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fact sheet

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

The financial costs associated with cancer are often overwhelming. This fact sheet lists various sources of financial assistance available to children and teenagers who are affected by cancer. Check with each agency or organization to see if you qualify for help.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cancer Care

www.cancercare.org 800-813-4673

Provides limited financial assistance for transportation, home care and child care.

Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation

www.bepositive.org 302.563.8389

Provides financial assistance to families of children with cancer for prescription medications not covered by insurance, travel to and from treatment, mortgage payments/rent, groceries and much more.

Clayton Dabney Foundation

www.claytondabney.org

Gifts, last wishes and financial assistance, which will facilitate quality of family life and create everlasting memories for low-income families of children under 18 with late stage cancer.

Family Reach

www.familyreach.org

Provides financial assistance to families with a child or parent with cancer for mortgage, rent, auto, utilities, transportation, lodging, daycare, and other expenses.

Firsthand Foundation

www.firsthandfoundation.org 816-201-1569

Provides funding for children with healthrelated needs for procedures not covered by insurance as well as for travel, food and lodging.

Friends 4 Michael

www.friends4michael.org 845-401-8689

Provides financial assistance for children who have been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Go 4 The Goal

www.go4thegoal.org

Wish granting, assistance with medical and household bills, travel for treatment, tuition assistance for education and enrichment activities. Requires referral from social worker or child life specialist.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

www.lls.org 800-955-4572

Offers financial assistance with insurance premiums and co-payments for specific blood cancers.

Mission for Maureen

www.mission4maureen.org 440-840-6497

Provides financial assistance to families who are burdened by the costs of brain cancer treatment.

National Children's Cancer Society

www.thenccs.org 800-532-6459

Provides financial assistance for travel, lodging and other expenses.

Pinky Swear Foundation

www.pinkyswear.org 952-974-9600

Financial assistance for families of children with cancer to help with rent, mortgages, car payments and car repairs, groceries, gas, childcare and more.

Small Miracles Foundation

www.smallmiraclesfoundation.org

Financial assistance for families of children under 17 with cancer to help with some medical bills, related expenses such as travel, lodging, child care and respite care and everyday expenses such as lodging and utilities.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

www.uhccf.org 855-698-4223

Provides financial assistance for medical costs not covered by insurance.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Alex's Lemonade Stand

www.alexslemonade.org 866.333.1213

Funding for transportation and lodging is available for eligible families who are financially burdened by traveling away from their home hospital for care that is only available elsewhere.

Compass to Care

www.compasstocare.org 773-657-3269

Schedules and pays for travel arrangements to the hospital where a child is being treated for cancer. Must be at least a 60-mile distance.

Miracle Flights

www.miracleflights.org 800-359-1711

Helps fly children who are struggling with serious cancers and other debilitating diseases to specialized medical treatment centers across the U.S.

Patient Airlift Services (PALS)

www.palservices.org 631-694-PALS (7257)

Arranges volunteer medical flights in the greater Northeast region as far west as Ohio and as far south as Virginia.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship Program

www.thenccs.org/scholarship

The National Children's Cancer Society provides scholarships to childhood cancer survivors.

Cancer for College

www.cancerforcollege.org 760-599-5096

Provides college scholarships to cancer patients and survivors. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Cancer Survivors' Fund

www.cancersurvivorsfund.org

Provides scholarships to cancer patients and survivors.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

www.ulmanfoundation.org/scholarships 888-393-3863

Scholarships for young adults who were between the ages of 15 to 39 when they or loved ones were diagnosed with cancer.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

The Make-A-Wish Foundation

www.wish.org 800-722-9474

Grants the wish of children diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Children's Cancer Association

www.joyrx.org/resources 503-244-3141

CCA's Kids' Cancer Pages is a national resource directory for families facing childhood cancer.

CancerCare® Can Help

Founded in 1944, Cancer Care 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 case management, counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance. All Cancer Care services are provided by master's-prepared oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

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