.org and search “samfund”

[Healthwell Pediatric Financial Assistance](#)

Healthwell Pediatric Financial Assistance reduces financial barriers to care for medically underinsured patients with chronic or life-altering diseases. Assistance includes prescription co-pays; health insurance premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance; pediatric treatment costs; travel costs; and behavioral health services.

Learn more at healthwellfoundation.org and search for patients/apply

[Hogs for the Cause](#)

Hogs for the Cause is the premier nationwide funding source for outreach services for families of children with brain cancer. Since 2009, Hogs for the Cause has awarded around two million dollars to individual families.

Learn more and apply for grants at hogsforthecause.org and search for “apply-for-a-grant”

[Landon Strong Foundation](#)

The Landon Strong Foundation was created to support families impacted by childhood cancer by financial means. This foundation also strives to help families build faith through prayer and counseling, and they celebrate life along every milestone.

Learn more at landonstrongfoundation.com

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

The LLS provides a series of patient financial assistance programs that help offset expenses ranging from insurance premiums, transportation, dental care, and more. The LLS showcases at least half a dozen programs and partners with “Dollar For” to help eliminate medical debt.

Learn more at lls.org and search support resources for “financial-support”

[National Children’s Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)

The NCCS’s Emergency Assistance Fund serves families who have a child that has been inpatient for more than 15 consecutive days. This three-hundred-dollar relief fund may be used for rent, utility payments, health insurance premiums, or other treatment-related expenses.

Learn more at thenccs.org and search for financial-assistance

[The Parker Lee Project](#)

The Parker Lee Project helps fill the gap between medical supplies and equipment for special needs children not covered by insurance.

Learn more at theparkerleeproject.org

[Patient Help Network \(PHN\)](#)

The PHN is operated by a small group of advocates dedicated to helping lower the financial burden of prescription medication. Contact at 866-218-0694.

Learn more and request a free qualification form at patienthelpnetwork.org

[Pinky Swear Foundation](#)

The Pinky Swear Foundation aims to reduce the financial burden for families as they navigate a child’s cancer diagnosis. Their services are applicable for rent or mortgage payments, aid for auto payments, gas cards, and grocery cards.

Learn more at pinkyswear.org and search programs and resources

[SC Respite Coalition](#)

As a parent and a primary caregiver of a child with cancer, it is essential to be able to take a break or catch up on other vital tasks. The SC Respite Coalition is an organization that provides financial support to reimburse caregivers for respite care. Respite care can come in many forms, including in-home or center-based programs.

Learn more and view applications at screstitecoalition.org/family-caregivers/get-respice-help

[Silverton Foundation](#)

The Silverton Foundation provides mortgage and rent assistance to help reduce financial and emotional burdens, allowing parents to focus on their child's health.

Learn more at thesilvertonfoundation.org

[United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#)

United Healthcare Children's Foundation offers medical grants to children to get the care they need.

Learn more at uhccf.org and search apply for a grant



TRAVEL AND HOUSING RESOURCES

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation \(ASLF\)](#)

The ALSF's Travel for Care program helps reduce travel expenses for families traveling elsewhere for care. This program includes assistance with gas, lodging, and airfare. Other programs include support for siblings and funding for cancer-related research.

Learn more and contact ALSF at alexslimonade.org and search "travel for care"

[Angel Flight Soars](#)

Angel Flight Soars provides air transportation at no cost to those needing transportation for medical treatment.

Learn more at <http://www.angelflightsoars.org> and search patients "request a flight"

[Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas](#)

There are only three children's cancer treatment centers in South Carolina. The Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas strives to help families with the cost of travel to treatment centers through assistance with transportation, meals, and lodging.

Learn more at childrenscancerpartners.org

[Children's Flight of Hope](#)

Children's Flight of Hope provides flights to specialized medical care for children in need.

Learn more at childrensflightofhope.org

[Compass to Care](#)

This program organizes and funds travel arrangements to hospitals more than sixty miles from the child's residence.

Contact: 312-515-9490

Learn more at compasstocare.org

[Joe's House](#)

Joe's House is a nonprofit organization that locates lodging facilities near hospitals at a discounted rate.

Contact: 877-563-7468 or info@joeshouse.org

Learn more at joeshouse.org

[Lachlan's Hope](#)

Lachlan's Hope is dedicated to supporting families throughout their journey with stem cell and bone marrow transplants. They provide information on the life-saving organization, Be the Match, and highlight resources for transplant and blood cancer patients. Travel cards for gas, food, and other necessities during the families' hospital stay may be available.

