

Beyond Diagnosis

Information for families
dealing with Childhood Cancer
and Blood Disorders

 **Texas Children's Hospital**[®]
Cancer & Hematology Center



A resource for your family

We know that a diagnosis of childhood cancer or a blood disorder can feel overwhelming. You are not alone. Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Center created this handbook to help guide families facing a childhood cancer or a blood disorder with trusted information and support.

Inside, you'll find two kinds of resources:

- Easy-to-understand educational information about diagnoses, treatments, and what to expect
- Support services and organizations that can help with emotional support, daily needs, and programs like camps or school reentry

Our goal is to help you feel informed, supported, and connected at every step.

Some programs may require an application or referral. If you have questions or need help getting started, your social worker is here to support you.

If a link doesn't open directly, you can copy and paste it into your browser.

For more Texas Children's-specific resources, visit texaschildrens.org/cancer



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Hematology

Bone Marrow Failure

Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation

Comprehensive resource for families dealing with aplastic anemia, bone marrow failure, etc. Provides education, publications, and support; Information on bone marrow failure for parents of pediatric patients; A guide for parents and school personnel regarding school reentry after treatment for aplastic anemia or another bone marrow failure; Explanation of bone marrow failure, treatments, side effects, and activity restrictions, plus a video and slide presentation created especially for children; A national network of volunteers, including patients and family members, willing to listen and offer comfort and support

Website: <https://aamds.org>

Phone: 800-747-2820

Additional Links: <https://aamds.org/patients/parents/>;

<https://aamds.org/sites/default/files/2014SupportingStudentsWithBoneMarrowWeb.pdf>; <https://aamds.org/bone-marrow-garden/>; <https://aamds.org/patients/parents/resources>

Diamond Blackfan Anemia Foundation

Education, research and resources regarding Diamond Blackfan anemia

Website: <https://dbafoundation.org>

Phone: 716-674-2818

Dyskeratosis Congenital Outreach

Support for patients and families dealing with dyskeratosis and a registry

Website: <https://mightycause.com/organization/Dcoutreach>

Fanconi Anemia Research Fund

Education and support related to Fanconi Anemia. Many free publications available in several languages

Website: <https://fanconi.org>

Phone: 1-800-326-2664

Severe Chronic Neutropenia International Registry

Provides research and guidelines for management of severe neutropenia and a registry

Website: <https://scnir-neutropenia.uw.edu>

Phone: 206-543-9749

Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation

A resource for providers/clinicians and registry that provides educational services and emotional support to SDS families. Information is available in several languages. An organizational guide for SDS patient care is available

Website: <https://shwachman-diamond.org>

Phone: 1-888-825-7373

Additional Links: <https://shwachman-diamond.org/guide-for-sds-patient-care/>

General Hematology

Alere

Education on monitoring anticoagulation medications

Website: <https://alerecoag.com>

Phone: 1-866-408-1205

American Society of Hematology

A resource for families dealing with disorders affecting blood and bone marrow. Publications, research, resources

Website: <https://hematology.org>

Phone: 202-776-0544

Clotcare

Provides patients and healthcare providers with information on optimal use of antithrombotic and anticoagulant therapy

Website: <https://clotcare.com>

Phone: 210-860-0487

CoaguChek

Education on monitoring anticoagulation medications

Website: <https://coaguChek-usa.com>

Phone: 1-800-428-5074

Cooley's Anemia Foundation

Information, education, support, and scholarships

Website: <https://thalassemia.org>

Phone: 212-279-8090

Fanconi Anemia Research Fund

A resource for clinicians and patients regarding Fanconi anemia. Publications, research, etc

Website: <https://fanconi.org>

Phone: 541-687-4658

Foundation for Women and Girls with Blood Disorders

Provides education, resources and support to women with bleeding disorders

Website: <https://fwgbd.org>

G6PD Deficiency

A resource for clinicians and patients, list of safe vs. non safe drugs and foods

Website: <https://g6pd.org>

Immune Deficiency Foundation

A resource for clinicians and patients regarding primary immunodeficiency diseases. Many pamphlets available, including: School Guide for Students with Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases

Website: <https://primaryimmune.org>

Additional Links: <https://primaryimmune.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/IDF-School-Guide-3rd-Edition-2015-FINAL.pdf>

National Blood Clot Alliance

Dedicated to advancing the prevention, early diagnosis and successful treatment of life-threatening blood clots such as deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and clot-provoked stroke

Website: <https://stopthecлот.org>

Phone: 703-935-8845

National Institute of Health

Provides patients and clinicians with information on clinical research studies. Information for patients available in Spanish

Website: <https://cc.nih.gov>

Phone: 301-496-4000

Language: Spanish

National Lymphedema Network

Information on the prevention, management and supportive care of primary and secondary lymphedema to patients and healthcare professionals

Website: <https://lymphnet.org>

Phone: 1-800-541-3259

National Neutropenia Network

Information and education about neutropenia

Website: <https://neutropenianet.org>

Phone: 1-877-326-7117

National Organization of Rare Disorders

Provides medication assistance, networking, a resource guide, a library of links, and news and information, including a database of diseases, organizations and subscriptions. Available is a pdf version of 'The Power of Patients: Informing Our Understanding of Rare Disease.' The book amplifies the experience of individuals living with rare disease

Website: <https://rarediseases.org>

Phone: 203-744-0100

Additional Links: <https://rarediseases.org/iamrare-registry-program>

Neutropenia Support Association

Articles about neutropenia organized into different categories. An information library is available to answer questions from patients, their families, and the medical community

Website: <https://neutropenia.ca>

Phone: 1-800-326-7117

North American Thrombosis Forum

Education, support and other resources for health care providers and patients

Website: <https://natfonline.org>

Phone: 617-730-4120

Platelet Disorder Support Association

A resource for patients with ITP. Publications available

Website: <https://pdsa.org>

Phone: 1-877-528-3538

PTINR

Provides education on the anticoagulation medication called warfarin. Offers a full menu of services, like lifestyle and safety tips, and other educational resources

Website: <https://ptinr.com>

Phone: 1-800-504-4032

Von Hippel Lindau Family Alliance

Information and support to families with the rare familial disorder, Von Hippel Lindau Syndrome. Includes a reference handbook for people with VHL, their families and support personnel

Website: <https://vhl.org>

Phone: 617-277-5667

Hemophilia

American Association of Blood Banks

Provides information for patients and donors about all aspects of blood banks, transfusion medicines, hemopoietic stem cells, cell and gene therapies, and tissue transplants

Website: <https://aabb.org>

Phone: 301-907-6977

American Society of Hematology

Resources to educate the public about the importance of healthy blood and to raise the awareness of common blood diseases, including bleeding disorders

Website: <https://hematology.org/patients>

Phone: 202-776-0544

Camp Ailihpomeh - Texas Hemophilia Summer Camp

Camp for boys ages 7-17 with hemophilia; \$45, 6-day camp held at Camp John Marc in Bosque County; Scholarships available

Website: <https://camp-ailihpomeh.org>

Phone: 713-704-1984

Eligibility: Camp for boys ages 7-17 with hemophilia

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Information about hemophilia and bleeding disorders

Website: <https://cdc.gov/ncbddd/hemophilia>

Phone: 1-800-232-4636

Hemophilia Federation of America

Provides help and support to the blood clotting disorders community. Also has a link of website for helping hands program which provides information on how to obtain items and services

Website: <https://hemophiliafed.org>

Phone: 202-675-6984

Local chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation

Dedicated to the treatment and the cure of hemophilia related bleeding disorders through the support of research, advocacy, education, and other services

Website: <https://lonestarmemophilia.org>

Phone: 713-686-6100

Medline Plus

A vast amount of information from the National Institutes of Health and other reliable sources on hemophilia and other diseases and conditions (available in Spanish)

Website: <https://nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hemophilia.html>

Language: Spanish

National Hemophilia Foundation

A resource for clinicians and patients regarding hemophilia; Publications, research, scholarships, etc; See also; for a list of scholarships; Prospective candidates must check with the sponsor or administrator of each scholarship for eligibility criteria and submission procedures

Website: <https://hemophilia.org>

Phone: 212-328-3700

Eligibility: Prospective candidates must check with the sponsor or administrator of each scholarship for eligibility criteria and submission procedures

Additional Links: <https://hemophilia.org/Community-Resources/Scholarships>

Sickle Cell Disease

Above The Crisis

Adult sickle cell support group

Website: <https://facebook.com/AboveTheCrisis>

As One Foundation

Mission is to educate and increase awareness of sickle cell trait while encouraging youth to achieve their dreams in the face of life's challenges

Website: <https://asonefoundation.org>

Phone: 832-308-9984

Candice's Sickle Cell Fund

This sickle cell awareness organization awards three scholarships every year to rising college students with SCD.

Each recipient gets \$1,500 for college tuition

Website: <https://candicesicklecellfund.org>

Phone: 646-436-0477

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Education, publications, medical statistics and resources about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait. Information available in Spanish

Website: <https://cdc.gov/ncbddd/sicklecell>

Phone: 1-800-232-4636

Language: Spanish

Comfort Ability

Information about coping strategies and skills to manage chronic pain. List of resources, coping stories and guided exercises

Website: <https://thecomfortability.com>

Phone: 617-355-8297

International Association of Sickle Cell Nurses and Physician Assistants

Offers a college scholarship program to assist individuals living with sickle cell disease who will be attending an institution of higher learning in the United States

Website: <https://iascnapa.org>

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Sickle cell disease management guidelines for health care professionals and patients, recommended care plans, education, news, and resources

Website: <https://nhlbi.nih.gov/health-pro/guidelines/sickle-cell-disease-guidelines>

Phone: 1-877-645-2448

Self-Improvement Thru Riding Education

Free therapeutic horseback riding center with locations in Hockley, Spring and Fort Bend

Website: <https://sire-htec.org>

Phone: 281-356-7588

Sickle Cell Association of Houston

Resource for those living with sickle cell disease. Main focus is education, programming and research

Website: <https://sicklecellhouston.org>

Phone: 832-252-9293

Sickle Cell Association of Texas

Provides education, research awareness, outreach, support group meetings, assistance and numerous other services. Hosts Camp Cell-A-Bration, a week-long camp for sickle cell patients between the ages of 6-14

Website: <https://sicklecelltx.org>

Phone: 1-844-994-HOPE

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America

Offers scholarship opportunities to students living with sickle cell disease and inspires graduates to consider dedicating their careers to sickle cell research and treatment

Website: <https://sicklecelldisease.org>

Phone: 410-528-1555

Sickle Cell Information Center (Emory Libraries and Information Technology)

Comprehensive resource for families dealing with sickle cell disease. Many resources, such as: Parents Handbook for Sickle Cell Disease, list of camps, and Medicaid care coordination for families. Handouts and guides available in Spanish

Website: <https://scinfo.org>

Phone: 404-727-7857

Language: Spanish

Supporting our Sicklers

Parent and guardian support group

Website: <https://facebook.com/groups/SOSSupportGroup>

Texas Children's Hospital

Handbook on sickle cell disease from Texas Children's Hospital

Website: <https://texaschildrens.org/sicklecellhandbook>

Additional Links:

https://texaschildrens.org/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/Hemo019_handbook_sickle_cell_spanish_final_HR_nocrop.pdf

The International Association of Sickle Cell Nurse and Physicians Assistants Scholarship

To apply for one of these \$500 scholarships, a student must have SCD and must either be enrolled in—or been accepted to—an institution of higher learning (four-year university, a trade school, etc.)

Website: <https://scancainc.org/iascnapa-scholarships/>

Eligibility: a student must have SCD and must either be enrolled in—or been accepted to—an institution of higher learning (four-year university, a trade school, etc.)

The Kermit B. Nash Academic Scholarship

Scholarship provides recipient \$20,000 over the course of four years, split up into payments of \$2,500 per semester; Applicant must have sickle cell disease, (not the trait), a 3.0 GPA or higher and intend to pursue a 4-year college/university education

Website: <https://sicklecelldisease.org>

Phone: 1-800-421-8453

Eligibility: Applicant must have sickle cell disease, (not the trait), a 3.0 GPA or higher and intend to pursue a 4-year college/university education

The Periwinkle Foundation

The Periwinkle Foundation provides camping opportunities for patients of Texas Children's Hospital including Camp YOLO (teen camp), and Periwinkle Day Camp

Website: <https://periwinklefoundation.org>

Phone: 713-807-0191

The Pin Cushion Gang

Organizes fundraisers, special events for the sickle cell community, blood drives

Website: <https://thepincushiongang.org>

Phone: 832-845-0466

The Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network

Education, advocacy, referral services, and support for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease, thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia), and other inherited blood disorders. SCTPN awards children and young adults living with sickle cell/and or thalassemia, for their scholastic achievements. The Undergraduate Scholarship Program affords individuals entering college or already in college an opportunity to apply for our annual scholarship

Website: <https://sctpn.net>

Your Genes Your Health

Facts, treatment, testing and screening

Website: <https://yourgenesyourhealth.org/sickle/whatisit.htm>

Oncology

Bone Marrow Transplant

Blood Cancer United

Bone marrow transplant — leukemia diagnosis. Publications on BMT, disease information

Website: <https://www.bloodcancerunited.org>

Phone: 1-800-955-4572

Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation

Publications and financial assistance, support and services to BMT. One on one support link system

Website: <https://bonemarrow.org>

Phone: 1-800-365-1336

Bone Marrow Transplant Information Network

Everything BMT resources, cord blood, monthly newsletter, online support, etc

Website: <https://bmtinfolnet.org>

Phone: 1-888-597-7674

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Formerly: Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation

Publications on BMT, support network, support groups at times

Website: <https://acco.org>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research

Publications about transplant outcomes, best practice in follow-up care, and more. See their 'Reference Center' for a list of over 1,000 publications, many with data and statistics

Website: <https://cibmtr.org>

Children's Organ Transplant Organization

Support for bone marrow transplant or any organ transplant issue provides fundraising and public relations help to people organizing bone marrow transplant drives

Website: <https://cota.org>

Phone: 1-800-366-2682

Cryobanks International

A leader in the collection, processing and banking of umbilical cord blood stem cells

Website: <https://cryobank.com>

Phone: 1-866-927-9622

Dec My Room

Creates a healing place for kids who are in the hospital for extended period (BMT)

Website: <https://decmyroom.org>

Phone: 832-538-1201

DKMS (Delete Blood Cancer)

DKMS is a bone marrow donor recruitment organization. Their primary role is to find, educate, and register potential bone marrow and blood stem cell donors. DKMS focuses heavily on recruiting and tissue-typing donors from diverse and underrepresented populations, which is especially important because patients are more likely to find a match within their own racial or ethnic background. In the United States, any donor registered through DKMS is entered directly into the Be The Match Registry®, the national donor registry operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). DKMS does not manage the registry itself, but works in partnership with NMDP so donors they recruit are available to patients nationwide and internationally

Website: <https://dkms.org>

Gift of Life

BMT registry, facts and stats on registry, etc

Website: <https://giftoflife.org>

Phone: 1-800-9MARROW

Health Resource and Services Administration

Provides support to patients who need bone marrow transplant or core blood transplant

Website: <https://bloodcell.transplant.hrsa.gov>

Help Hope Live

Fundraising for people with unmet medical expenses due to cell and organ transplants or catastrophic injuries and illnesses

Website: <https://helphopelive.org>

Phone: 1-800-642-8399

His Grace Foundation

Provides physical, emotional and financial support for the patients and families on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit of Texas Children's Hospital

Website: <https://hisgracefoundation.org>

Phone: 281-620-4511

Icla Silva Foundation

Provide emotional, logistical, and financial support to remove barriers to treatment for those receiving a bone marrow or stem cell transplant; For patients who demonstrate a financial need, our Icla Cares program can provide financial assistance as they work through their bone marrow, cord blood, or stem cell transplant and treatment; There are five grant opportunities for bone marrow and cord blood transplant patients: caregiver expenses, housing, travel assistance, meals and HLA testing; Priority for grants is given to patients who meet the eligibility guidelines and demonstrate the greatest financial need; The maximum grant allocated per patient is \$1000

