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

CancerCare
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 health-related 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.

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.compassstocare.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.

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, 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 case management, 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 master’s-prepared oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

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