Learn more at lachlanshope.org

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society provides financial assistance programs to families of children with cancer. Among these, three programs provide travel assistance of up to \$500 per grant. An additional \$2,500 travel grant is available for CAR T-cell therapy patients.

Learn more at lls.org and search "financial support"

[Miracle Flights](#)

Miracle Flight's mission is "to provide free commercial flights to those needing life-changing medical care" across the United States.

Contact: 800-359-1711

Learn more and request a flight at miracleflights.org

[National Children's Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)

The NCCS strives to alleviate the burden of travel costs through its transportation assistance funds, which include expenses such as mileage, airfare, and lodging. Additionally, the NCCS has an Emergency Assistance Fund for families of children who must be inpatient for their treatment.

Learn more about the eligibility requirements at thenccs.org and search "financial assistance"

[Patient Airlift Services \(PALS\)](#)

Patient Airlift Services arranges free flights for medical patients requiring medical diagnosis, treatment, or follow-up who cannot afford or fly commercially.

Learn more at palservices.org

[Ronald McDonald House](#)

The Ronald McDonald House Programs offer a comforting home away from home for families who must travel to access the medical resources their child needs. This program provides a place to stay, comforting meals, recreational activities, and family support services.

Find a chapter near you at rmhc.org



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CLINICAL TRIALS

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation \(ALSF\)](#)

The ALSF provides information about clinical trials and clinical trial navigation. Families registered with the ALSF Family Services can request a Clinical Trials Search and communicate directly with program staff.

Learn more at alexslemonade.org and search “clinical trials”

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\)](#)

The ACCO created A Parent's Guide to Clinical Trials. This comprehensive guide explains the trial process from beginning to end and provides a list of resources and questions to ensure that patients get the treatment they need.

View A Parent's Guide to Clinical Trials at acco.org and search “ClinicalTrialBooklet”

[CureSearch](#)

CureSearch partnered with Antidote to create a search engine that matches patients with clinical trials in less than 60 seconds.

Search now at curesearch.org and search “Clinical Trials”

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

LLS provides a free, one-on-one Clinical Trial Nurse Navigator to assist families of children with blood cancer throughout their entire trial journey.

Learn more at lls.org and search “clinical trial support center”

[MIB Osteosarcoma Agents](#)

MIB Agents debunks myths about clinical trials, briefly summarizes each phase of clinical trials, and employs a search engine that allows patients to match to clinical trials in under a minute.

Learn more at mibagents.org and search “clinical trials”

[Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#)

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation works hard to support families interested in learning more about clinical trials and resources. After filling out a short form, a member of the Family Support team will reach out within 48 hours.

Learn more at curethekids.org and search “clinical trials”



PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation \(ALSF\)](#)

ALSF dedicates the final most chapter of their Childhood Cancer book to sharing parent's innermost thoughts on transitioning to hospice, their experiences with grief, and more.

Learn more at [alexslimonade.org](https://www.alexslimonade.org) and search for "death and bereavement"

[American Childhood Cancer Organization](#)

"Hope Amidst Sorrow" is an hour-long seminar by Doctor Chris Feudtner, the Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This seminar is dedicated to parents who have lost a child to cancer.

Watch at [acco.org](https://www.acco.org) and search for "hope amidst sorrow"

[Children's Brain Tumor Foundation \(CBTF\)](#)

The CBTF supports families by offering support, connections, information, and resources about bereavement. CBTF support workers are available for one-on-one support by request.

Learn more at [cbtf.org](https://www.cbtf.org) and search bereavement

[Gift from a Child](#)

Brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. When a child's life is cut short, tissue donation can be one last way to fight back. This gift from a child is vital to research to find a cure for childhood brain cancer.

Learn more at [giftfromachild.org](https://www.giftfromachild.org)

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society provides an updated list of national resources for grief and bereavement.

Learn more at [lls.org](https://www.lls.org) and search "grief"

[MIB Osteosarcoma Agents](#)

MIB Agents is a Pediatric Osteosarcoma Nonprofit that shares resources for bereaving families. Their programs, like Healing Hears and the Wall of Angels, aim to help families through tough times and honor the passing of “OsteoWarriors.”

Learn more at mibagents.org and search for bereaved families

[Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#)

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation provides virtual grief support groups, online communities, and webinars.

Learn more at curethekids.org and search family resources grief support



FUN STUFF AND SPECIAL SUPPORT

[Aflac Chemo Duck Program](#)

The Aflac Chemo Duck Program provides a soft and cuddly stuffed Aflac Duck to children with cancer. This fuzzy friend comforts children during medical procedures, communicates their feelings, and practices distraction techniques.