Website: <https://icla.org>

Eligibility: For patients who demonstrate a financial need, our Icla Cares program can provide financial assistance as they work through their bone marrow, cord blood, or stem cell transplant and treatment; Priority for grants is given to patients who meet the eligibility guidelines and demonstrate the greatest financial need

National Bone Marrow Transplant Link

Publications on graft vs. host disease, survivorship, informative resource. Hotline, library, clearinghouse, suggestions for financial assistance

Website: <https://nbmtlink.org>

Phone: 1-800-LINK-BMT

National Foundation for Transplants

Financial assistance nationwide for bone marrow, stem cell, and cord blood patients for transplant-related care

Website: <https://transplants.org>

Phone: 1-800-489-3863

National Marrow Donor Program

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is the organization that operates the Be The Match Registry®, the national bone marrow and blood stem cell donor registry in the United States. NMDP works with transplant centers, donor centers, and recruitment organizations across the country to help patients with blood cancers and blood disorders find a matching donor when they need a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. The registry includes millions of volunteer donors and donated cord blood units from around the world. In addition to managing the donor registry, NMDP provides education, support, and financial assistance to patients and families before, during, and after transplant. Their programs are designed to help families understand the transplant process, connect with others who have been through transplant, and access practical and emotional support

Website: <https://www.nmdp.org/>

TRIO Scholarship Program

Scholarships given to deserving students who are bone marrow transplant candidates, recipients, donors or their family members

Website: <http://www.trioweb.org>

Phone: 813-800-8746

Viacord

Cord blood collection and storage

Website: <https://viacord.com/cord-banking/sibling-connection>

Phone: 1-866-861-8435

Brain Tumor

A Kids Brain Tumor Cure

A comprehensive resource regarding childhood brain tumors, including: publications, support and more

Website: <https://akidsbraintumorcure.org>

Abby's Corner

Raises awareness and funds for DIPG research. Limited financial assistance may be available

Website: <https://www.abbyscorner.org>

Addi's Faith Foundation

Provides assistance with financial needs, college scholarships (for brain tumor) and grief support

Website: <https://addisfaithfoundation.org>

Phone: 281-785-4098

How to Access: Application process for financial help

American Brain Tumor Association

Provides a free brain tumor dictionary and printable information on brain tumors. Listing of support groups, pen-pal program, information on treatment facilities, sponsors regional town hall meetings, social worker on staff, symposium offered twice/year and a tri-annual newsletter: The Message Line. See also, the pamphlets: and Returning to School

Website: <https://abta.org>

Phone: 1-800-886-2282

Brain Surgery Information Center

Educational information regarding brain tumor and neurosurgery

Website: <https://brain-surgery.com>

Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada

A dedicated team of volunteers, patients, survivors, family members, health care professionals and staff, determined to make the journey with a brain tumor one full of hope and support

Website: <https://braintumour.ca>

Phone: 519-642-7755

Cancer Net

Provides educational information about survivorship, research, cancer care and many other topics

Website: <https://cancernet.nci.nih.gov>

Phone: 1-800-422-6237

Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States

A registry of brain tumors in the United States. There are many publications, a glossary and fact sheets with statistics and incidences of brain tumors in the United States

Website: <https://cbtrus.org>

ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation

Funds research for DIPG/DMG cures and provides family support and navigation, including a free DIPG Navigator program

Website: <https://www.chadtough.org>

Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation

Raises funds for research and increases brain tumor awareness

Website: <https://childhoodbraintumor.org>

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

The free publication, A Resource Guide for Parents of Children with Brain and Spinal Cord Tumors is full of practical information regarding topics like medical procedures, interruptions to school and social life, and uncertainty about the future. In addition, provides Moving Forward Grants to young adults in need and scholarships for college

Website: <https://cbtf.org>

Phone: 1-866-228-4673

Cory's Crusaders

Financial assistance to families with child fighting brain cancer. Will assist if funds allow (focus on DIPG)

Website: <https://coryscrusaders.org>

DIPG

is part of the DMG / DIPG Resource Network, which is affiliated with The Cure Starts Now Cancer Resource Network, a recognized nonprofit focused on pediatric brain tumor research and support. The site provides comprehensive information about Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) and Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG), including facts about diagnosis, symptoms, clinical course, treatment research, and support resources

Website: <https://dipg.org/>

Additional Links: <https://DIPG.org>

Emily's Light Foundation

Supports young adults (ages 18–35) with terminal brain cancer through gifts and supportive resources

Website: <https://www.emilyslightfoundation.org>

En Pointe for Ava

Provides advocacy and financial support for families who must travel for treatment of life-threatening pediatric brain tumors

Website: <https://www.enpointeforava.org>

Foundation Think Again!

Provides rehabilitation therapies to pediatric cancer and brain tumor survivors who continue to suffer due to the neuro-cognitive late-effects of cancer and cancer treatment. Funding for these costly, yet needed therapies, has either been denied by the child's medical insurance company, or insufficiently covered

Website: <https://thinkagain.org>

Phone: 1-888-385-7057

Hogs for the Cause

Provides fundraising assistance to families of children fighting brain cancer

Website: <https://www.hogsforthecause.org>

International Radiosurgery Support Association

Provides emotional support, education and referrals for treatment to patients worldwide. Quarterly Newsletter: Another Perspective

Website: <https://isrsy.org>

Phone: 717-260-9808

Lash and Associates Publishing

Primary focus is the neurological, psychological, communicative, psychosocial and educational impact of brain injuries among children youth and young adults. Provides practical, informative, and affordable materials for families, survivors, health care providers

Website: <https://lapublishing.com>

Phone: 919-556-0300

Live Gray's Way Foundation

Provides financial assistance grants for families during treatment, bereavement, and memorial support while funding DIPG research

Website: <https://www.livegraysway.org>

Magic for Maddie

Supports pediatric palliative care and spreads kindness and community support during brain tumor journeys

Website: <https://www.magicformaddie.com>

Making Headway Foundation

Provides care and comfort for families dealing with childhood brain and spinal tumors while funding medical research geared at discovering better treatments and a cure. Many services offered, including: counseling, education, scholarships, and medical research grants

Website: <https://makingheadway.org>

Phone: 914-238-8384

Marc Jr. Foundation

Supports families facing DIPG through education, financial and travel assistance, peer support, and research funding. Virtual monthly support meeting

Website: <https://www.marcjr.org>

Matthew Renk Foundation

Provides emotional and financial support to families facing pediatric brain cancer

Website: <https://matthewrenkfoundation.org>

Memories and Magical Moments

Creates meaningful experiences and provides financial and emotional support for families affected by DIPG; Family must take make a wish prior to this trip if applicable

Website: <https://www.memoriesandmagicalmoments.org>

Eligibility: Family must take make a wish prior to this trip if applicable

Mia's Miracles

Pediatric patients who have been diagnosed with brain cancer and are actively undergoing treatment. The one-time \$2,000 grant helps offset out-of-pocket expenses related to transportation, lodging, and housing

Website: <https://www.mias-miracles.org>

Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation

Provides financial assistance to families battling cancer

Website: <https://www.michellelynnholsey.com>

How to Access: Application and tax documentation required

Mission 4 Maureen

Provides financial assistance to families who are burdened with the cost of brain cancer treatment

Website: <https://mission4maureen.org>

Phone: 440-840-6497

Musella Foundation

Dedicated to helping brain tumor patients with emotional and financial support, education, advocacy and funding for brain tumor research. Great publication for newly diagnosed brain tumor and includes a free brain tumor guide

Website: <https://virtualtrials.com>

Phone: 1-888-295-4740

National Brain Tumor Society

Publications about brain tumors, including: facts about symptoms, treatments, and clinical trials, and helpful resources and tools for patients and caregivers. Also provides a quarterly newsletter, information hotline, a resource guide for pediatric patients and a list of support; has information on brain tumors, such as fact sheets, what does metabolism have to do with tumors, etc

Website: <https://braintumor.org>

Phone: 617-924-9997

Additional Links: <https://groups.blog.braintumor.org>

Neev Kolte & Brave Ronil Foundation

Supports DIPG families through research funding, advocacy, and care access assistance

Website: <https://www.neevronil.org>

Noah's BRAVE Foundation

Provides personalized financial and bereavement support for families affected by DMG/DIPG

Website: <https://www.noahbrave.org>

How to Access: Applications submitted online with medical verification

Payton Wright Foundation

Financial assistance for families battling brain and spinal cord malignancies. Assistance includes, but is not limited to: mortgages/rent, utilities, travel expenses, phone bills, etc. It EXCLUDES hospital/doctor bills, medications and trial protocols

Website: <https://paytonwright.org>

Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium

Provides summaries for patients and families on all the current clinical trials as well as contact information for institutions. Provides a financial emergency assistance fund, called The Butterfly Fund

Website: <https://pbtc.org>

Pediatric Brian Tumor Foundation

Resource for families dealing with childhood brain tumors that provides education, support, college scholarships, etc. See also:

Website: <https://curethekids.org>

Phone: 1-800-253-6530

Additional Links: https://curethekids.org/assets/documents/family-support/question_web.pdf

Self-Improvement Thru Riding Education

Therapeutic horseback riding center that provides physical, emotional, educational and recreational benefits. Locations in Hockley, Fort Bend and Spring, Texas

Website: <https://sire-htec.org>

Phone: 281-356-7588

Smiles for Sophie Forever

Provides families of children diagnosed with brain cancer (ages 1-17) the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 grant to help alleviate financial hardships

Website: <https://smilesforsophieforever.org>

Eligibility: Child who has been diagnosed with brain cancer 1-17 years

How to Access: Contact for application

Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation

Information, education, support for brain tumor patients and their families

Website: <https://sbtbf.org>

Phone: 786-505-7283

T.H.E. Brain Trust

Provides support to people affected by brain tumors and related conditions

Website: <https://braintrust.org>

Phone: 1-877-252-8480

Team Buddy Forever

Supporting families of children battling pediatric brain cancer and Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG); Grants available

Website: <https://teambuddyforeverfoundation.org>

Phone: (810) 397-8867

Team Luke Hope For Minds

Supportive resources and financial assistance to any family with a child with any brain injury (includes strokes)

Website: <https://teamlukehopeforminds.org>

The Cure Starts Now Foundation

Provides fundraising for brain stem glioma research and offers support and education materials to families dealing with brain tumors

Website: <https://thecurestartsnow.org>

Phone: 513-772-4888

The Matthew Larson Foundation for Pediatric Brain Tumors

Provides direct financial assistance to families, regardless of socio-economic status, brain tumor type (malignant or benign), or progress of the disease

Website: <https://ironmatt.org>

Phone: 201-410-2751

Tug McGraw Foundation

Provides support and resources for caregivers affected by brain tumors and brain-related trauma

Website: <https://tugmcgraw.org>

Phone: 707-947-7124

Understanding the Journey, A Parent's Guide to DIPG

Provides a book detailing all aspects of having a child diagnosed with a diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma. Chapters are written by pediatric neuro-oncology experts and cover all aspects of treating a child with a DIPG, including: diagnosis, imaging, pontine function and anatomy, steroid treatment, radiation therapy, radio sensitizers, surgery, chemotherapy and biologics

Website: <https://acco.org/books>

Voices Against Brain Cancer

Focuses on research, support and education for those affected by brain tumors

Website: <https://voicesagainstbraincancer.org>

Phone: 212-340-1340

Yuvaan Tiwari Foundation

Support for families with children diagnosed with DMG/DIPG or any fatal brain cancer; Provides financial assistance for medical expenses, including travel, lodging, treatments, and a special gift or experience for the child; Families with a child diagnosed before age 18 are eligible, whether the child is newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment, or in progression; Applicants must reside in the U; S

Website: <https://Ytfoundation.org>

Eligibility: Families with a child diagnosed before age 18 are eligible, whether the child is newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment, or in progression; Applicants must reside in the U. S

Genetic Predisposition

A-T Children's Project

Raises funds to support research projects and scientific conferences aimed at finding life improving therapies and a cure for Ataxia-Telangiectasia

Website: <https://atcp.org>

Phone: 954-481-6611

Children's Tumor Foundation

Provides education, resources and promotes research for Neurofibromatosis (NF1/NF2/Schwannomatosis)

Website: <https://ctf.org>

Phone: 1-800-323-7938

Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Association

Provides education, community events, awareness, and webinars regarding LFSA

Website: <https://lfsassociation.org>

Phone: 1-855-239-5372

Neurofibromatosis Network

Provides education, support and networking for those affected by neurofibromatosis

Website: <https://nfnetwork.org>

PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome Foundation

Provides education, financial support, and supports research for PTEN hamartoma tumor syndrome

Website: <https://ptenfoundation.org>

Phone: 1-800-942-6825

Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation

Provides education, support, advocacy and funds research for neurofibromatosis (NF1/NF2)

Website: <https://texasnf.org>

Phone: 972-739-6086

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

Provides education, support and research regarding tuberous sclerosis

Website: <https://tsalliance.org>

Phone: 1-800-225-6872

Von Hippel-Lindau Alliance

Information and support to families with the rare familial disorder, Von Hippel Lindau Syndrome. Includes a reference handbook for people with VHL, their families and support personnel

Website: <https://vhl.org>

Phone: 1-800-767-4845

Histiocytosis

Histiocytosis Association

Dedicated to addressing the unique needs of patients dealing with histiocytosis. Publications, research, resources and general information regarding Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Website: <https://histio.org>

Phone: 856-589-6606

Liam's Way

Provides financial assistance to defray treatment-related expenses for families affected by histiocytosis including ground transportation, air travel, and lodging related expenses

Website: <https://liamslighthousefoundation.org>

Leukemia and Lymphoma

Blood Cancer United

Publications such as: Sibs and Talk about Cancer and Juvenile Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia. They also have printable resources for teachers, parents and kids. A weekly online chat that provides an open forum for young adults dealing with cancer and cancer survivorship. LLS Community, which features a group specifically devoted to the young adult cancer community. Webcasts that feature experts and young adults discussing topics such as the physical, emotional and financial challenges faced by young adults with cancer. Financial assistance for drugs used in care, treatment, and/or control of disease

Website: <https://www.bloodcancerunited.org>

Phone: 1-888-557-7177

Childhood Leukemia Foundation

Publications, support and patient resources (wish basket, iPad, etc.)

