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SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

A cancer diagnosis raises a wide range of challenges and concerns. Fortunately, there are local and national resources to assist children and teenagers with many of the issues that come up. This fact sheet describes several kinds of services available to children and teenagers with cancer and their loved ones, and how to find the help you need.

SUPPORT SERVICES

CancerCare for Kids

www.cancercares.org
800-813-4673

Provides counseling in NYC, NJ and CT. Offers online teen support groups moderated by oncology social workers.

Telephone support is available for parents nationwide.

American Childhood Cancer Organization

www.acco.org
855-858-2226

Offers free books and publications for families of children with cancer. Online peer support for parents and caregivers.

Cancer Support Community

www.cancersupportcommunity.org
888-793-9355

Centers in many cities that provide support services for children affected by cancer.

Group Loop

www.grouploop.org

Program of the Cancer Support Community. Offers professionally monitored discussion boards and online support groups for teens with cancer or affected by a loved one's cancer diagnosis.

Kids Konnected

www.kidskonnected.org

Support services and care packages for children who have a parent with cancer or are bereaved.

Look Good...Feel Better

www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org
800-395-5665

Program that helps teens deal with appearance, health, and social side effects of cancer treatment. Offered in select hospitals and online.

My Cancer Circle

mycancercircle.net

Free, private support community for caregivers. Online tool to organize the community of people who want to help.

SuperSibs

www.alexslimonade.org/campaign/supersibs

Provides support to siblings of children with cancer.

CAMPS

Camp Kesem

www.campkesem.org
260-225-3736

One-week sleepaway camp for children who have a parent who has (or has had) cancer. Sixty-two chapters throughout the United States.

Camp Quality USA

www.campqualityusa.org
330-671-0167

Free weeklong camp for children with cancer. Locations in 12 states.

KiDS NEED MoRE

www.kidsneedmore.org
631-608-3135

Free weeklong sleepaway camp for kids with cancer and their siblings. Open to those in tri-state area.

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Sunrise Day Camp

www.sunrisedaycamp.org
516-766-4341

Free day camp for children with cancer and their siblings (ages 3-16). Sunrise Day Camp at Pearl River serves Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester County, southern Connecticut and northern New Jersey.

LODGING

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge

www.cancer.org
800-227-2345

Provides free lodging in various cities for a patient & caregiver traveling for treatment.

Ronald McDonald House

www.rmhc.org

Provides free or low-cost lodging for families who must travel for their child's medical treatment.

WIGS

Children with Hair Loss

www.childrenwithhairloss.us
734-379-4400

Provides human hair replacements to children at no cost.

Wigs for Kids

www.wigsforkids.org
440-333-4433

Creates free hair replacement systems for children experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope

by Trudy B. Krishna and Nadine Bernard Westcott

Henry and the White Wolf

by Tim Karu

H is for Hair Fairy: An Alphabet of Encouragement and Insight for Kids (and Kids at Heart!) With Cancer

by Kim Martin

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN WITH A LOVED ONE WITH CANCER

Butterfly Kisses and Wishes on Wings

by Ellen McVicker
(Available in Spanish)

The Paper Chain

by Blake, Blanchard & Parkinson

In Mommy's Garden

by Neyal J. Ammary

Kemo Shark

by Kidscope, Inc.
www.kidscope.org

Life Isn't Always a Day at the Beach

by Pam Ganz and Tobi Scofield

When Someone Has a Very Serious Illness: Children Can Learn to Cope with Loss and Change

by Marge Heegaard

My Daddy Sits Upon a Star

by Claire Grainger-Valvano, LCSW

E-BOOK FOR TEENS WITH CANCER

CanTeen: A Young Person's Guide to Dealing with Cancer

CancerCare Can Help

Founded in 1944, CancerCare is the leading national organization providing free support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical and financial challenges of cancer. Our comprehensive services include counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by professional oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

To learn more, visit www.cancercares.org or call **800-813-HOPE (4673)**.

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BOOKS FOR TEENS WITH LOVED A ONE WITH CANCER

What About Me?: A Booklet for Teenage Children of Cancer Patients

by Linda Leopold Strauss
To order, call 513-731-3346

Will I Get Breast Cancer?: Questions and Answers for Teenage Girls

by Carole Vogel

Both Sides Now

by Ruth Pennebaker

When Your Parent Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens

National Cancer Institute
www.cancer.gov

BOOKS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness

by Kathleen McCue

Can I Still Kiss You? Answering Your Children's Questions about Cancer

by Neil Russell

Cancer In the Family: Helping Children Cope with a Parent's Illness

by Sue P. Heiney, Joan F. Hermann and Katherine V. Fincannon

Raising an Emotionally Healthy Child: When a Parent is Sick

by Paula K. Rauch

When a Parent Has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children

by Dr. Wendy Schessel Harpham



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