Learn more at myduck.sproutel.com

[Amanda's Hope - ComfyCozy's for Chemo](#)

Amanda's Hope provides ComfyCozy for Chemo for any pediatric cancer patient diagnosed under the age of 18 who has central lines in their chest. These fun and practical shirts ease the treatment process through toft fabric, side holes for line access, and easy snap buttons.

Learn more at comfycozys.com

[Beads of Courage, Inc.](#)

The Beads of Courage program is dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer through the arts-in-medicine program. Within this program, beads are given to children as tangible symbols that represent their courage and strength. These symbols foster hope and community within patients and their families. They also provide a visual representation of the child's cancer journey that can encourage and empower the child and family.

Learn more at beadsofcourage.org

[Cancer Kickers Soccer Club](#)

The Cancer Kickers Soccer Club is a nonprofit organization that aims to unite pediatric cancer patients in comfort, community, and connections through their care packages. Each care package contains a player kit with a team jersey customized with the child's name and favorite number.

Learn more at cancerkickers.com

[Camp Out from Cancer](#)

Camp Out from Cancer is a nonprofit organization that sends children fighting cancer an indoor camping-themed care package. Each care package includes a pop-up play tent, books, a lantern, glow bracelets, and more.

Learn more at campoutfromcancer.com

[Children with Hairloss](#)

Children with Hairloss provides custom human hair wigs to children who lose their hair for medical reasons. Each child receives a complete care kit, education guide, and access to volunteer barbers yearly for no cost.

Learn more at childrenwithhairloss.org

[Cleaning for a Reason](#)

Cleaning for a Reason is a network of 1,200 residential cleaning companies that serve cancer families. Each client is eligible for two free home cleanings through this organization.

Learn more at cleaningforareason.org search "patients"

[Cool Kids Campaign](#)

The Cool Kids Campaign supports children fighting cancer through care packages and Smile Boxes. Each child receives a care package when they enroll in this program, and Smile Boxes are given to celebrate birthdays, the end of treatment, or just as a pick-me-up.

Learn more at coolkidscampaign.org select "become a cool kids family" button at the top right of the page

[Courageous Kidz](#)

Courageous Kidz, Inc. is a non-medical organization that strives to provide year-round activities and experiences for children with cancer in South Carolina.

Contact: 843-767-2129

Location: 230 Old Dominion Dr., Charleston, SC 29418

Learn more at courageouskidz.org

[CureSearch – Brave Barbie](#)

Through a partnership with Mattel, CureSearch is honored to provide Brave Barbies to childhood cancer patients. Hair loss is a common side effect of chemotherapy and radiation therapy treatments. Brave Barbie helps children better understand their hair loss and provides a “friend” through treatment and beyond.

Learn more at curesearch.org and search “brave barbie”

[Gamerosity](#)

Gamerosity provides special Hero Packages to children living with cancer. These packages aim to become a fun distraction through specially curated gifts, including an iPad.

Learn more at gamerosity.com

[Gold Hope Project](#)

The Gold Hope Project aims to educate communities about pediatric cancer and to support these families through free photography sessions. Through a network of volunteer photographers, more than a thousand pediatric cancer patients have received sessions at all stages of treatment, remission, and survivorship.

Learn more at goldhopeproject.com

[Friends of Jaclyn Foundation](#)

The Friends of Jaclyn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for children and families battling childhood cancer through the Adopt a Child and Safe on the Sidelines Programs. The Adopt a Child Program matches the childhood cancer patient with a high school or college sports team who will support and uplift them throughout the relationship. Similarly, the Safe on the Sidelines Program supports siblings of cancer patients through an additional team relationship.

Learn more at friendsofjaclyn.org

[Headbands of Hope](#)

Headbands of Hope provides fun and fashionable headbands for pediatric cancer patients. For each headband that they sell, this organization donates one headband to children with cancer.

Learn more at headbandsofhope.com and search under “giving” for “nominate a headband hero” or “individual donation request”

[Hug Your People \(HYP\)](#)

HYP's Baxley's Wagons program donates a collapsible, personalized wagon for children diagnosed with cancer. These wagons are intended as a safe space for children while in the hospital, and they include a pillow, waterproof pillow protector, blanket, toys, lap tray, and more.

Learn more at hugyourpeople.org and search for wagons

[Glimmer of Hope Foundation](#)

The Glimmer of Hope Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides bald dolls to show boys and girls with cancer their strength and beauty. Additionally, the Foundation creates a magical day for girls battling cancer with the Best Day Ever Photo Shoots. In this annual program, the girls will receive hair and makeup services, a customized gift basket, a princess dress, and more, all before their professional photo shoot at a magical location.