Website: <https://clf4kids.org>

Phone: 1-888-253-7109

Children's Leukemia Research Association

Funds research efforts toward finding causes and cures for leukemia

Website: <https://childrensleukemia.org>

Phone: 516-222-1944

How to Access: On the website, you can find articles on childhood leukemia and a patient aid application

International Myeloma Foundation

Provides information about myeloma, including research and treatment advances, as well as information about IMF, upcoming events, research, education and support

Website: <https://myeloma.org>

Phone: 818-487-7455

Lymphoma Research Foundation

Resource for families dealing with lymphoma. Offers publications, research and financial assistance

Website: <https://lymphoma.org>

Phone: 1-800-500-9976

Bone Cancer

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Education and support to families affected by childhood cancer. Publications on all types of cancer, including bone cancer. This is a national group but they have local chapters in most cities

Website: <https://acco.org/types-of-childhood-cancer/bone-cancer>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Northwest Sarcoma Foundation

Supports and educates those living with sarcoma and other rare bone tumor diseases. Provides resources related to education, support, financial assistance and support groups

Website: <https://nwsarcoma.org>

Phone: 206-257-7215

Sarcoma Alliance

Strives to improve the lives of people affected by sarcoma through accurate diagnosis, improved access to care, guidance, education, and support. Financial assistance for those securing a second opinion

Website: <https://sarcomaalliance.org>

Phone: 415-381-7236

Sarcoma Foundation of America

Advocates for sarcoma patients by funding research and increasing awareness about the disease. Raises money to privately fund grants for sarcoma researchers and conducts education and advocacy efforts on behalf of sarcoma patients. Financial assistance for families as funding allows

Website: <https://curesarcoma.org>

Phone: 301-253-8687

Amputation

AMPower

Offer peer mentor program. topics include: information about the recovery process, using a prosthesis, and the concerns of daily living; Provide emotional support, with a firsthand understanding of the grieving process; Share information and resources

Website: <https://hangerclinic.com/patients/emotional-support/>

Phone: 877-442-6437

Amputee Coalition of America

Provides education, support, advocacy, and promotes limb loss prevention. Bi-monthly magazine in Motion. Provides a summer camp for kids with limb loss/limb difference, ages 10–17, free of charge

Website: <https://amputee-coalition.org>

Phone: 1-888-267-5669

Cancer Survivors Fund

Provides college scholarships and prosthetics for the benefit of persons diagnosed with cancer, receiving treatment for cancer or in remission

Website: <https://cancersurvivorsfund.org>

Phone: 281-437-7142

Challenged Athletes Foundation

Seeks to provide opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics

Website: <https://challengedathletes.org>

Phone: 858-866-0959

City of Houston Adaptive Sports and Recreation

Highlights the sports available for youth and adults with mobility constraints. They offer adaptive yoga, wheelchair basketball, adaptive aquatics and more

Website: <https://houstontx.gov/parks/adaptivesports.html>

Phone: 832-395-7333

Disabled Sports USA

Provides national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness by participating in community sports, recreation and education

Website: <https://disabledsportsusa.org>

Phone: 301-217-0960

I-CAN Children's Amputee Network

Promotes education, support, information, and empowerment. Extensive mentor program available

Website: <https://child-amputee.net>

ITT/Hartford Ski Spectacular

One of the nation's largest winter sports festivals for people with disabilities

Website: <https://moveunitedsport.org>

Phone: 301-217-0960

Limbs for Life

Payment assistance for lower limb prosthetic care to amputees who have no other means to pay, including Medicare, insurance coverage or state assistance; [tmarchisio@](mailto:tmarchisio@limbsforlife.org); [admin@](mailto:admin@limbsforlife.org)

Website: <https://limbsforlife.org>

Phone: 1-888-235-5462

Additional Links: <https://mpihouston.com>

Making it Better Agents

A national organization dedicated to Making It Better for kids with osteosarcoma. Education, support, and gaming for families touched by osteosarcoma

Website: <https://mibagents.org>

Phone: 518-524-3890

MPI Mulenburg Prosthetics

Helps those with limb loss achieve an improved quality of life with the most appropriate functional prosthesis. New amputees are invited for a pre-surgical visit to learn more about the practice, meet practitioners, and see the prosthetic technology available for each individual's varied needs

Website: <https://mpihouston.com>

National Amputation Foundation

Pamphlets about recreational activities for amputees. Listings of support groups, resources, referrals. \$25 membership includes bi-monthly newsletter, The Amp. Check out the sports available for youth and adults with mobility constraints. They offer adaptive yoga, wheelchair basketball, adaptive aquatics and more

Website: <https://amputationfoundation.org>

Phone: 516-887-3600

National Sports Center for Disabilities

Winter and summer programs in Winterpark, CO. Reservations required, prices vary. info@

Website: <https://nscd.org>

Self-Improvement Thru Riding Education

Therapeutic riding center that provides physical activities, emotional support, education and recreation to people with disabilities. Prices vary. Locations in Spring and Fort Bend

Website: <https://sire-htec.org>

Phone: 281-356-7588

Texas Elks Children's Service Prosthetic Grant Program

Coverage for limbs, hearing aids, telephonic equipment, bracing devices, adaptive/assistive devices for health such as seating, positioning, mobility, and integration equipment; Call to locate nearest Elk Lodge to you

Website: <https://texaselks.org>

Eligibility: Physician must fill out part of application

Liver Tumor

Children's Liver Association for Support Services

Information about pediatric liver disease, a newsletter, resource links, medical articles, and a parent matching system that links families for friendship and support

Website: <https://classkids.org>

Phone: 724-581-5527

Hepatoblastoma Resource Network

Support, research, clinical trials, and community conferences led by hepatoblastoma professionals

Website: <https://hepatoblastoma.org>

Neuroblastoma

American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

Provides doctor search, information about childhood eye disorders and additional information. Available in Spanish and Chinese

Website: <https://aapos.org>

Phone: 415-561-8505

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation

Educational information, a forum for patients and family member, information about treatment, palliative care, hospice services, bereavement groups and emotional support. Handbook includes topics such as: surviving neutropenia, hearing loss, clinical trial information, etc

Website: <https://cncfhope.org>

Phone: 1-866-671-2623

Neuroblastoma Research Consortiums

They offer a global conference that is free and great educational resource for families. They record the symposiums and upload the recordings to the website as well

Website: <https://nbparentsymposium.com>

Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society

Dedicated to fundraising, support, research, and advocacy for children with neuroblastoma and their families. Parent-to-parent online network and a newsletter are available

Website: <https://neuroblastomacancer.org>

Phone: 1-800-532-5162

Retinoblastoma

Eye Cancer Network

Information about the diagnosis and treatment of ocular tumors, eye cancer, and orbital diseases for patients, their families, and their health professionals

Website: <https://eyecancer.com>

Phone: 212-832-8170

National Retinoblastoma Research Support

Disseminates information and resources to families dealing with emotional pain and anxieties related to having a child with retinoblastoma

Website: <https://eyecancermd.org>

Phone: 305-487-7470

AboutFace

Supports individuals touched by facial differences with peer connections, information, emotional support and opportunities to enhance their life circumstances

Website: <https://aboutface.ca>

Phone: 1-800-665-3223

Oral, Head and Neck

American Head and Neck Society

Focuses on prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of diseases of the head and neck

Website: <https://ahns.info>

Phone: 310-437-0559

Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer

Information on cancers affecting the mouth, head, and neck. Addresses the broad emotional, physical and humanistic needs of these patients

Website: <https://spohnc.org>

Phone: 1-800-377-0928

Head and Neck Cancer Alliance

Provides support, education and research regarding head and neck cancers

Website: <https://headandneck.org>

Phone: 1-866-792-4622

Oncology Support Resources

Books and Educational Materials

How to Order Resources

Many of the books and materials listed below can be purchased or requested directly through the websites provided. Some organizations offer free materials, while others sell books, journals, or activity kits.

Ordering Options

Amazon.com: search by exact book title for purchase options, new/used copies, Kindle editions, or audiobooks.
American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO): visit acco.org/books for books, journals, and family resources.
Childhood Cancer Guides: visit childhoodcancerguides.org for printed guides and educational resources.
Texas Children's Hospital Child Life or Social Work Team: ask your care team or Child Life staff about local resources, sibling support, or recommended books.

Helpful Ordering Tips

Search by title and author for the best results. Check if the book is available in Spanish, e-book, or audiobook format. Ask your local public library if they can borrow a copy through interlibrary loan. Many nonprofit organizations may provide free resources to families affected by cancer.

Preschool / Elementary

Helpful Books About Cancer and Medical Experiences

Chemo, Crazyness and Comfort, My Book About Childhood Cancer

La Fantastica Hannah: Miren Todo Lo Que Puedo Hacer!

Lift Me Up

Marvelous Marleigh

Chemo To The Rescue

I Am Leah Strong

My Cancer Days

The Long and Short of It: A Tale About Hair

The Lemonade Club

Why Charlie Brown, Why?

Coping / Confidence / Emotional Support

Be The Boss of Your Pain: Self Care for Kids

Little Tree

It's Okay to Be Different

Mookey the Monkey Gets Over Being Teased

School / Understanding Illness

Taking Cancer to School

My Doctor and Me ABC

Teens

Books for Teens

Personal Stories / Inspiration

Between Two Kingdoms

It's Not About the Bike

Our New Normal

Journaling / Emotional Expression

Dance in the Rain

Parents

Books for Parents

Along the Way: Documenting My Child's Cancer Journey

A Parent's Guide to Clinical Trials

A Parent's Guide to Enhancing the Quality of Life in Children with Cancer

Educating the Child with Cancer

Understanding the Journey: A Parent's Guide to DIPG

Siblings

Books for Siblings

Oliver's Story

Hi, My Name is Jack

The Twists and Turns of the Sibling Snail Trail

What About Me? When Brothers and Sisters Get Sick

Other Books

The Association for Pediatric Oncology Nursing

Extensive bookstore

Website: <https://aphon.org>

Phone: 1-855-202-9760

Camps and Retreats

Camp C.L.I.F.F.

For a child diagnosed with cancer and family members. Held every October. Free

Website: <https://candle.org/family-events/camp-cliff>

Phone: 713-270-4700

Camp for All

Camp For All hosts camps for children with cancer, autism, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, autism, severe burns, sickle cell, cerebral palsy, cognitive challenges, cardiac issues, spinal cord injuries, PKU, neurofibromatosis, HIV, dermatological issues and more; or

Website: <https://campforall.org>

Phone: 979-289-3752, 713-686-5666

Camp Hole in the Wall Gang

Seriously ill children and their siblings, ages 7-15. Free, located in Connecticut

Website: <https://holeinthewallgang.org>

Phone: 203-772-0522

Camp Mak-A-Dream

Free camp for kids with cancer (ages 6-14), teen camp and young adult camp as well. Some travel scholarships available (camp is located in Montana)

Website: <https://campdream.org>

Phone: 406-549-5987

Camp Simcha

Children age 6-20 with cancer or blood disorders; Free and kosher

Website: <https://campsimcha.org>

Phone: 1-800-343-2527

Eligibility: Children age 6-20 with cancer or blood disorders

Camp Sunshine

Camp for children with life threatening illnesses; Camp is free but family must pay for transportation; Located in Maine

Website: <https://campsunshine.org>

Phone: 207-655-3800

Eligibility: Camp is free but family must pay for transportation

Children's Oncology Camping Association

Information on many camps offered for children and families affected by cancer

Website: <https://cocai.org>

Phone: 803-434-3533

Children's Oncology Services

Offers camps and other educational and excursion programs throughout the year

Website: <https://onestepcamp.org>

Phone: 312-924-4220

Comfort Zone Camp

Child who has lost an immediate family member (parent, sibling or close friend). Free. Located in Richmond, VA

Website: <https://comfortzonecamp.org>

Phone: 1-866-488-5679

Dream Street Foundation

Nationwide camping programs for children and young adults with cancer, chronic and life threatening illnesses. Children are given the opportunity to enjoy activities they would normally be restricted from due to their illness, while Dream Street supports their medical needs. Free and will fly kids in from all over the world to participate

Website: <https://dreamstreetfoundation.org>

Phone: 424-333-1371

Epic Experience

A free, week-long outdoor camp for adults who have been diagnosed with cancer at any time in their lives.

Experiences are based upon outdoor adventure activities, such as white water kayaking, and during the winter months snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Participants are encouraged to recognize that cancer is a part of their story, but it no longer defines them. Connections with other individuals who share a similar story will create a community that lasts long after their Epic Experience has ended

Website: <https://epicexperience.org>

Phone: 1-855-650-9907

First Descents

Young adult cancer fighters and survivors (ages 18–39); Free; Some travel scholarships are available

Website: <https://firstdescents.org>

Phone: 303-945-2490

Eligibility: Young adult cancer fighters and survivors (ages 18–39)

Happiness Is Camping

Children with cancer (6-15) and their families. Free. In Hardwick, NJ

Website: <https://happinessiscamping.org>

Phone: 908-362-6733

Hunt with A Heart

Provides a respite in the Texas Outdoors to children with life threatening illnesses. Activities include archery, fishing, guided hunts etc

Website: <https://huntwithaheart.org>

Lighthouse Family Retreat

Child with cancer and immediate family members. Free. Family responsible for travel to site (scholarships available)

Website: <https://lighthousefamilyretreat.org>

Phone: 678-290-2955

Self-Improvement Thru Riding Education

Therapeutic horseback riding center. Free. Locations in Hockley, Spring and Fort Bend

Website: <https://sire-htec.org>

Phone: 281-356-7588

Special Love Camps

Camp for kids with cancer. Free

Website: <https://speciallove.org>

Phone: 540-667-3774

The Periwinkle Foundation

The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides several camping opportunities for patients of Texas Children's Hospital including Camp Periwinkle, Camp YOLO, Family Camp, Long Term Survivor Retreat, and Periwinkle Day Camp

Website: <https://periwinklefoundation.org>

Phone: 713-807-0191

Trent's Retreat

This retreat provides an opportunity for kids to run and play and laugh and for parents to relax and for families to make memories

Website: <https://trentsretreat.org>

Phone: 325-718-9340

True North Treks

Offers outdoor adventures for teen and young adult cancer survivors. They have caregiver hikes, and survivor only hikes, and then together hikes. The participants pledge to raise \$1200 to attend

Website: <https://truenorthtreks.org>

Tyler's Grace Foundation

Offers programs for camping and retreats. The group is based in California. The Retreat is open year-round to one family at a time. It is a place for families to enjoy spending time relaxing and making memories together

Website: <https://tylersgracefoundation.org>

Justin's Beach House

Welcome families battling childhood cancer to this beach house. Available for families on treatment or up to one year post treatment

Website: <https://justinjennings.org>

How to Access: Application on the website

Survivorship

Cancer Survivors Network

Focuses on cancer survivorship. Provides information, free publications, and support

Website: <https://csn.cancer.org>

Phone: 1-800-227-2345

Children's Oncology Group Guidelines

Long-term follow-up guidelines for survivors of childhood cancer. Information also available in Spanish and Chinese

Website: <https://survivorshipguidelines.org>

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Passport for Care®

Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Center's innovative health care initiative to provide survivors of childhood cancer increased access to medical information and healthcare follow up guidelines. Survivorship guidelines

Website: <https://cancersurvivor.passportforcare.org>

National Children's Cancer Society

Focuses on cancer survivorship. Provides information, free publications and support

Website: <https://thenccs.org/support-after-treatment>

Phone: 314-241-1600

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Focuses on cancer survivorship, advocacy, publications and support

Website: <https://canceradvocacy.org>

Triage Cancer

Works to address cancer-related health disparities through the delivery of cancer survivorship education, particularly information related to accessing care. Information is tailored to specific cancer community audiences, including childhood cancer survivors and their parents, adolescents and young adults, seniors, newly diagnosed patients, individuals who have completed treatment, individuals with advanced disease, caregivers, advocates, and healthcare professionals

Website: <https://triagecancer.org>

Phone: 424-258-4628

Counseling and Emotional Support**Childhood Cancer Guides**

Provides clear explanations of the various types of childhood cancer and treatments, emotional support for every member of the family, and access to helpful resources

Website: <https://childhoodcancerguides.org>

Phone: 1-866-333-1213

American Psychosocial Oncology Society

Toll-free hot line for cancer patients or patient advocacy organizations to obtain referrals for local counseling and support services throughout the U. S. The referral program aims to connect patients to psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, and social workers skilled in the management of cancer-related distress

Website: <https://apos-society.org>

Phone: 1-866-276-7443

Cancer Care

One to one counseling, medical care information and telephone support groups; Spanish speaking available. Also offers financial help

Website: <https://cancercare.org>

Phone: 1-800-813-4673

Language: Spanish

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation

Provides groups, parent-to-parent counseling, practical and emotional support. Also offers meal passes and grocery certificates (limited supply). Spanish speaking available

Website: <https://candle.org>

Phone: 713-270-4700

Language: Spanish

The HOPE Line

Offer clinical, medication and case management for mental health needs. Free service • Clinical: o CBT – 6 – 12 month wait list o DBT- 13 plus month wait list • Screening is completed to assess which services fit best • Serve ages 18 plus. All services free, no insurance billed etc. • Have support groups and helpline which have no wait time and can be initiated immediately • Most services in person but some are virtual

Website: <https://hhci.org>

Phone: 346-335-8625

Financial Assistance

A Small Miracle Foundation

Provides childcare assistance for children/families undergoing cancer treatment. Free, in-home childcare for families in the Houston/Dallas/Fort Worth areas. Provides 60 hours of care at no cost during treatment. May reapply for 60 additional hours of childcare

Website: <https://childcareforcancerpatients.org>

Adam's Angels Ministries

Assists families touched by cancer in helping with living expenses, meals, transportation, and parking fees

Website: <https://adamsangelsministry.org>

Phone: 979-836-0955

Addi's Faith Foundation

Provides assistance with financial needs, college scholarships (for brain tumor) and grief support

Website: <https://addisfaithfoundation.org>

Phone: 281-785-4098

How to Access: Application process for financial help

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

The Travel for Care program assists eligible families with travel expenses related to active treatment; Covers oncologic diagnoses and cancer predispositions, including LCH; For criteria, visit

Website: <https://alexslemonade.org>

Phone: 1-866-333-1213

Eligibility: The Travel for Care program assists eligible families with travel expenses related to active treatment; For criteria, visit alexslemonade.org/travel-for-care

Additional Links: <https://alexslemonade.org/travel-for-care>

American Children's Cancer Foundation

Provides support to families touched by cancer in the form of education, financial assistance and family support

Website: <https://accf4cure.org>

Phone: 1-855-222-3428

How to Access: Application for financial assistance (online)

Andrew McDonough Be Positive (B+) Foundation

Provides financial assistance, funds cancer research and helps spread positivity; Funds for utility, phone, car payment, car insurance and rent are considered; Must have hospital social worker involved

Website: <https://bepositive.org>

Phone: 302-563-8389

Eligibility: Must have hospital social worker involved

Arms Wide Open

Provides monthly grants to families suffering hardship due to their child's cancer diagnosis; Social work referral

Website: <https://awoccf.org>

How to Access: Application on website

Blood Cancer United

Provides help with insurance premiums and copay obligations for eligible diagnoses

Website: <https://bloodcancerunited.org>

Phone: 1-877-557-2672

Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition

Resource directory. They help cancer patients and their families manage their financial challenges

Website: <https://cancerfac.org>

Cheyanna's Champions 4 Children

Assists families with child battling rare or undiagnosed conditions; Will reimburse for prescription and many items that insurance won't cover including lodging; Eligibility is rare diagnosis and ages 0 – 19; No financial requirements; Up to \$6000 a year per family; Only in English (FYI); Can re-apply if get one item and then in need of another item to be reimbursed

Website: <https://cc4c.org>

Eligibility: is rare diagnosis and ages 0 – 19

How to Access: Application is on the website

Language: English

Childhood Cancer

Provides financial assistance for families battling childhood cancer; Social worker must email finassist@; for application; All applications must come from social worker

Website: <https://curechildhoodcancer.org>

Eligibility: Social worker must email finassist@curechildhoodcancer.org for application; All applications must come from social worker

Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation

Provides emergency bridge payments directly to the utility companies and landlords

Website: <https://childrenscancerrecovery.org>

Phone: 717-688-7940

Chronic Disease Fund, Inc.

Helps patients with chronic disease, cancer and other life-threatening conditions obtain the life-saving medications they need. Also provides travel assistance

Website: <https://gooddaysfromcdf.org>

Phone: 1-877-968-7233

Clayton Dabney Foundation

Assists families who have children in the last stages of terminal cancer, to create everlasting memories

Website: <https://claytondabney.org>

Phone: 713-488-4096

Compassion Can't Wait

Assists families with urgent financial needs for children with any catastrophic illness; Assist with needs such as ballet shoes for a sibling to rent assistance

Website: <https://compassioncantwait.org>

Phone: 310-276-7111

Eligibility: Assists families with urgent financial needs for children with any catastrophic illness

Correa Foundation

Provides transformative experiences to improve the emotional status and well-being of kids with cancer and their families, and to offer financial support supplying grants to assist with indirect and non-medical expenses. Social work referral required

Website: <https://correafamilyfoundation.org>

Family Reach

Working with more than 200 hospitals and cancer centers nationwide, they provide immediate financial assistance, education and navigation to families before they hit critical breaking points

Website: <https://familyreach.org>

Phone: 973-394-1411

Food Assistance

An interactive map of the various food access-related services in Houston/Harris County. Data was collected pre-hurricane Harvey in 2016-2017

Website: <https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/houston-area-food-access-analysis-tool>

Phone: 512-482-6170

Gianna Nicole

Provides financial assistance to pediatric cancer families undergoing cancer treatment (ages 21 and under)

Website: <https://giannanicolesheartofhope.org>

Phone: 718-644-4431

Guidance Medical

Provides grants to children with special healthcare needs. Grants divided into three categories: have one or more chronic health conditions associated with significant mortality; high risk or vulnerable population with functional limitations impacting mobility; or high health care needs requiring 3 or more subspecialties. Requests may be used for medical costs (DME, prescriptions, medical bills); health care utilization (parking, travel, lodging) or Daily living expenses such as food, utilities

Website: <https://guidancemedical.org/>

How to Access: Applications reviewed monthly, grants paid directly to the family and the health care provider will need to review and sign the application after the family submits it

Health Well Foundation

Assistance with coinsurance, copayments, deductibles and health insurance premiums

Website: <https://healthwellfoundation.org>

Phone: 1-800-675-8416

Heroes For Children

Provides financial assistance to families with a child battling cancer. Social worker will need to make a referral and assist with the process. Group also has social programs, including: valentine dinner, movie day, etc

Website: <https://heroesforchildren.org>

Jenna's Rainbows

JRF gives grants to meet specific financial challenges facing families undergoing treatment and supporting end of life care, to fill the gaps where other organizations could not step in. Grant amounts have varied depending on need and specific circumstances. Referrals are made by a professional team to indicate need

Website: <https://jennasrainbow.org>

Joey's Wings

Funds research that focuses on kidney cancer affecting children and young adults. Financial assistance 18 years or younger, diagnosed with pediatric renal cancer or renal cell carcinoma

Website: <https://Joeyswings.org>

Phone: 352-538-2155

Liam's Way

Provides financial assistance to defray treatment-related expenses for families affected by Histiocytosis including ground transportation, air travel, and lodging related expenses

Website: <https://liamslighthousefoundation.org>

Live Like Bella Foundation

Assists families with emotional and financial assistance. Also assists with memorial services

Website: <https://livelikebella.org>

Phone: 786-505-3914

Luke Neuhedel Foundation

Dedicated to improving the quality of life for children currently undergoing and who have undergone treatment for pediatric cancer. Since 2002 LNF has provided gifts, toys, support, grants, entertainment

Website: <https://lukefund.org>

Mia's Miracles

Provides financial assistance for caregivers of child with brain tumor; One time grant of \$2000 for out of pocket expenses such as lodging, utilities, child care, wage loss

Website: <https://mias-miracles.org/programs-partners/mias-blessings/>

Eligibility: US citizen, annual income below 500% poverty

National Children's Cancer Society

Services include an online support network for parents of children with cancer, educational materials, and financial assistance for treatment-related expenses. Printable publications. They also partner with Agility, a national provider of discount prescription drug cards

Website: <https://thenccs.org>

Phone: 314-241-1600

National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Provides financial assistance for travel, insurance co-payments, medication and equipment

Website: <https://nationalpcf.org/research/safety-net/>

Patches of Light

Provides financial assistance to families affected by catastrophic illness

Website: <https://patchesoflight.org>

Pinkie Swear

Helps with financial and emotional support for children with cancer and their families

Website: <https://pinkyswear.org>

Phone: 952-974-9600

How to Access: Application required

Still Strong Foundation

SSF will pay non-medical expenses including: rent, mortgage, utilities, travel expenses, car payments, insurance, etc. Payments are made directly to the vendor/service provider

Website: <https://stillstrongfoundation.org>

Team Luke Hope For Minds

Supportive resources and financial assistance to any family with a child with any brain injury (includes strokes)

Website: <https://teamlukehopeforminds.org>

The Invincible Foundation

Help families of children with cancer to navigate, cope and overcome this devastating disease. Provide financial assistance up to \$5000 (which includes a college fund donation)

Website: <https://beinvincible.org>

The Mattie Miracle Foundation

Dedicated to increasing childhood cancer awareness, education, advocacy, research and psychosocial support services to children, their families, and medical personnel. Offer several grants for mental health assistance and family fun trip (\$;)

Website: <https://mattiemiracle.com>

Phone: 1000 each

The Oliver Peters Foundation

Provides financial assistance to families of infants (diagnosed under one year of age) with a cancer diagnosis receiving treatment at Texas Children's Hospital

Website: <https://top-foundation.org>

Tyler Robinson Foundation

Provides support to families of children with cancer who meet the following criteria: the child must be between 0 and 18 years old with a cancer diagnosis, and the family must demonstrate financial need directly related to the diagnosis; Referrals must come from a social worker

Website: <https://teamlukehopeforminds.org>

Eligibility: Referrals must come from a social worker

School and Learning Support**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation**

Publishes a school reentry guide for families and teachers

Website: <https://alexslemonade.org>

American Brain Tumor Association

Publications: Educating Children and Teenagers and Returning to School

Website: <https://abta.org>

Phone: 773-577-8750

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Many free publications regarding childhood cancer. One book called "Educating the Child With Cancer" is available - order online

Website: <https://acco.org/books>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Blood Cancer United

Provides a variety of publications including Learning and Living With Cancer. LLS also provides the Trish Greene Back to School Program. Videos for school personnel; For Parents and Educators:

Website: https://lls.org/sites/default/files/file_assets/childhoodleukemia/lymphoma.pdf

Phone: 855-858-2226

Additional Links: <https://lls.org/professional-education-webcasts/videos-school-personnel/>;

<https://lls.org/article/resources-families>

Cure Search for Children's Cancer

Guidance for School Personnel; Guidance for Parents; Learning Problems During or After Treatment

Website: <https://curesearch.org>

Phone: 1-800-458-6223

Additional Links: <https://curesearch.org/Guidance-for-School-Personnel/>; <https://curesearch.org/Guidance-for-Parents/>; <https://curesearch.org/Learning-Problems-During-or-After-Treatment>

Chris Lantos Foundation

Provides an iPad to any child fighting cancer so they can stay connected with friends during treatment

Website: <https://chrislantosfoundation.org>

Homeschool Foundation

Mission is to make homeschooling possible during hard times

Website: <https://homeschoolfoundation.org>

Phone: 540-338-8688

Hopecam

Hope cam provides the child with cancer a tablet computer equipped with a webcam, Internet access in the home if the child is without, and works with the child's school to provide them a web cam so the child can participate in classroom activities, and see and talk with their friends

Website: <https://hopecam.org>

Phone: 703-364-5609

Keep Kids Connected

Provides a notebook/tablet computer to kids with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses to help them stay connected with friends and school while undergoing treatment

Website: <https://keepkidsconnected.org>

Phone: 832-571-7546

How to Access: Application process

Livestrong

Lessons and activities to teach students about cancer using age-appropriate lessons. Resources created to generate meaningful discussions about cancer, cancer treatment and how to support those living with cancer

Website: <https://livestrong.org/school>

Mikey's Way Foundation

They strive to create connection and diversion to help children face the emotional and physical hardships of long term, debilitating treatment. Provides computers, iPads and other electronic devices for children with cancer

Website: <https://mikeysway.org>

Phone: 203-873-0671

Monkey In My Chair

This monkey and school reentry backpack is for pre-school and elementary aged children who are away from school because of a cancer diagnosis. This program helps to educate the classmates regarding the child's medical diagnosis and to keep the child connected with the class

Website: <https://monkeyinmychair.org>

Phone: 513-772-4888

National Children's Cancer Society

Provides a variety of publications, including 'An Educational Guide for Friends of Teens with Cancer'

Website: <https://thenccs.org/publications>

Phone: 314-241-1600

Comfort and Care Packages

A Moment of Magic

A community partner that has traditionally provided character visits to kids in hospitals. They teamed up with other non-profits to bring their services to kids, families, and hospitals all over the world via their digital platform. The programming is on demand and can be filtered by: language, favorite superheroes, arts and craft activities with a princess, and unique collaborations with celebrities and athletes across the country

Website: <https://amomentofmagic.org>

Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels

Provides a free comfy cozy shirt to any child receiving chemo. Shirts are designed for easy access to ports or central lines. See social worker for referral code for a free shirt

Website: <https://amandahope.org>

Phone: 602-775-5090

CeCi Cares Foundation

Provides toys, art supplies, personal items to children undergoing medical care in the local Houston area. information@

Website: <https://cecicare.org>

Childhood Cancer Research Fund

Free bear to any child fighting cancer

Website: <https://childrencancer.org>

Phone: 1-888-422-7348

Cleaning For A Reason

Provides free home cleaning to patients/families battling cancer. Provides 2 free home cleanings (one per month for two months)

Website: <https://cleaningforareason.org>

Feel Better Friends

Handmade dolls filled with love and well wishes. Made for kids with matching eye and hair color. For children battling cancer and other illnesses

Website: <https://fbfdolls.org>

How to Access: Request a doll online

Five Star Portraits

Photography programs for families facing pediatric cancer

Website: <https://fivestarpaints.com>

Flashes of Hope

Provides photography for child with cancer. Raises funds to accelerate a cure for children's cancer

Website: <https://flashesofhope.org>

Phone: 440-442-9700

Icing Smiles

Provides a custom cake for the ill child or sibling to help create a positive memory during a difficult time

Website: <https://icingsmiles.org>

Phone: 443-420-7096

Jessie Rees Foundation

Provides awareness, encouragement, and connection to other families in similar situations. Also gives joypacks to kids and siblings to foster hope and encouragement. Sign up online

Website: <https://negu.org>

Phone: 1-888-648-6348

Julia's Grace Foundation

Offers opportunities for special moments (a.k.a., 'hugs') to children with cancer and their families. 4 kits are available to children. They also grant financial assistance (a.k.a., 'graces') to families experiencing financial hardship due to their child's cancer treatment and care costs

Website: <https://juliasgracefoundation.org>

Kelsey's Dream

Hopper the Cancer Crusher is a therapy toy for children undergoing treatment for cancer. Hopper is equipped with a mediport similar to the ones used to deliver chemotherapy.. Hopper is not only there to keep children company through medical procedures, but in many ways, takes the journey with them

Website: <https://kelseysdream.org>

Lightz Of Hope

Mission is to spread hope with the gift of light to children suffering from a severe illness or disability. Also provides financial assistance to families in need. Up to \$1000 per family to assist with utilities, gas assistance, medication, eyeglasses

Website: <https://lightzofhope.org>

Liv Like A Unicorn

A nonprofit pediatric cancer foundation dedicated to supporting children and families throughout their cancer journey. Programs include the Unicorn Club, which provides care packages, seasonal gifts, birthday gifts, and caregiver support totes to families of children in treatment. The organization also offers financial assistance to qualifying families and supports pediatric cancer research initiatives.