Learn more at glimmerofhopefoundation.org

[Icing Smiles](#)

Icing Smiles is a nonprofit organization that will create a custom celebration cake for any family fighting pediatric cancer. Icing Smiles relies on a generous network of volunteers to bake and distribute cakes for children with cancer or their siblings on any occasion.

Learn more at icingsmiles.org

[Jack Strong Foundation](#)

The Jack Strong Foundation provides Jack's Brave Bags to children undergoing cancer treatment. Each care package has a little superhero touch to encourage cancer kids to be brave throughout their treatment.

Learn more at jackstrong.org and search for brave-bags

[Jessie Rees Foundation](#)

The Jessie Rees Foundation inspires families to "Never Ever Give Up" through their ClubNEGU program for children fighting cancer, their siblings, and their parents. This program provides monthly care packages to bring smiles and joy to families going through tough times.

Learn more at negu.org

[Kids Kicking Cancer](#)

Kids Kicking Cancer hosts the Heroes Circle Pediatric Healing Program. This program teaches students non-contact martial arts to encourage them to use meditative techniques, focus their strength, and overcome pain.

Learn more at heroescircle.org and search for pediatric healing program

[KLH Clubhouse Community](#)

The KLH Clubhouse Community connects families with corporate sponsors who will build their children a safe place to play. Each clubhouse helps children to reunite with the innocence and carefree joy of childhood.

Learn more and apply at klhgroup.co/apply-for-a-clubhouse

[Liv Like a Unicorn](#)

Liv Like a Unicorn provides Unicorn Boxes to children battling pediatric cancer. Each box contains crafts, a blanket, small toys, and other smile-inducing gifts.

Learn more at livlikeaunicorn.org search for how we help/unicorn boxes

[Love Your Melon \(LYM\)](#)

The LYM organization has a Request A Hat program that gives friends and families the opportunity to surprise a child with cancer with a personalized LYM hat.

Learn more at loveyourmelon.com search “about” for “request a hat”

[Luke’s Fast Breaks](#)

Luke’s Fast Breaks provides up to three port-accessible shirts at no cost to recipients. Each shirt comes in an infection-control sealed bag, snaps down on each side, meets hospital requirements, and is fun to wear.

Learn more at lukesfastbreaks.org

[Olly’s Warriors](#)

Olly Otter believes playing can heal and motivate! The official mascot of Kid’s Day of Lexington wants to bring healing play to kids battling cancer or serious illnesses and their siblings through home visits, events, and mailings.

Learn more at facebook.com/MeaningfulPlaywithOlly



[Our Amazing Fighters](#)

Our Amazing Fighters is committed to bringing joy to pediatric cancer patients through care packages, gifting children a bald American Girl Doll, and providing holiday assistance.

Learn more at ouramazingfighters.org

[Roc Solid Foundation](#)

The Roc Solid Foundation includes a Playset Program and provides families with Ready Bags. The Playset program provides backyard playsets to kids fighting cancer to have a fun, germ-free place to play. The Ready Bags are given to families when a child is diagnosed with cancer. They include toiletries, a blanket, a journal, a tablet, and more.

Learn more at rocsolidfoundation.org

[Sadie Keller Foundation](#)

The Sadie Keller Foundation provides love and comfort to families dealing with childhood cancer through their Milestone Gifts and Sadie's Sleigh program. Milestone Gifts celebrate any triumph along the course of cancer treatment. Additionally, Sadie's Sleigh is a toy drive that ensures every kid wakes up with presents on Christmas morning, whether at home or hospitalized.

Learn more at sadiekellerfoundation.org

[Songs of Love](#)

Songs of Love gifts children their own free, personalized song. In addition, this organization is partnered with Icing Smiles, and recipients can also request a free cake simultaneously.

Learn more at songsoflove.org

[Tiny Superheroes](#)

Tiny Superheroes offers programs that encourage hope and strength to the kids and families that wear our superhero capes. Where others see differences, we see superpowers. Empowering ordinary kids as they overcome illness or disability.

Learn more at tinysuperheroes.com

[Wishes and Dreamers](#)

Wishes and Dreamers is a nonprofit organization that sends mini hospital gowns to children for their dolls and stuffed companions.

Learn more at wishersanddreamers.org



CAMPS AND RETREATS

[A Mother's Rest](#)

A Mother's Rest offers respite and retreats for caregiving parents in various locations nationwide (including the Carolinas).