Website: <https://livlikeaunicorn.org/>

Luke's Fast Breaks

Makes colorful medical shirts for children fighting cancer who are staying in the hospital for long periods of time. The shirts have snap tape up and down each side to replace traditional hospital gowns as a way to help kids feel normal and helping with the mental fight these children face

Website: <https://lukesfastbreaks.org>

Oliver Patch Project

Open to any child in the United States in active treatment for cancer. Warriors are provided a secret "patch code" that takes them to their own portal. Within the Warrior Login Portal, they will create their account and then the fun begins! The child then picks out a jacket or tote and twenty (20) patches. Group sews these patches on each garment and mail to them to the home. Caregivers are sent a box of thirteen (13) milestone patches so that they can support and empower their warriors along their cancer journey (patches are made to be given at certain timeframes like bone marrow biopsy, blood products given, MRI and each patch has a QR code that takes child to a video). Program is completely free of charge. All OPP members receive an awesome patch, croc charms and more each month for the next year reminding them that they are not alone. Siblings can access a patch as well on website via the national patch day icon on the website. Sibling may choose from 5 patches

Website: <https://www.oliverpatchproject.org>

Operation Snowstorm

Offers sick children the opportunity to experience snow in Texas

Website: <https://operationsnowstorm.org>

Packages of Hope

Sends packages of gifts and toys to children of all ages across the United States who are battling cancer

Website: <https://packagesofhope.com>

Peaches Neet Feet

Provides personalized shoes to kids experiencing hardship due to cancer or blood disorder. Ages 1–18 qualify

Website: <https://peachsneetfeet.com>

How to Access: Apply online

Project Linus

Donates handmade security blankets, quilts and afghans to children undergoing difficult medical situations

Website: <https://projectlinus.org>

Phone: 309-585-0686

Riley's Cause

Provides assistance to families with a child receiving cancer treatment to make a child smile. Might be a sporting event, movie passes, travel or a restaurant certificate

Website: <https://rileyscause.org>

How to Access: Apply online

Shadow Buddies

Soft doll friends for kids and resource packets for medical caretakers. 21 illnesses have their own symptom and treatment specific buddies – oncology and sickle cell are two of them

Website: <https://shadowbuddies.org>

How to Access: Request through Child Life

Sky High For Kids

Supports children with cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Programs include Warrior Packages, which are curated gift boxes with items such as crafts, toys, pajamas, and gift cards for the child and family. They also offer Sky High Adventures, which create special experiences for pediatric cancer patients and survivors, such as outdoor activities, sporting events, and group outings. To request a Warrior Package, families should email laura@skyhighforkids.org

Website: <https://www.skyhighforkids.org>

Additional Links: <https://skyhighforkids.org>

The Faris Foundation

Supports children with cancer by funding research, increasing awareness, and providing creative and emotional support for patients and families. Offer Good Juju Care Packages for newly diagnosed children with cancer

Website: <https://www.thefarisfoundation.org>

How to Access: Families can apply online, and care packages are mailed directly to the home

The Stuff the Sleigh

Helps provide the spirit of Christmas year-round for kids affected by cancer and hematology conditions. Funeral assistance, iPad program, financial assistance and scholarships

Website: <https://thesleigh.org>

Tubie Friends

Makes a stuffed friend with medical equipment mirroring the child's feeding tube, G tube, etc. A stuffed animal with similar medical equipment can make the process less frightening

Website: <https://tubiefriends.com>

Ween Dream

Free Halloween costume to child with medical or special needs

Website: <https://weendream.org>

How to Access: Apply online

Major Organizations and Scholarship Resources

Education

Blood Cancer United

Provides free educational programs for parents and teachers to support a child's learning during and after cancer treatment. Includes the Staying Connected program and the Trish Greene Back to School Program, which offer videos and materials to help families talk with teachers and classmates about a cancer diagnosis. Resources are available for parents, school staff, and families

Website: <https://bloodcancerunited.org>

Phone: 1-800-955-4572

Cancer Net

Cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Has an entire section on coping with cancer, along with childhood cancer facts, stats, side effects, research, etc

Website: <https://cancer.net>

Phone: 1-888-651-3038

Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation

Their handbook on neuroblastoma includes topics such as: surviving neutropenia, hearing loss, information about clinical trials, etc

Website: <https://cncfhope.org>

Phone: 1-866-671-2623

Children's Oncology Group

The Children's Oncology Group Family Handbook is a free e-book that's available in English, Spanish, and French. This is a valuable resource for families as they navigate their child's cancer journey. It provides reliable information about treatment, support and follow-up care

Website: <https://childrensoncologygroup.org>

Language: English, Spanish, French

Coalition Against Childhood Cancer (CAC2)

A collaborative network of nonprofits, corporations, and individuals from 36 states and five countries, supporting and serving the childhood cancer community. CAC2 members effectively advance a variety of childhood cancer causes by unifying their efforts

Website: <https://cac2.org>

CureSearch

Provides reliable, up-to-date information about childhood cancer from pediatric cancer experts. Offers resources for patients, families, and friends on how to support a child with cancer. Includes long-term follow-up guidelines for childhood cancer survivors, with recommendations for ongoing care after treatment. Also offers a mobile app to help track treatments, side effects, and important health information

Website: <https://curesearch.org>

Phone: 1-800-458-6223

National Cancer Institute

Publications like Young People with Cancer and a dictionary of cancer terminology

Website: <https://cancer.gov>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

National Children's Cancer Society

Services include: online support network for parents of children with cancer, educational materials, publications and financial assistance for treatment-related expenses. They also partner with Agility, a national provider of discount prescription drug cards

Website: <https://thenccs.org>

Phone: 1-800-5-FAMILY

National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Goal is to fund research for pediatric cancer. Other programs include a health navigator to help families identify resources and educational materials

Website: <https://Nationalpcf.org>

Phone: 813-269-0955

OncoLife

Publications and presentations— not just for childhood cancer

Website: <https://oncolife.oncolink.org>

The HOPE Portal

A searchable database, made possible by a generous grant from the Ronald Mc Donald Children's Charities. The HOPE Portal was developed as a key resource for families to access trustworthy information and find assistance

Website: <https://searchhope.chla.org>

American Cancer Society

A national network of employees and volunteers who implement research, education, and patient service programs. Although programs differ according to state and province, some widely available programs are patient-to-patient visitation, transportation to appointments, housing near treatment centers, equipment and supplies, support groups, literature on a variety of topics, summer camps for children with cancer, etc. 1-800-ACS-2345

Website: <https://cancer.org>

Scholarships for Cancer Patients

Addi's Faith Foundation

Provides assistance with financial needs, college scholarships (for brain tumor) and grief support

Website: <https://addisfaithfoundation.org>

Phone: 281-785-4098

How to Access: Application process for financial help

Ashley Tamburri Scholarship

Provides academic scholarships for cancer patients and survivors to attend college

Website: <https://theashleyfoundation.org>

B.I.G. Love Cancer Care

Must be enrolled in courses that fulfill nursing school required courses; Applicants must have battled childhood cancer, be a sibling or a parent of a childhood cancer patient

Website: <https://biglovecancercare.org>

Phone: 1-888-522-7339

Eligibility: graduating high school seniors, community college and/or four-year university students; Must be enrolled in courses that fulfill nursing school required courses; Applicants must have battled childhood cancer, be a sibling or a parent of a childhood cancer patient

Blood Cancer United

Provides up to \$7,500 to cover tuition for virtual or in-person vocational, trade, two-year or four-year undergraduate education for one year. Requirements include patient/survivor of cancer, age 25 or younger, US citizen, leukemia diagnosis

Website: <https://bloodcancerunited.org/financial-assistance/scholarship-blood-cancer-survivors>

Brain Injury Survivors Grant Program: Educational Award

Provides college scholarship

Website: <http://www.biadc.org/pdf/BIADC-Grant-Program-Education.pdf>

Phone: 202-659-0122

Eligibility: brain cancer diagnosis

Cancer for College Scholarships

Must be a US resident enrolled in a university or community college located in the United States

Website: <https://cancerforcollege.org>

Phone: 760-599-5096

Eligibility: Must be a US resident enrolled in a university or community college located in the United States

Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy

Annual opportunity for two childhood cancer survivors to receive \$1500 - \$

Website: <https://www.childrenscancercause.org/scholars>

Phone: 202-552-7392

College Scholarship Search Engines

Fastweb:

Website: <https://www.top10onlinecolleges.org/scholarships-for/cancer-survivors/>

Additional Links: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/cancer-scholarships>; <https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/resources-list.detail.html/120668.html>;
<https://bloodcancerunited.org/scholarships-education>; <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>;
<https://www.fastweb.com/>

disABLEDperson, Inc. National Scholarship

The student must be enrolled in a 2 or 4 years accredited college or university in the United States of America; They must be a matriculated student and attending school full-time and U; S; citizen; We will accept students who are not attending school full-time as long as the part-time attendance is due to their disability and not their financial situation (minimum of 6 credits for undergraduate, 6 credits for graduate); Unfortunately, we are not able to award scholarships to high school students; Scholarship is \$2000

Website: <https://www.disabledperson.com/scholarships/40>

Eligibility: The student must be enrolled in a 2 or 4 years accredited college or university in the United States of America; They must be a matriculated student and attending school full-time and U. S

FinAid!

A smart guide to financial aid. Can search for scholarships for cancer patients, survivors, children of a cancer patient, children who have lost a parent or sibling to cancer, and students pursuing careers in cancer treatment

Website: <https://finaid.org>

Harris County Public Library FutureU

Mission: Guide young adults on their path to a better future through college preparation, career guidance and self-discovery. Supports: Virtual or in-person meeting with an advisor, financial aid workshops, college application support and college roadmap sessions

Website: <https://hcpl.net/futureu/>

Hydrocephalus Association

The Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to capable and promising young adults who live with the ongoing challenges and complexities of hydrocephalus. 13 scholarships provided. 888-598-378

Website: <https://www.hydroassoc.org/Scholarship/>

John Foy & Associates Strong Arm Leukemia Scholarship

For college students who has battled leukemia or whose life has been affected by it; Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or are an incoming freshman at an accredited institution in the United States

Website: <https://www.johnfoy.com/about/scholarship/strong-arm-leukemia-scholarship/>

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or are an incoming freshman at an accredited institution in the United States

Kids 4 Kids With Cancer

Aims to financially help childhood cancer survivors with educational costs by fundraising, hosting events, and applying for grants

Lep Foundation

S; students diagnosed with cancer whose treatment created significant financial burden; accepted/enrolled at an accredited institution

Website: <https://www.lepfoundation.org/applications>

Eligibility: U. S; students diagnosed with cancer whose treatment created significant financial burden

Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance Scholarship

Provides college scholarship; For cancer patients, siblings, parents etc; Scholarship amount is \$4000

Website: <https://www.mesothelioma.com/scholarship/>

Eligibility: childhood cancer

National Children's Cancer Society (Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship)

Promotes children's health through financial assistance, advocacy, support services, education and scholarships

Website: <https://thenccs.org/scholarship/>

Phone: 1-800-532-6459

National Collegiate Cancer Foundation

Provides scholarships to young adults whose lives have been impacted by cancer

Website: <https://collegiatecancer.org>

Phone: 240-515-6262

National Grace Foundation

Provides free college admission and financial aid consulting services for pediatric cancer survivors and families. Provides free services to assist with college admission and financial aid process, essay and personal statement writing

Website: <https://graceamerica.org>

Phone: 401-793-6337

Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Sibling Scholarship

Provides college scholarship

Website: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/nmsurvivors/>

Phone: 507-931-1682

Eligibility: cancer survivors, age 25 and under, in continuing their education and pursuing their college dreams

Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship Program

Twenty-five, \$5,000 undergraduate awards will be given for the upcoming academic year for children impacted by cancer. Siblings included

Website: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/nmsurvivors/>

OnlineSchool.org : Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities

Provides comprehensive listing of numerous scholarship options for students with disabilities, including cancer that range from national financial aid opportunities to local opportunities within the United States and Canada

Website: <https://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/disabilities/#Health-Impairments>

Ruth Cheatham Foundation Scholarship

Website: <https://www.ruthcheathamfoundation.org/scholarship>

Eligibility: Teen and young adult cancer patients/survivors (ages 17–26)

Snowdrop Foundation

The Snowdrop Foundation is based in Houston and fundraises for cancer research and scholarships for cancer survivors. Scholarship monies are paid directly to the school the recipient has enrolled in

Website: <https://snowdropfoundation.org>

Phone: 713-232-9051

Sofia's Hope – College Scholarship Awards (Survivors and Siblings)

Award: \$2,000 plus a laptop/tablet for first-time awardees

Website: <https://scholarships.sofiashope.org/>

Eligibility: Patients/survivors and siblings enrolled or accepted into an accredited program

Special Love for Children with Cancer (Kay-Moore Scholarship Fund)

Provides college scholarship

Website: <https://speciallove.org/patients/scholarships>

Phone: 888-930-2707

Eligibility: cancer diagnosis

The Evan Foundation

Award: \$2,500

Website: <https://www.theevanfoundation.org/scholarship-information>

Eligibility: High school senior, accepted into 4-year undergraduate program who has survived or is in treatment for high-risk cancer

The Izzy Foundation

Offers academic scholarships to children with cancer (survivors or current treatment) and siblings

Website: <https://theizzyfoundation.org/scholarship/>

Phone: 401-331-4999

The Michael A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship

Provides college scholarship; Nationwide; Individual awards range from \$2,000 - \$5,000

Website: <https://oc-cf.academicworks.com/opportunities/2114>

Eligibility: patients and children of leukemia patient

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

The world's largest nonprofit funder of childhood brain tumor research. Provides free educational information about brain tumors, college scholarships, and more

Website: <https://curethekids.org>

Phone: 1-800-253-6530

The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer

Supports young adult cancer survivors in the United States as they recover from the financial impact of cancer treatment. Through direct financial assistance and free online support and education, The SAMfund helps young adults move forward towards their personal, professional, and academic goals

Website: <https://thesamfund.org>

Phone: 617-938-3484

The Simon Cancer Foundation Scholarship Program

Awards scholarships and makes charitable donations to camps and educational programs; Scholarship eligibility information is available on their website

Website: <https://thescf.org>

Eligibility: Scholarship eligibility information is available on their website

The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation Scholarship

Provides college scholarship

Website: <https://tcjayfund.org/get-help/scholarship-guidelines/>

Phone: 904-543-2599

Eligibility: cancer diagnosis

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

A leading voice in the young adult cancer movement, working at a grassroots level to support, educate, connect and empower young adult cancer survivors

Website: <https://ulmanfund.org>

Phone: 410-964-0202

Toby Merrill Scholarship

Provides college scholarship

Website: <https://www.tobymerrillscholarship.org/about-the-scholarship>

Eligibility: cancer diagnosis

Univeristy Of Texas Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship

The Will Rogers Memorial scholarship is intended for students who are disabled or non-disabled students studying to work with individuals who are disabled, especially children who are disabled; "Disabled" in this context shall refer to students who have a physical or non-physical disability, including mental and spiritual hardships or obstacles caused by the environment and lack of opportunity; Financial need may be used to distinguish among applicants

Website: <https://www.scholarships.com/scholarships/university-of-texas-will-rogers-memorial-scholarship#>

Eligibility: Financial need may be used to distinguish among applicants

Siblings and Family Support

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Super sibs program is available through Alex's Lemonade Stand

Website: <https://alexslemonade.org/campaign/supersibs>

Phone: 1-866-333-1213

Blood Cancer United

Publication for siblings: Sibs & Talk about Cancer

Website: <https://lls.org>

Phone: 1-888-557-7177

National Cancer Institute

The NCI has many publications dealing with childhood cancer, one specifically for siblings is called When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer

Website: <https://cancer.gov/Publications/patient-education/sibling-has-cancer>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

American Cancer Society

ACS has lots to offer including: support groups, literature on a large variety of topics, summer camps for children with cancer, research and educational programs. Search for "siblings"

Website: <https://cancer.org>

Phone: 1-800-ACS-2345

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Free services include: an annual bibliography and resource guide, quarterly newsletter, and handbooks to help families of children with cancer. Search for "siblings"

Website: <https://acco.org>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Cooper Trooper Foundation

Provides Courage Kits for siblings—complete with comfort items, a sibling t-shirt, and Beads of Courage

Website: <https://coopertrooper.org>

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Offers printable guides and workbooks to help siblings understand and cope when a brother or sister has cancer

Website: <https://cancer.gov/Publications/patient-education/sibling-has-cancer>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF)

Monthly online art and mindfulness groups for siblings (ages 6–18). Supplies mailed before the first session

Website: <https://curethekids.org>

Ryan's Case for Smiles Coping Space

Online platform with sibling-specific coping tips, activities, and family guidance (available in English and Spanish)

Website: <https://copingspace.org>

Language: English, Spanish

Sibling Support Project

Seeks to increase peer support and information for siblings of people with special needs and to increase parents' and providers' understanding of sibling issues. Trains local providers how to create community-based peer support programs for young siblings; hosting workshops, listservs, and websites; and increasing parents' and providers' awareness of siblings' unique, life-long, and ever-changing concerns

Website: <https://siblingssupport.org>

Social Support

General Social Support

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

Fact sheets on childhood cancer, journal that can be printed or ordered

Website: <https://alexslimonade.org>

Phone: 1-866-333-1213

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Books, publications, medical kits; all free to patients and teachers, etc

Website: <https://acco.org>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Big Love

Provides basic necessities and personalized care for patients in an inpatient setting (parking, meals, weekly toys, etc.)

Website: <https://biglovecancer.org>

Phone: 1-888-522-7339

Candlelighters

Provides emotional, educational and practical support (parking, meals etc.) for families with childhood cancer diagnosis. This is the local chapter

Website: <https://candle.org>

Phone: 713-270-4700

Chance For Hope

Free temporary housing, meal delivery inpatient, gift cards for back to school supplies and research

Website: <https://chanceforhopefoundation.org>

Coach Art

Free 1:1 arts and athletics coaching to any child who has a chronic physical illness and/or their siblings between the ages of 5-18. Also offer group programs called "clubs" where kids can connect with their peers in a safe learning environment and learn fun arts and athletics activities. The lessons are all virtual using zoom. Ship all the needed materials free of charge (musical instruments, art supplies, cooking ingredients, sports equipment, etc) to the family

Website: <https://coachart.org>

Connecting Champions

Mentorship program for children and youth affect by cancer, ages 3 – 21

Website: <https://connectingchampions.org>

Phone: 412-368-6236

Kids Kicking Cancer

Their mission is to ease the pain of very sick children while empowering them to heal physically, spiritually and emotionally. Provides super power kit

Website: <https://kidskickingcancer.org>

Phone: 248-864-8238

Kids Unlimited Foundation

Provides activities for children/families impacted by cancer. Events such as astros games, rodeo, holiday parties etc. Siblings included in all activities

Website: <https://kidsunlimiteds.org/about/>

L3 Foundation

This group's mission is to work hand in hand with children to raise awareness, support, and funding focused on finding the cure to childhood soft tissue cancer

Website: <https://l3foundation.com>

Life Extra

This group created a platform to share a family's journey through blogs, videos, and more. Features include journaling, uploading photos and videos, a calendar for scheduling help with chores (like mowing, food delivery, babysitting), and easy links to social media. Stories can be shared publicly or kept private. Plumfund is a similar platform for fee-free fundraising

Website: <https://liveextra.org>

Lotsa Helping Hands

Online calendar. Post requests for support like meals, rides to appointments, etc

Website: <https://lotsahelpinghands.com>

Momcology

Provides peer support, research and advocacy services surrounding childhood cancer

Website: <https://momcology.org>

Pablove Shutterbugs

A photography program for kids 6–18 with cancer

Website: <https://pablove.org>

Phone: 323-657-5557

The Periwinkle Foundation

The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults and families who are challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital

Website: <https://periwinklefoundation.org>

Phone: 713-807-0191

The Snowdrop Foundation

Raises money toward research. Also has a bling for bravery (nominate online) program

Website: <https://snowdropfoundation.org>

Phone: 713-232-9051

Peer-to-Peer

Cancer Care

Provides telephone, online and support groups

Website: <https://cancercares.org>

Phone: 1-800-813-HOPE

Imerman Angels

Online peer support program for patients of any age

Website: <https://imermanangels.org>

National Children's Cancer Society

This mentoring program partners children ages 10-17, who are undergoing treatment, with childhood cancer survivors who are now young adults

Website: <https://thenccs.org>

Phone: 314-241-1600

Zach's Bridge

Peer to peer connection for advanced pediatric cancer. Program is completely virtual

Website: <https://Zachsbridge.org>

Teens and Young Adults

13 Thirty Cancer Connect

Provides educational information about cancer and tools for coping and healthy living. Many fact sheets on topics like mouth sores, fatigue, and chemo brain

Website: <https://13thirty.org>

Allyson Whitney Foundation

Awards 'Life Interrupted Grants' to young adult patients aged 15-36 undergoing treatment or finished protocol within 6 months. Grant applications are accepted 2-3 times a year, depending on funds. Grants cover a wide range of needs, including, but not limited to: medical bills, rent, car and health insurance premiums, IVF treatments, integrative therapies, travel expenses, phone, etc. The maximum amount awarded is \$1,500

Website: <https://allysonwhitney.org>

American Cancer Society

Online groups for childhood and young adult survivors

Website: <https://cancer.org>

Phone: 1-800-227-2345

Bite Me Cancer

Provides teen support bags to teens fighting cancer. Bag is full of teen items including a hat, coupon to design their own t-shirt, a mug and more

Website: <https://bitmecancer.org>

Cactus Cancer Society

Provides online support and programs for creative coping to young adult cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. Provides virtual programming including a monthly hang out, book club, yoga program, creative writing workshop, survivor series, guy's discussion group, journaling and more

Website: <https://cactuscancer.org>

Cancer and Careers

Cancer and Careers empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, by providing expert advice, interactive tools and educational events. Free publications and more

Website: <https://Cancerandcareers.org>

Cancer Care

Online counseling, support groups, education and financial assistance. No peer to peer

Website: <https://cancercare.org>

Cassie Hines Shoe Foundation

Mission to support young adults with cancer from the beginning of their battle to life beyond cancer. Support programs, peer support, survivorship programs, and more. Interactive website designed for AYA (ages 18 – 40); Base 2 Summit adventure in Northern Michigan; Financial support for AYA to travel to camps listed on website

Website: <https://cassiehinesshoescancer.org>

Coach Art

Free 1:1 arts and athletics coaching to any child who has a chronic physical illness and/or their siblings between the ages of 5-18. Also offer group programs called "clubs" where kids can connect with their peers in a safe environment and learn fun arts and athletics activities. The lessons are all virtual. (sports equipment, etc) to the family

Website: <https://coachart.org>

Connecting Champions

Mentorship program for children and youth affect by cancer, ages 3 – 21

Website: <https://connectingchampions.org>

Critical Mass: The Young Adult Cancer Alliance

The full-time federal advocacy arm of the entire adolescent and young adult cancer community

Website: <https://criticalmass.org>

Dear Jack Foundation

Address the physical and emotional needs of adolescent and young adult cancer patients and survivors. One-on-one patient outreach and support wellness programs to empower patients and survivors in their healing

Website: <https://dearjackfoundation.org>

Elephants and Tea

Media company for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients and survivors, written by AYA cancer patients and survivors who tell their story in their own words. Through stories & artwork, their goal is to help AYA patients and survivors experience relief through self-expression, inspire others during their cancer journey and connect with support organizations across the nation

Website: <https://elephantsandtea.com>

Group Loop

A safe place for teens to connect, to find support, education and hope while dealing with a cancer diagnosis

Website: <https://www.grouploop.org/>

Phone: 1-888-793-9355

Hope Cam

Provides computer, ipad, playstation etc. for young people undergoing cancer treatment

Website: <https://Hopecam.org>

Hope for Young Adults with Cancer

Provides resources and funds for young adults (18 – 40) with everyday expenses (on treatment or up to 5 years post cancer treatment)

Website: <https://Hope4yawc.org>

Hope Lab

Video games that give teens chance to blast their cancer in a video game; Computer game. Free 3D shooter video game designed for teens. All related to side effects, bacterial infections, etc

Website: <https://hopelab.org>

Additional Links: <https://re-mission.net>

I Had Cancer

Online resources for people affected by cancer, including topics about survivorship, relationship, fertility, school and work, finances, emotional support, awareness and education

Website: <https://ihadcancer.com>

Imerman Angels

Online peer support program for patients of any age. 14,000 mentors available. Personalized intake for matching-no algorithm. Peers can decide on format for communication (zoom, text, call or in person). Siblings, survivors invited to participate; Ages 17 and younger- parental consent needed

Website: <https://imermanangels.org>

How to Access: Register via website

I'm Too Young For This / Stupid Cancer

Founded by a young adult brain cancer survivor. Research, support, outreach, mobile awareness for teens with cancer. Also provides a free Instapeer app for you to connect with other survivors and find programs and meetups in your town

Website: <https://stupidcancer.org>

Lacuna Loft

A support network for young adults with cancer. They have articles on cancer life hacks, exercise, chemo brain, etc. They provide chemo care kits, activity kits and articles for the patient and caregivers

Website: <https://lacunaloft.org>

National Bone Marrow Program/Be The Match

Peer Connect Program connects patients/caregivers by phone or email with someone who's been through transplant. Network of trained Peer Connect volunteers share their experiences, provide support and answer questions. When a connection is requested, we identify a volunteer who most closely matches the patient's or caregiver's situation. Patients and caregivers can request a connection by visiting

Website: <https://network.bethematchclinical.org/>

Additional Links: <https://BeTheMatch.org/patient-peerconnect>

National Children's Cancer Society

Teen guide, parent guide to surviving childhood cancer and other educational materials

Website: <https://thenccs.org>

Phone: 1-800-532-6459

National Collegiate Cancer Foundation

Services and support to young adults diagnosed with cancer. NCCF is committed to providing need-based financial support to young adult survivors who are pursuing higher education throughout their treatment and beyond

Website: <https://collegiatecancer.org>

Nicki Leach Foundation

Provides modest financial assistance to young adults (18-30) afflicted with cancer

Website: <https://nickileach.org>

Phone: 904-716-5394

Noah's Gift

Will fund up to \$2500 of a travel style request; Must apply; Ages 13-19 years

Website: <https://noahsgift.org>

Eligibility: Must apply

How to Access: Application for adventure seeking teens

Stupid Cancer

The Stupid Cancer App connects you to a network of peers who understand what you're going through. They've been there, too. You have a right to know they exist and #sayhello

Website: <https://stupidcancer.org>

Team Impact

Works at improving quality of life for children facing life threatening and chronic illnesses through the power of team. They do this by drafting courageous kids with a local college athletic team

Website: <https://goteamimpact.org>

Teen Cancer America

Partners with hospitals throughout the United States to develop specialized facilities and services for teens and young adults with cancer. Develop standards for age-targeted care, improve collaboration between pediatric and adult specialists and enable dedicated research to improve outcomes and survival for our young people. Provides an AYA newsletter and more

Website: <https://teencanceramerica.org>

The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer

Supports young adult cancer survivors in the United States as they recover from the financial impact of cancer treatment. Through direct financial assistance and free online support and education, the SAMfund helps young adults move forward towards their personal, professional, and academic goals

Website: <https://thesamfund.org>

Phone: 617-938-3484

The Ulman Foundation

Provides community of support for young adults and their loved ones touched by cancer. Publishes an amazing book called "No Way" written for AYA regarding cancer

Website: <https://ulmanfoundation.org/>

How to Access: Download on the website

We Believe Foundation

Assistance, Awareness and Advocacy are the pillars of this organization and how they make a difference. Assistance takes many forms: providing financial hardship grants, lost part-time wage grants, Pink Hearts of Hope grants

Website: <https://webelievefoundation.net>

Young Adult Cancer Connection

Resources and support for young adults with cancer

Website: <https://yacancerconnection.org>

Young Survival Coalition

YSC is dedicated to the critical issues unique to young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. YSC offers resources, connections and outreach so women feel supported, empowered and hopeful

Website: <https://youngsurvival.org>

Phone: 1-877-972-1011

Wish Organizations

A Wish With Wings

Wish Kids must meet these simple criteria: Have a medical diagnosis of a life-threatening medical condition; Be between ages 3 and 19 years when the form is received; Wishes for children under age 3 must be approved by the board of directors; Have not previously received a wish from any wish-granting organization; Reside in or being treated in Texas

Website: <https://awww.org>

Eligibility: Wish Kids must meet these simple criteria: Have a medical diagnosis of a life-threatening medical condition; Wishes for children under age 3 must be approved by the board of directors

Catch a Dream Foundation

Grants once-in-a-lifetime hunting and fishing experiences to children 18 years old or younger who have a life-threatening illness

Website: <https://catchadream.org>

Phone: 662-324-5700

Cherished Creations

Provides meaningful gifts and experiences for children and young adults (up to age 21) with serious illnesses

Website: <https://cherishedcreations.com/>

Do It for the Love

Brings children with severe challenges, people living with life-threatening illnesses and children with severe challenges to live concerts. Provides up to 4 event tickets to the recipient and their family members, friends or caretakers

Website: <https://doitfortheLove.org>

Phone: 844-484-3568

Dream Foundation

Serves terminally ill adults and their families by providing end of life dreams that offer inspiration, comfort, and closure

Website: <https://dreamfoundation.org>

Give Kids the World Village

Offers a compassion program which assists families with park passes if their wish is not Disney

Website: <https://jeanl@gktw.org>

Phone: 407-396-5320

Go 4 the Goal

Provides financial support, develops and implements unique hospital programs, funds innovative research, and grants personal wishes. Financial support is limited to availability of foundation funds

Website: <https://go4thegoal.org>

Gold Rush Cure Foundation – Pot of Gold Program

Mission: Supports children and teens fighting cancer through surprise “Pot of Gold” gifts designed to bring joy and encouragement. Notes: • Often used for relapse, young adults diagnosed after age 18, or when traditional wish programs are not applicable • Gifts typically valued up to ~\$500, based on family questionnaire and local fulfillment • Frequently a go-to option for creative, personalized support

Website: <https://goldrushcure.org/>

Granted Wish

Wish granting organization that is dedicated to granting wishes exclusively in the sports genre. Available for ages 5–25

Website: <https://grantedwish.org>

Kids Wish Network

Wish granting organization for children 3-18yo who are battling a life-threatening medical condition

Website: <https://kidswishnetwork.org>

Phone: 888-918-9004

Make-A-Wish Foundation

Grants wish to child, ages 2.5-18, with life threatening illness

Website: <https://wish.org>

Stuff The Sleigh

Mission: Provides wish to child who does not fit into Make A Wish guidelines (not within age range or had a wish when young and now relapse or other extenuating circumstances)

Website: <https://www.stuffthesleigh.org>

Sunshine Foundation

Sunshine Foundation answers the dreams of children, ages three through eighteen, who have severe or profound physical/developmental/intellectual challenges or trauma from physical/sexual abuse, and whose families have limited income; Household income less than \$75,000

Website: <https://sunshinefoundation.org/>

Eligibility: Sunshine Foundation answers the dreams of children, ages three through eighteen, who have severe or profound physical/developmental/intellectual challenges or trauma from physical/sexual abuse, and whose families have limited income

ELLE Foundation

Grants wishes for children battling a recurrence of cancer, focusing on joyful, meaningful experiences during a second cancer journey

Website: <https://ellefoundation.org/>

Eligibility: • Child must be diagnosed with a recurrence or secondary cancer • Requires confirmation from a pediatric oncologist • Specific application guidelines apply

Marty Lyons Foundation

Mission: Grants wishes to children ages 3–17 with life-threatening illnesses. Notes: • Known to grant second wishes under certain medical circumstances • Typically considered ~2 years after the first wish, subject to availability and waitlist • Not strictly tied to a five-year requirement

Website: <https://martylyonsfoundation.org/>

Vascular Anomalies and Craniofacial

Vascular Anomalies

Cloves Syndrome Community

Provides support, education and publications

Website: <https://clovessyndrome.org>

Cure Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Foundation

Provides education, research updates, links and a newsletter

Website: <https://curehht.org>

Klippel-Trenaunay Support Group

Provides factual information, resources and links

Website: <https://k-t.org>

Lymphangiomatosis and Gorham Disease Alliance

Provides education, disease fact sheets and more

Website: <https://lgdalliance.org>

Lymphatic Education and Research Network

Support organization that focuses on education, research and advocacy

Website: <https://lymphaticnetwork.org>

M-CM Network

M-CM Network provides comprehensive medical information about M-CM (MCAP, M-CMTC) and develops programs to promote education and research

Website: <https://m-cm.net>

National Lymphedema Network, Inc.