Learn more at amothersrest.org

[Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation](#)

Believe in Tomorrow allows families to take a break from their stressful routine of medical treatments and enjoy a stay at a mountain or beach location. Respite properties are located in Maryland, Delaware, and North Carolina.

Learn more at believeintomorrow.org

[Blue Skies Ministry](#)

The Blue Skies Ministry offers family beach camps to uplift children with cancer. These week-long trips are held in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, and each trip is outfitted with a healthcare professional in the event of medical needs during the trip. After being accepted into this program, there is a \$50 application donation, and transportation must be arranged independently.

Learn more at blueskiesministries.org

[Camp CARE \(Cancer Ain't Really the End\)](#)

Camp CARE (Cancer Ain't Really the End) provides a weeklong summer camp and year-round activities to children who have or have had cancer and their families in the Charlotte area. Camp CARE is for Levine patients, but many SC families travel to Levine.

Learn more at campcare.wpengine.com and search "about the camp"

[Camp Courage](#)

Camp Courage is a program offered by Prisma Health Children's Hospital (Upstate). Camp Courage programs provide fun, medically safe, and therapeutic psychosocial services for families and patients navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders.

Learn more at prismahealthchildrens.org and search services and programs for more information on Camp Courage.

Contact: If you have any questions, call Lyndsey at 864-455-8741 or e-mail LHoffman@ghs.org.

[Camp Happy Days](#)

Camp Happy Days is a flagship event for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. They provide free, year-round programs and resources to help improve the physical, emotional, and psychological health of children and their families.

Learn more at camphappydays.org

Contact: 843-571-4336

Location: 933 Dupont Rd. Suite B, Charleston, SC 29407

[CAMP KEMO](#)

CAMP KEMO is a program offered by Prisma Health Children's Hospital (Columbia). CAMP KEMO programs provide fun, medically safe, and therapeutic psychosocial services for families and patients navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders.

Learn more at prismahealthchildrens.org and search services and programs for more information on Camp Kemo.

Contact: Cassandra Shea at 803-434-3503 or cassandra.shea@prismahealth.org

[Camp Rise Above](#)

Camp Rise Above is a non-profit organization that serves children and young adults with serious illnesses, life challenges, and disabilities in a fun camp setting. They encourage the participation of siblings and can even bring camp to you in hospital settings if needed.

Learn more at campriseabove.org

Contact: 843-300-9100

Location: P.O. Box 31295, Charleston, SC 29417

[Camp Sunshine](#)

Camp Sunshine is a retreat for families of children with life-threatening illnesses. Their Mission is to combine relaxation, recreation, hope, and support in the various stages of a child's illness. This program is free of charge and includes on-site medical support.

Learn more at campsunshine.org

[Camp MerryTimes](#)

Friends of Santa Claus, serving primarily Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina children and families, offers Camp MerryTimes and other activities. Additional assistance may be available during times of financial hardship.

Learn more at friendsofsantaclaus.org

[Lighthouse Family Retreats](#)

The Lighthouse Family Retreats are organized by a faith-based, non-profit group to provide restorative retreats for families of children with cancer. This includes Seaside retreats, week-long respites, or local, one-to-three-day community retreats.

Learn more at lighthousefamilyretreat.org

[Jason's House](#)

Jason's House is a ministry in Surfside Beach that offers getaways to families of children with cancer. This free, one-week vacation helps families rest and recover in the midst of their treatment journey. A recommendation from a social worker is required.

Learn more at surfsideumc.org and search "Jason's House"

[The Still Place](#)

The Still Place provides families of children with cancer with a respite in the mountains of Hayesville, North Carolina. Families enjoy art, nature, and adventures at no cost to help relieve the daily burdens of cancer treatment.

Learn more at thestillplace.org

[Victory Junction](#)

Victory Junction is a fun camp that challenges children with medical conditions to try new things, such as ziplining, archery, fishing, and more. The camp is located in Randleman, North Carolina.

Learn more at victoryjunction.org



EXPERIENCES AND WISH ASSISTANCE

[A Kid Again](#)

A Kid Again provides free Adventures to families with children that have life-threatening conditions. These Adventures can include visiting the zoo, sporting events, or amusement parks.

Learn more at akidagain.org.

Enroll at akidagain.org and search “For Families” to enroll now

[A Moment of Magic \(AMoM\)](#)

A Moment of Magic fuses arts, crafts, music, theater, and activity to help children express themselves and heal in a supportive environment. Kids can enjoy a virtual meeting with their favorite character, access AMoM Unlimited, and receive individual video requests.