Support organization that provides education resources and an e-newsletter

Website: <https://lymphnet.org>

Sturge-Weber Syndrome Community

Support organization that provides informational resources, links, etc

Website: <https://swscommunity.org>

The Sturge-Weber Foundation

Support organization that provides education, resources and research updates

Website: <https://sturge-weber.org>

AboutFace USA

Support organization that provides education and publications

Website: <https://aboutface.ca>

Phone: 1-800-665-3223

Angioma Alliance

An organization by and for those affected by cavernous angiomas and their loved ones, health professionals, and researchers

Website: <https://www.alliancetocure.org/>

AVM Survivors

Support group for patients and families that have had an arteriovenous malformations (AVM)

Website: <https://avmsurvivors.org>

Birth Defects Research for Children, Inc.

Publications, research information and resources for birth defects

Website: <https://birthdefects.org>

Blue Rubber Bleb Nevus Facebook Support Group

Provides a community for families coping with blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome

Website: <https://facebook.com/groups/bluerubberbleb>

Camp Dermadillo

A camp for children, ages 8-16, with dermatologic conditions that is held at Camp For All in Burton, TX; You must be nominated by a dermatologist to attend; Free

Website: <https://campforall.org>

Eligibility: You must be nominated by a dermatologist to attend

CMTC OVM USA (Van Lohuizen Syndrome)

Focuses on the well-being of people who suffer from vascular malformations, such as CMTC (Van Lohuizen syndrome), and to stimulate the scientific research of such conditions

Website: <http://www.cmtc.nl/en/>

Department of State Health Services Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program

Resources for home medical, parent/youth transition worksheets, brochures, etc

Website: dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/texas-guide-school-health-services/special-health-care-needs-texas-school-health

Easter Seals Greater Houston

Support, educate, empower; publications regarding individuals with disabilities

Website: <https://eastersealshouston.org>

Phone: 713-838-9098

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Foundation

HHT provides advocacy and support. Includes factual information, research updates, helpful links, and a newsletter

Website: <https://hht.org>

Phone: 410-357-9932

Infantile Hemangioma

Resource that provides education, publications, etc

Website: <https://infantilehemangioma.com>

Kennedy's Cause

Raises awareness of lymphatic malformations and to raise funds to support the research for a cure

Website: <https://kennedyscause.com>

Phone: 856-437-0605

National Organization for Rare Disorders

Resource which provides education, resources, awards grants and networking

Website: <https://rarediseases.org>

National Organization for Vascular Anomalies

Provides a blog, education, transportation services and more

Website: <https://novanews.org>

Operation Smile

Provides free surgeries to kids who need them, teaches medical personnel

Website: <https://operationsmile.org>

Phone: 1-888-OPSMILE

Parents Helping Parents (PHP)

PHP increases the quality of life for children with special needs by providing services, resources, and support for children, their families, and caregivers

Website: <https://php.com>

PHACE Syndrome Community

Works to raise awareness, promote peer support, fund research, finding a cause, and improving treatment

Website: <https://phacesyndromecommunity.org>

Phone: 678-744-3971

Proteus Syndrome Foundation

Dedicated improving the lives of Proteus patients by funding AKT1 research. They focus on providing family support in the form of education and networking

Website: <https://proteus-syndrome.org>

PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome Foundation

Offers education about PTEN syndromes, provides financial support to patients, supports research, and promotes awareness

Website: <https://ptenfoundation.org>

Vascular Birthmarks Foundation

Factual information, parent networking, physician list, newsletter, transportation, insurance, and advocacy

Website: <https://birthmark.org>

VHL Alliance

Dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for VHL (Von Hippel-Lindau disease) patients and their families

Website: <https://vhl.org>

Books and Educational Materials

Vascular Anomalies

100 Questions & Answers About Vascular Anomalies

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

Buddy Booby's BirthMark

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

Hi, My Name is Jack (A Book for the healthy siblings of chronically ill children)

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

I Still Dream Big Stories of Teens with Chronic Illness

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

It's OK To Be Different!

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

Little Tree: A Story for Children with Special Medical Problems

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

Mookey The Monkey Gets Over Being Teased

This is a list of books that are written specifically for children with vascular anomalies and their families

Website: <https://amazon.com>

Craniofacial

AboutFace International

Networking, information and support

Website: <https://aboutfacecorp.com>

Phone: 1-877-770-8585

Children's Craniofacial Association

Information networking, and support for families

Website: <https://ccakids.com>

Phone: 1-800-535-3643

Craniofacial Foundation of America

Networking, information and support, some financial assistance

Website: <https://craniofacialfoundation.org>

FACES — National Craniofacial Association

Serves patients with severe craniofacial deformities resulting from birth defects, injuries, or disease. Addresses three distinct areas: client travel, public awareness and understanding, and information and support; 3

Website: <https://faces-cranio.org>

Phone: 1-800-3-FACES-

Foundation for Faces of Children

Dedicated to improving the lives of children with craniofacial differences, including: cleft lip, cleft palate, and other head and facial conditions

Website: <https://facesofchildren.org>

General Support Resources

Clinical Trials

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Support organization with many publications, including: A Parent's Guide to Clinical Trials

Website: <https://acco.org>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

Center Watch Clinical Trials Listing Service

Leading source of news, directories, for clinical research. Publications for patients and professionals

Website: <https://centerwatch.com>

Phone: 1-866-219-3440

Children's Oncology Group

The Children's Oncology Family Handbook is available through the social workers in the cancer center or you can download a copy from their homepage. See also, What Is A Clinical Trial?

Website: <https://childrensoncologygroup.org>

How to Access: The Children's Oncology Family Handbook is available through the social workers in the cancer center or you can download a copy from their homepage

Additional Links: <https://atchildrensoncologygroup.org/index.php/what-is-a-clinical-trial>

Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups

Awareness of clinical trials, search database

Website: <https://cancertrialshelp.org>

More Moments More Memories Foundation

Provides grants for travel expenses to help people access oncology clinical trials for potentially life-saving treatment; Eligible applicants have been referred to a cancer clinical trial by a physician and demonstrate financial need; Eligible expenses include gas mileage, airfare or bus fare, lodging, and meal allowance during travel and treatment

Website: <https://familyreach.org/>

Eligibility: Eligible applicants have been referred to a cancer clinical trial by a physician and demonstrate financial need; Eligible expenses include gas mileage, airfare or bus fare, lodging, and meal allowance during travel and treatment

National Cancer Institute

Clinical trial information Children with Cancer: a Guide for; When your Brother or Sister has Cancer: a Guide for; Taking Part in Cancer Treatment Research

Website: <https://cancer.gov>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

Additional Links: <https://cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/guide-for-parents>;

<https://cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/sibling-has-cancer>; <https://cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/cancer-treatment-research-studies>

National Institute of Health

Information about clinical trials

Website: <https://clinicaltrials.gov>

Counseling and Emotional Support

Catholic Charities of Galveston — Houston

Provides individual counseling at multiple locations. Spanish speaking available

Website: <https://catholiccharities.org/our-services/strengthening-families/counseling-services/>

Phone: 713-874-6590

Language: Yes

Center for Family Consultation

Counseling for individuals, families, adolescents, and children

Website: <https://cfctexas.com>

Phone: 713-526-4751

Community Family Centers

Provides family and individual counseling and substance abuse counseling primarily for Spanish speaking clients, but accepts all. Also offers counseling for youth with drug abuse, truancy, delinquency and teen pregnancy problems.

Spanish speaking available

Website: <https://communityfamilycenters.org>

Phone: 713-923-2316

Language: Yes

Depelchin

Provides individual, family and group counseling for adults and children on a medical outpatient basis. Spanish speaking available. Accepts a range of private insurances, plus Medicaid and Chip

Website: <https://depelchin.org>

Phone: 713-861-8136

Language: Yes

Houston Area Women's Center

Provides shelter and counseling services for battered women and their children. Spanish speaking available

Website: <https://hawc.org>

Phone: 713-528-6798

Language: Yes

Houston Center for Christian Counseling

Provides counseling services for individuals, marriage, and family. Also offer groups, workshops, and seminars

Website: <https://christiancounselinghouston.com>

Phone: 281-398-0022

Houston Galveston Institute

Provides individual counseling and therapy for individuals and groups (on occasion). Spanish speaking available

Website: <https://talkhgi.org>

Phone: 713-526-8390

Language: Yes

Interface Samaritan Counseling Center

Provides family and individual Christian counseling and workshops

Website: <https://houstonssamaritan.org>

Phone: 713-626-7990

Jewish Family Services

Provides counseling related to family problems and psychiatric evaluation

Website: <https://jfshouston.org>

Phone: 713-667-9336

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7, free and confidential support line for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals

Website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Phone: 1-800-273-TALK

The Center for Creative Resources

Provides counseling for all areas of support

Website: <https://therapyhouston.org>

Phone: 713-461-7599

The HOPE Line

Offer clinical, medication and case management for mental health needs. Free service Clinical: + CBT – 6 – 12 month wait list + DBT- 13 plus month wait list Screening is completed to assess which services fit best Serve ages 18 plus. All services free, no insurance billed etc. Have support groups and helpline which have no wait time and can be initiated immediately Most services in person but some are virtual

Website: <https://hhci.org>

Phone: 346-335-8625

United Way Referral Service

Provides referral service. Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Cantonese, and Mandarin speakers available

Website: <https://unitedwayhouston.org/our-211-helpline>

Phone: 713-957-4357

Language: Yes

Education and Scholarships*Scholarships***Fastweb**

Free scholarship search platform that connects students to college scholarships, trade school scholarships and financial aid tools

Website: <https://Fastweb.com>

Federal Student Aid

Free application for federal student aid

Website: <https://www.usa.gov/fafsa>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Scholars are chosen based on their merit, with award amounts varying from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on financial need

Website: <https://Hsf.net>

Eligibility: Scholars are chosen based on their merit, with award amounts varying from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on financial need

National 4-H Council

Grants, awards, and scholarships, including those specifically designated for individuals with disabilities

Website: <https://4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards>

Patient Advocate Foundation

Scholarships based on need

Website: <https://patientadvocate.org>

Ronald McDonald House Charities National Scholarship Program

Scholarships are awarded to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement; Since 1985, over \$56 million in scholarships have been distributed

Website: <https://rmhc.org>

Eligibility: Scholarships are awarded to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement

The Gates Millennium Scholars

Promotes academic excellence and provides an opportunity for outstanding minority students (African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, American Asian, Hispanic American) with significant financial need to reach their full potential

Website: <https://gmsh.org>

Eligibility: Promotes academic excellence and provides an opportunity for outstanding minority students (African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, American Asian, Hispanic American) with significant financial need to reach their full potential

The Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund

Provides financial support to young adults with Down syndrome who are seeking to enhance their lives through postsecondary education or courses aimed at improving employment prospects, independent living skills, life skills, and more

Website: <https://ndss.org>

School, Education, and Vocational Training

School Support

American Disabilities Act — Disability and Business Technical Assistant Center

Counseling, self-esteem classes, social skills training classes

Website: <https://ada.gov>

Phone: 1-800-949-4232

Association on Higher Education and Disability

Parents of children can join (membership fees vary). Bi-monthly newsletter Alert. Jobs postings, publications such as How To Choose A College

Website: <https://ahead.org>

Phone: 704-947-7779

Avance Houston

GED adult education, literacy classes, and job skills training

Website: <https://avancehouston.org>

Phone: 713-812-0033

Bridging Apps

This mobile app, offered through Easter Seals, helps identify apps that benefit children with special needs, particularly those with Down syndrome. One notable app is Storybook Maker, which enables users to create, illustrate, and publish their own storybooks using text, photos, graphics, and audio recordings. While the app has many applications, one we've found especially helpful for children is its use in discussing upcoming changes to their routine, such as schedule shifts due to holidays or other unusual events

Website: <https://bridgingapps.org>

Career and Recovery Resources

Job placement services, resume writing, job counselors available

Website: <https://careerandrecovery.org>

Phone: 713-754-7000

Community Family Center

GED classes, free service referral by Social Worker

Website: <https://communityfamilycenters.org>

Phone: 713-923-2316

Council for Exceptional Children

Information for parents of gifted or handicapped children, ERIC clearinghouse

Website: <https://cec.sped.org>

Phone: 1-888-232-7733

Depelchin Children's Center

Social skills groups and educational testing are offered. The service accepts insurance and provides a sliding scale for families with limited income.

Website: <https://depelchin.org>

Phone: 713-730-2335

Disability Rights Education Defense Fund

A national civil rights law and policy center directed by individuals with disabilities and parents who have children with disabilities. Also operate an information line

Website: <https://dredf.org>

Phone: 510-644-2555

Disability Rights Texas

Free services for persons with disabilities. Services are divided by region. Legal assistance to people with disabilities who are experiencing problems due to disability, enforcement of ADA requirements, special education laws

Website: <https://disabilityrightstx.org>

Phone: 1-800-252-9108

Ed White Youth Center

Job skill training, GED classes, childcare, and teen groups for ages 16-21 are offered, with services available on a sliding scale

Phone: 281-474-2853

Employment and Training Center

GED and job placement, financial aid for college and vocational programs

Website: <https://etchouston.com>

Phone: 713-439-7530

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Publications, fact sheets, posters and a resource directory for people with disabilities

Website: <https://eeoc.gov>

Phone: 1-800-669-4000

GED Hotline

GED applications for individuals with learning disabilities, along with information on local GED classes, testing services, and a guide to available accommodations

Website: <https://gedtest.org>

Phone: 1-800-626-9433

Greater Houston Area Home Educators

Parents interested in homeschooling their child can access information, volunteer opportunities, support groups, and a newsletter

Website: <https://g-hah.org>

Head Start

Early Head Start program ages 0-3 and pre-k program; Ages 3 and 4 only, must meet income guidelines

Website: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>

Phone: 1-866-763-6481

Eligibility: Ages 3 and 4 only, must meet income guidelines

Heath Resource Center

A clearinghouse for post-secondary education resources for individuals with disabilities. It's an excellent resource and publishes a guide for guidance counselors working with students with disabilities

Website: <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/>

Phone: 1-800-544-3284

HISD

All questions related to HISD

Website: <https://houstonisd.org>

Phone: 713-556-6005

Homebound School Services

Children unable to attend school due to illness may qualify for the Homebound Services Program; Required paperwork must be completed by both the school and the physician

Website: <https://houstonisd.org/Domain/15044>

Phone: 713-967-5285

Eligibility: Required paperwork must be completed by both the school and the physician

How to Access: Contact your social worker for assistance in setting up the program

Learning Disabilities Association of America

LDA offers support to individuals with learning disabilities, as well as their parents, teachers, and professionals, by providing up-to-date information, practical solutions, and a wide network of resources

Website: <https://ldaamerica.org/>

Phone: 412-341-1515

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas

Maintains a database of professional service providers. Provides advocacy, information and referrals, school programs

Website: <https://ldatx.org>

Meyer Center for Developmental Pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital

Diagnoses and evaluates developmental learning disorders through referrals from doctors, nurse practitioners, or social workers

Website: <https://www.texaschildrens.org/>

Phone: 832-822-3400

National Center for Learning Disabilities

Provides information and referral services, educational programs, and public outreach. Also offers a list of scholarships for students with learning disabilities

Website: <https://nclid.org>

Neuhaus Education Center

Professional development for teachers, a parent reference center, and adult literacy classes — all focused on promoting reading success

Website: <https://neuhaus.org>

Phone: 713-664-7676

Partners Resource Network

Families with a child who has a disability often require information on various topics, including their child's disability, early intervention (for infants and toddlers), school services (for school-aged children), therapy, local policies, transportation, and more

Website: <https://partnerstx.org>

Phone: 281-969-5944

Speech, Language and Learning Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital

Neuro-psychological evaluation, social skills groups, parenting classes referral by doctor, PNP, or social worker

Website: <https://www.texaschildrens.org/departments/speech-language-and-learning-clinic>

Phone: 832-822-3700

Texas Education Agency

Offers leadership, guidance, and resources to assist schools in addressing the educational needs of all students and preparing them for success in the global economy

Website: <https://tea.state.tx.us>

Phone: 512-463-9734

The College Resource Center

Scholarship, grants, loans

Website: <https://thecollegeresourcecenter.com>

Phone: 713-783-7575

Vocational Training - Houston area**Houston Center for Independent Living**

Provides information and referrals, peer support, and independent living skills training

Website: <https://hcil.cc>

Phone: 713-974-4621

Houston Community College Vocational Advancement and Social Skills Training

Provides educational opportunities for individuals with developmental and learning disabilities. Available courses include: Academic Skills, Career and Vocational Training, Independent Living, and Life Math Skills

Website: <https://hccs.edu>

Phone: 713-718-6000

Texas Department of Assistance and Rehabilitation Services

Provides services for persons with physical and mental disabilities. Programs include vocational rehabilitation, transition planning, employment, and Independent living

Website: <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/reviews-and-reports/agencies/departments/department-assistive-and-rehabilitative-services>

Phone: 713-267-3470

Texas Workforce Commission

Career guidance, school and college information for all students

Website: <https://twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/career-schools-colleges-students>

Phone: 512-936-3100

The Arc

Offers resources and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as their families and caregivers. Services include information and referral, parent support groups and training, mentoring programs, social activities, advocacy, and more. Additionally, they organize weekend events and summer camps

Website: <https://thearc.org>

Phone: 713-957-1600

Vocational Training - National**American Civil Liberties Union**

Defends the rights of all people nationwide including immigration rights, justice, reproductive rights, educational rights for all and more

Website: <https://aclu.org>

Phone: 212-549-2500

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

Brings brain tumor survivors together to help them navigate the social challenges they face, including career and employment concerns, educational advocacy, cognitive difficulties, health insurance issues, and independent living challenges

Website: <https://cbtf.org>

Phone: 1-866-228-4673

Job Corps

Free job training program for all young adults ages 16 – 24. Learn a career and earn a high school diploma or GED. Includes health insurance and living stipend

Website: <https://Jobcorps.gov>

Phone: 800-733-JOBS

End of Life, Bereavement, and Palliative Care

Bereavement

Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Center offers an annual memorial service for families of children that were treated at Texas Children's Hospital. 832-822-4564.