Learn more at amomentofmagic.org and search “Our Services” to request a visit

[Baking Memories 4 Kids](#)

Baking Memories 4 Kids is a nonprofit organization that sells cookies as a fundraising method for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. These families receive an all-expense paid vacation to all theme parks in Orlando, Florida.

Learn more at bakingmemories4kids.com

[Bert’s Big Adventure](#)

Bert’s Big Adventure provides a free, five-day trip to Walt Disney World for children with cancer who are between the ages of five and twelve. Following the trip, BBA provides year-round support through certain programs to create a community of families.

Learn more at bertsbigadventure.org

[Catch A Dream Foundation](#)

Catch A Dream is a nonprofit organization that grants once-in-a-lifetime hunting and fishing experiences for children with life-threatening illnesses. They have provided nearly 800 trips at no cost to families.

Learn more at catchadream.org

[Campaign One at a Time](#)

Campaign OAAT selects a few children each month to host a fundraiser for. The proceeds of these fundraisers go to fulfilling one of the child's biggest dreams.

Learn more at campaignoaat.org and search "Impact Programs" then "Support Programs" to register a child

[Carolina Sunshine for Children](#)

Carolina Sunshine for Children is a nonprofit group that provides positive, lasting memories for children with life-threatening illnesses. These wishes aim to be a ray of sunshine for children and their families who are going through hard times.

Learn more at carolinasinshine.org

[Disney Compassion Program](#)

The Disney Compassion Program is sponsored by Give Kids the World, and it grants families free tickets to explore Disney theme parks. These tickets are available to families who have yet to receive Disney tickets through another wish organization.

Families of children with life-threatening cancer are eligible, and information can be requested by emailing compassion@gktw.com

[Do It for the Love](#)

Do It for the Love aims to inspire hope and healing through the power of music. This organization provides free concert tickets, coordinates meet-and-greets, and can reimburse families for travel as a part of this program.

Learn more at doitfortheLove.org

[Dream Factory](#)

The Dream Factory is a volunteer-based children's wish-granting organization that serves children with life-threatening and chronic illnesses.

Learn more at dreamfactoryinc.org

[Hunt of A Lifetime](#)

Hunt of a Lifetime is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to grant children with life-threatening illnesses their hunting and fishing dreams. Events occur throughout the year, all over the country.

Learn more at huntofalifetime.org

[Jose Wejebe Foundation](#)

The Jose Wejebe Foundation honors the legacy of its founder by highlighting his passion for conservation, education, and fishing. The Jose Wejebe Foundation partners with Make A Wish, the Outdoor Dream Foundation, and more, but they also take applications directly.

Learn more at josewejebefoundation.org

Refer an individual at josewejebefoundation.org/referral

[Kids Wish Network](#)

The Kids Wish Network serves children battling life-threatening conditions by granting them wishes personalized to their unique interests. Previous wishes include theme park trips, concerts, sporting events, travel to special destinations, gifts, and more.

Learn more at kidswishnetwork.org

[Make-A-Wish Foundation](#)

The Make-A-Wish Foundation strives to make dreams come true for children diagnosed with critical illnesses, giving them the hope and strength to continue fighting their illnesses.

Learn more at wish.org

[Marty Lyons Foundation](#)

The Marty Lyons Foundation grants wishes to children diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Funds are obtained through events, foundations, grants, and donations.

Learn more at martylyonsfoundation.org

[Mattie Miracle Wishes Program](#)

The MM Wishes Program grants wishes to children with cancer, including trips, fun requests, or wish items up to \$1,000.

Learn more at mattiemiracle.com

Apply by emailing Vicki Brown at vicki@mattiemiracle.com

Noah's Gift Grants

Noah's Gift Grants provide extraordinary experiences to deserving teens 13-19. These gifts are made for teens who dream of an extraordinary experience. It encourages applicants to be creative and to explore opportunities or goals they might not otherwise have had the means to achieve. Applicants are encouraged to explore educational opportunities not covered by scholarships or financial aid, such as study abroad or dues required for participation in service organizations.

Learn more at noahsgift.org and search "noahs gift grants" to apply

Olly the Otter

Olly the Otter is a tangible character that encourages kids to be active, heal through laughter, and make memories. Olly's Warriors for cancer kids is a Facebook group that helps connect families going through tough times into one community.

Learn more at ollytheotter.com

Join Olly's Warriors at

facebook.com/groups/322234465536008/about

Outdoor Dream Foundation

The Outdoor Dream Foundation facilitates free outdoor adventures for children and youth under 21 diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. Outdoor Dream Adventures occur anywhere in North America, including hunting, fishing, and more.

Learn more at outdoordream.org



EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The following is a listing of available scholarships and educational support, and navigation/advocacy resources.

K-12 Support and Scholarships

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\) - Education](#)

The ACCO provides free books for families of children with cancer in their digital library. These books help inform parents and patients alike, providing advice, activities, and a space for children to record their cancer journey. Educating the Child with Cancer is one of ACCO's books that can be valuable to families.

Learn more at acco.org/books

[ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation](#)

The ASK Foundation provides an education toolkit for parents, schools, and hospitals to support the child in the classroom.

Learn more at askccf.org and search “resources” for the education toolkit

[Children's Brain Tumor Foundation \(CBTF\)](#)

The CBTF is dedicated to supporting cancer survivors through their educational journey to ensure children can reach their full academic potential.

Learn more at cbtf.org and search programs for information on navigating the education-system

[Family Connections of South Carolina](#)

Family Connections of South Carolina offers a variety of programs and services to address questions and concerns related to complex healthcare, mental health, and educational systems that families must navigate when caring for a child with disabilities and/or chronic/life-threatening medical issues.

Learn more at familyconnectionsc.org

[The Izzy Foundation Scholarship for K-12 and College](#)

The Izzy Foundation offers academic scholarships to children with cancer (survivors or in treatment) and their siblings.

Scholarships are offered for K-12 and college education.

Learn more at theizzystation.org and search “what we do” for information on academic scholarships

[South Carolina Cancer Alliance](#)

The South Carolina Cancer Alliance offers guidance for requesting a 504 plan under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Learn more at sccancer.org and search “Members” for “Resources” to find the “Parent Letter for 504 Plan”

College Scholarships

[Ambient Edge Scholarship for Students Affected by Cancer](#)

Scholarships are offered to students seeking higher education affected by cancer, either by their diagnosis or that of a loved one.

Learn more at ambientedge.com and search “About Us” to find information about the students affected by cancer scholarship

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\) – Scholarships](#)

The American Childhood Cancer Organization also provides a brief, current list of scholarships for cancer survivors.

Learn more at acco.org and search for scholarships

[Beat Cancer Scholarship](#)

Beat Cancer College scholarships are for survivors and siblings of individuals diagnosed with pediatric cancer.

Learn more at beatcancertoday.storenvoy.com and search for the “scholarships” tab on the left side of the page

[The Brian Morden Memorial Scholarship](#)

The Brian Morden Memorial Scholarship was established to honor a young man who lost his battle with Ewing’s Sarcoma. Scholarship applicants should be pursuing a higher education course that includes either music, some aspect of technology, or medicine. Applicants are not required to be cancer survivors; however, survivors are given special consideration.

Learn more at brianmordenfoundation.org

[Cancer for College Scholarship](#)

All Cancer for College Scholarship applicants must be US residents enrolled in a university or community college in the United States.

Learn more at cancerforcollege.org

[Children's Cancer Cause \(CCC\) Scholarship](#)

The CCC's College Scholars Program offers scholarships to ten survivors with awards of up to \$4,000 per year. Applications are due in the month of March before the fall term.

Learn more at childrenscancercause.org and search for "Resources for Childhood Cancer Survivors" and then select "College Scholars Program"

[The Izzy Foundation Scholarship for K-12 and College](#)

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Scholarships are offered for K-12 and college education.

Learn more at theizzyfoundation.org and search "what we do" for information on academic scholarships

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

The LLS Scholarship is a one-time award of up to \$7,500 for blood cancer patients diagnosed at age 25 or younger. This scholarship can be applied to in-person or virtual students at vocational, two-year, or four-year undergraduate education institutions.

Learn more at lls.org and search for "scholarship"

[Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance Scholarship](#)

The Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance Scholarship is for a student whose life has been impacted by cancer. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to college students pursuing higher education.

Learn more at mesothelioma.com and search "About Us" for "scholarship program"

[The Michael A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship](#)

The Michael A. Hunter Scholarship is awarded to help improve the quality of life for those affected by Leukemia/Lymphoma. The scholarship is offered to patients, siblings, and children of a leukemia patient.

Learn more at oc-cf.academicworks.com and search “Michael A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship”

[My Hometown Heroes Scholarship](#)

The My Hometown Heroes Scholarship is available to cancer survivors with at least one more year remaining in their college education journey.

Learn more at myhometownheroes.org

[National Children’s Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)

The National Children’s Cancer Society provides scholarships to childhood cancer survivors diagnosed with high-grade cancer or an anaplastic brain tumor. To date, the NCCS has awarded more than two million dollars in scholarships.

Learn more at thenccs.org/scholarship

[National Collegiate Cancer Foundation](#)

The National Collegiate Cancer Foundation provides scholarship opportunities up to \$1,000 to young adults ages 17-35 whose education has been impacted by cancer.

Learn more at collegiatecancer.org

[National Grace Foundation College Education Support](#)

The National Grace Foundation College Awareness Program provides college application and financial aid counseling and advocacy assistance. They also provide test prep support.

Learn more at graceamerica.org/services

[National Grace Foundation College Scholarship](#)

The National Grace Foundation offers college scholarships for pediatric cancer fighters and survivors.

Learn more at graceamerica.org

[Northwestern Mutual](#)

Northwestern Mutual is proud to offer scholarships to childhood cancer survivors and siblings of cancer survivors who aim to pursue higher education. To date, Northwestern Mutual has offered more than \$1.4 million in scholarship funding.

Learn more at northwesternmutual-foundation.com

[Ortliebfoundation.org Scholarship](#)

College scholarships are awarded twice a year (Spring and Fall) and are valued at \$1000 each. Eligible applicants must provide a letter from their oncologist stating their diagnosis and treatment with chemotherapy, radiation, or proton therapy.

Learn more at ortliebfoundation.org

[Patient Advocate Foundation Scholarship](#)

The Patient Advocate Foundation awards college scholarships to legal residents of the United States under age 25 diagnosed with or treated for cancer and/or a chronic/life-threatening disease within the past five years. Applicant must be pursuing an Associate's Degree or higher.

Learn more at patientadvocate.org and search for “Connect with Services” then “Services and Programs” and then “Apply for a Scholarship”

[The Simon Cancer Foundation Scholarship Program](#)

The Simon Cancer Foundation Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to cancer survivors.

Learn more at thescf.org and search the “Scholarships” tab

[Sophia's Hope Scholarship](#)

Sophia's Hope Scholarships are awarded annually to childhood cancer survivors and their siblings.

Learn more at sofiashope.org and search the “Programs” tab for “Scholarships”

[Ulman Foundation](#)

The Ulman Foundation's Patient Navigators can help adolescents and young adults manage the return to school, connections with peers, health and wellness, scholarships, communication with medical teams, and individual or family counseling.

Learn more at ulmanfoundation.org



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[Alliance for Childhood Cancer](#)

The Alliance for Childhood Cancer organizes annual Childhood Cancer Action Days. These Action Days rally communities to advocate for childhood cancer issues before Congress.

Learn more at allianceforchildhoodcancer.org

[American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network \(ACS CAN\)](#)

The ACS CAN advocates for childhood cancer research on the state and federal level. Their work seeks new cures and treatments for cancer patients and ensures all Americans have access to life-saving medical care.

Learn more at fightcancer.org and search the “What We Do” tab for “Cancer Research Funding” to learn about childhood cancer research

[American Childhood Cancer Organization \(ACCO\)](#)

The ACCO is dedicated to raising awareness and campaigning to make childhood cancer a priority at the local, state, and federal levels. The ACCO also advocates for kids with cancer on state, federal, and global levels.

Learn more at acco.org

[Coalition Against Childhood Cancer \(CAC2\)](#)

CAC2 prioritizes advocacy work to obtain investments by state and federal governments for children with cancer. Through legislative achievements, advocacy programs, and interest groups, individuals can rally together to continue to make an impact.

Learn more at cac2.org and search the “interest groups” tab for information on advocacy

[Kids v. Cancer](#)

Kids v. Cancer is a national-level pediatric cancer advocacy organization that helps parents discover ways to take action.

Learn more at kidsvcancer.org

[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society \(LLS\)](#)

The LLS's Office of Public Policy advocates to reduce barriers to healthcare access and increasing the development of new childhood cancer treatments.

Learn more and subscribe to stay informed at lls.org and search for “advocating pediatric patients and survivors”

[National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship \(NCCS\) – Cancer Policy and Advocacy Team \(CPAT\)](#)

The NCCS's Cancer Policy and Advocacy Team aims to ensure quality care for all cancer patients. This organization advocates for better public policies for health care and cancer treatment and partners with non-government organizations whose policies affect cancer patient care.

Learn more at canceradvocacy.org

[St. Baldricks](#)

St. Baldricks' “Speak Up for Kids' Cancer” advocacy group aims to make childhood cancer research a national priority. Make an impact by joining “Speak Up,” participating in the CARE program, or asking your representative to join the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus.

Learn more at stbaldricks.org and search the “Get Involved” tab for advocacy