Abby's Gift

Created to help other families with a critically or terminally ill child. Assists with financial and practical expenses surrounding a child on hospice

Website: <https://abbysgift.org>

Phone: 281-731-0713

American Hospice Foundation

Brochures on hospice, what to ask, etc

Website: <https://americanhospice.org/working-through-grief>

Phone: 713-792-7184

Bo's Place

Free grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and their families who have experienced the death of a child or adult in their immediate family

Website: <https://bosplace.org>

Phone: 713-942-8339

Language: Spanish speaking

Cancercare

Online support forums led by professional oncology social workers who offer support and guidance

Website: <https://cancercare.org>

Phone: 1-877-969-0010

How to Access: Groups are held for 15 weeks and registration is required

Language: Spanish speaking

Clayton Dabney Foundation

Assistance in creating everlasting memories to families with children in the last stages of terminal cancer

Website: <https://claytondabney.org>

Phone: 713-488-4096

Language: Spanish speaking

Comfort Ability

Information about coping strategies and skills to manage chronic pain. List of resources, coping stories and guided exercises

Website: <https://thecomfortability.com>

Language: Spanish speaking, online

Compassionate Friends

Newsletter, free publications, support groups, resource catalog. Multiple locations

Website: <https://compassionatefriends.org>

Phone: 713-730-2335

Language: Spanish speaking

Courageous Parents Network

To empower, support, and equip families and providers caring for children with serious illness

Website: <https://courageousparentsnetwork.org>

Language: Spanish speaking

Family 2 Family

Connects bereaved parents and family members to bereaved mentors

Website: <https://cbtf.org>

Phone: 713-467-7423

Grief Recovery Center

Grief counselors who provide individual therapy, family therapy, grief counseling and a full 70-week grief recovery course

Website: <https://griefrecoveryhouston.com>

Phone: 832-906-7250

Language: Spanish speaking

Houston Galveston Institute

Offers individual and family counseling on a sliding scale

Website: <https://talkhgi.org>

Phone: 713-944-6569

Language: Spanish speaking

Houston Hospice Butterfly Program

Bereavement services for parents, siblings, and loved ones are offered through their Butterfly Program

Website: <https://houstonhospice.org>

Phone: 713-526-8390

Language: Spanish speaking

Kyssi Andrews Foundation for Pediatric Cancer

Provides financial assistance, emotional support, grief counseling and burial assistance. media@

Website: <https://kyssiandrewsfoundation.org>

Project Joy and Hope

Support group for parents who have lost a child

Website: <https://joyandhope.org>

Phone: 713-944-6569

Hospice - Education

Children's Hospice International

Educational resource on hospice care and kids. Some to print and some to order for fee

Website: <https://chionline.org>

Phone: 703-684-0330

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Information on hospice, grief and loss

Website: <https://caringinfo.org>

Phone: 703-837-1500

Hospice - Support

Caring Connections

A program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that provides free resources to help people make decisions about end-of-life care and services

Website: <https://caringinfo.org>

Phone: 1-800-658-8898

Cherish The Moments with Love

Photograph and video record beautiful moments of someone suffering a terminal illness

Website: <https://facebook.com/cherishthemomentwithlove>

Compassion Hospice

Hospice Care for Orange, Chambers, Hardin, Galveston, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Polk, Liberty and San Jacinto

Website: <https://compassionhospice.org>

Phone: 409-835-8357

Compassionate Care Hospice

Hospice enables patients to continue an alert, pain-free life and to manage symptoms so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality, surrounded by loved ones

Website: <https://www.hospicecompassionatecare.com/>

Phone: 1-866-535-3247

Crown Hospice

Group has nurses with pediatric background. Counties served: Montgomery, San Jacinto, Polk, Liberty, Trinity, Walker, Waller, part of Harris

Website: <https://crownhospice.com>

Phone: 361-575-5900

HeartsWay Hospice of Northeast Texas

Counties served: Harrison, Cass, Marion, Morris, Rusk, Panola, Shelby, Nacogdoches, Gregg, Upshur, Smith, Hopkins

Website: <https://heartswayhospice.org>

Phone: 903-295-1680

Home Care and Hospice Agency Locator

The most comprehensive database of more than 33,000 home care and hospice agencies. Use this resource to find all the agencies in any particular area of the country

Website: <https://nahc.org/services/>

Hospice Brazos Valley

Locations in Bryan, Brenham and La Grange; (Bryan location)

Website: <https://hospicebrazosvalley.org>

Phone: 979-821-2266

Hospice Education Institute

Information about hospice services throughout the US

Website: <https://heretoserve.org/resources/hospice-education-institute/>

Phone: 1-800-331-1620

Hospice of East Texas

Coping with terminal illness presents many challenges – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. The caring, experienced team of professionals at The Hospice of East Texas is prepared to meet those challenges, and believes that no one, regardless of age, illness or financial circumstances, should have to face death alone or in pain

Website: <https://hospiceofeasttexas.org>

Phone: 903-266-3400

Hospice of the Pines

Inpatient facility or home care services

Website: <https://hospiceinthepines.org>

Phone: 936-632-1514

HospiceLink

Information on hospice services throughout the US

Website: <https://hospicelink.com>

Phone: 1-877-325-4032

Houston Hospice

Provides compassionate physical, social and spiritual support to individuals with a life-limiting diagnosis, and their loved ones, irrespective of their ethnicity or beliefs

Website: <https://houstonhospice.org>

Phone: 713-468-2441

Operation Snowdrop

Provides a winter wonderland to those children with cancer on hospice

Website: <https://operationsnowstorm.org>

*Palliative Care***Caregiver Action Network**

Education, support, respite care and advocacy for caregivers. Toll-free information line provides referrals to caregiver support groups and a caregiver resource guide

Website: <https://caregiveraction.org>

Phone: 1-855-227-3640

Caregiver Survival Resources

Provides education, support and guidance for family and professional caregivers. They produce Today's Caregiver magazine, the first national magazine dedicated to caregivers, the "Fearless Caregiver Conferences", and a website, which includes topic-specific newsletters, online discussion lists, back issue articles of the magazine, chat rooms and an online store

Website: <https://caregiver.com>

Compassionate Friends

Provides hope, comfort, and support to families experiencing the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild and helps others assist the grieving family. Offers brochures, sibling chats, cyber friends, and pen pals to people suffering the loss of a child

Website: <https://compassionatefriends.org>

Phone: 1-877-969-0010

Cure Search

Website provides information and resources to help with end-of-life grief. Resources about end of life, recent death, and months or years after death

Website: <https://curesearch.org>

Phone: 1-800-458-6223

Growth House

Online community for end-of-life care. Offering resources to improve the quality of compassionate care for people who are dying. Links to home care, pain management, quality of life issues and grief

Website: <https://caringcommunity.org/self-help/compendiumsguides/growth-house/>

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

NHPCO is committed to improving access to hospice and palliative care for children and their families—both nationally and internationally. Brochures for family and more

Website: <https://nhpco.org/pediatric>

Phone: 703-837-1500

National Institute of Nursing Research

A fact sheet, a resource card to help families find support, and a series of family stories. The materials are available in English and Spanish. NINR is part of the National Institutes of Health

Website: <https://ninr.nih.gov/newsandinformation/conversationsmatter/conversationsmatter-patients>

Language: English, Spanish

Fertility Preservation and Family Building

American Association of Tissue Banks

Information on sperm banking

Website: <https://aatb.org>

Phone: 703-827-9582

American Cancer Society

Offers information regarding the effects of cancer treatment on fertility and methods to preserve fertility

Website: <https://cancer.gov>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

American Cancer Society

Information on sexuality issues and cancer

Website: <https://cancer.org>

Phone: 1-800-227-2345

American Society of Clinical Oncology -Patient Guide on Fertility Preservation

Search “fertility” and it will bring up a guide on fertility preservation

Website: <https://cancer.net>

American Society of Reproductive Medicine

Information on reproductive issues

Website: <https://reproductivefacts.org>

Phone: 202-863-4985

Cancer net

Publication on preserving fertility in children with cancer

Website: <https://cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/children/preserving-fertility-children-cancer>

Children’s Oncology Group

Guidelines for reproductive health issues facing adolescents & young adults. Please review with health care provider

Website: <https://survivorshipguidelines.org>

Fertility Issues in Girls and Women with Cancer

Article by the National Cancer Institute that describes fertility issues in girls and women with cancer. Discusses fertility preservation options and support resources

Website: <https://cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/side-effects/fertility-women>

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER

Fertility Preservation

Explanation of various fertility preservation options. This website offers explanations for various procedures and additional resources

Website: <https://fertilitypreservation.com>

Fertility Preservation 101

Fertility preservation booklet (published by Reprotech) for both boys and girls who have undergone cancer treatment

Website: <https://reprotech.com/fertility-preservation-101.html>

Genetics and In Vitro Fertilization Institute

Information on ovary freezing and reproductive issues

Website: <https://givf.com>

Phone: 1-800-552-4363

ISaveFertility

Free i Phone app that has fact sheets on fertility and hormonal health after cancer treatment, as well as provider pocket guides for fertility preservation options

Livestrong

Fertility assistance and information

Website: <https://livestrong.org/what-we-do/program/fertility>

National Infertility Network Exchange

Offers support groups, resource materials, and provides professional referrals to find doctors, IVF/GIFT centers, attorneys, and counselors

Website: <https://nine-infertility.org>

Phone: 516-794-5772

Oncofertility Consortium

Provides information about fertility preservation options, connect with a patient navigator and search a database of providers

Website: <https://oncofertility.msu.edu>

Phone: 866-708-FERT

Path 2 Parenthood

Information on fertility and egg freezing, etc

Website: <https://path2parenthood.org>

Plan Now, Parent Later

Fertility guide for males and females published by the Association for Pediatric Oncology Nurses

Website: <https://aphon.org/education/patient-family-resources>

Save My Fertility

Resource for adult cancer patients and the parents of children with cancer who want to learn more about preserving their fertility before and during cancer treatment and protecting their hormonal health after treatment

Website: <https://savemyfertility.org>

Phone: 312-503-2504

Worth The Wait

Mission is to ease the burden for young adult cancer patient/survivors pursuing parenthood by providing financial support for fertility treatments, adoption and surrogacy

Website: <https://Worththewaitcharity.com>

Eligibility: ages 13 – 39, family income requirement, two types of grants: emergency preservation and family building

Fertility Financial Assistance

Fertility Within Reach

National non-profit organization providing fertility preservation education and financial assistance. They will pay for fertility storage with select preservation centers. Ages up to 21

Website: <https://fertilitywithinreach.org>

Phone: 857-636-8674

Livestrong Financial Assistance

Fertility Discount Programs to provide financial assistance to cancer patients seeking fertility preservation services. Will discount fee for overnight male kit. Ages 18+

Website: <https://livestrong.org/fertilehope>

Phone: 1-877-236-8820

Reprotech Overnight Male Kit

Sperm collection option from the privacy of your home. The kit includes everything needed to store sperm: required testing, shipping and storage for one year. Through Reprotech company

Website: <https://overnitemalekit.com>

Phone: 1-888-586-3389

Team Maggie

The Team Maggie for a Cure Grant is available to uninsured/underinsured USA residents who are receiving treatment for cancer; Participants must complete an application form and provide documentation of financial need and medical treatment; Up to \$2500 for fertility preservation; Ages 15 - 38

Website: <https://teammaggieforacure.org>

Eligibility: The Team Maggie for a Cure Grant is available to uninsured/underinsured USA residents who are receiving treatment for cancer; Participants must complete an application form and provide documentation of financial need and medical treatment

The Sam Fund

The SAM Fund provides scholarships to young adult cancer survivors for a wide range of cancer-associated costs. They offer two categories of family building grants: Storage of eggs, embryos, or sperm (up to \$1000.00) and Expenses for fertility procedures such as testing, IUI, IVF, gestational carrier, adoption, etc. (up to \$4000)

Website: <https://thesamfund.org/get-help/grants/>

Phone: 617-938-3484

Verna's Purse

Reprotech has a financial assistance program called Verna's Purse; Short application required and must submit a; applicants would pay a fertility storage fee of \$75 a year; Ages 21+

Website: https://reprotech.com/images/docs/vp_fa_application_semen.pdf

Phone: 1040 form. Qualifying

Eligibility: Short application required and must submit a 1040 form

Financial Assistance, Insurance, and Practical Help

Financial Matters

Assistance League of Houston

Serves the educational and emotional needs of disadvantaged children and young adults, as well as families in crisis in the greater Houston area

Website: <https://assistanceleague.org/houston>

Phone: 713-526-7983

Catholic Charities

Provides food, clothing and shelter for people in need and a network of services supporting infants to seniors

Website: <https://catholiccharities.org>

Phone: 713-874-6590

Community Living Assistance and Support Services

Provides home and community-based services to people with related conditions as a cost-effective alternative to an intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related conditions (ICF/IID). A related condition is a disability, other than an intellectual disability, that originated before age 22 that affects the ability to function in daily life

Website: <https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/community-living-assistance-support-services-class>

Phone: 1-877-438-5658

Gia Nicole Angel Foundation

Awards assistance through purchase of specific items for children with physical disability

Website: <https://joniandfriends.org>

Phone: 1-800-736-4177

HelpHopeLive

Provides small grants, information and support for fundraising and patient awareness

Website: <https://helphopelive.org>

Phone: 1-800-642-8399

Immune Deficiency Foundation

Dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases through advocacy, education and research. This group has a patient advocate to help with insurance companies and getting them to pay, etc

Website: <https://primaryimmune.org>

Lifeline Chaplaincy

A ministry of the Churches of Christ that places a high emphasis on supportive care of members and community

Website: <https://lifelinechaplaincy.org>

Medically Dependent Children Program

Provides services to support families caring for children and young adults who are medically dependent and to encourage de-institutionalization of children in nursing facilities. Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services employees provide case management services

Website: <https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/medically-dependent-children-program-mdcp>

Social Security Disability

At this time, only the Child Disability Report can be completed online

Website: <https://ssa.gov/disabilityssi/apply-child.html>

How to Access: Contact them by phone or in person to schedule an appointment to complete the SSI application

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

Provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk

Website: <https://fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States receive block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the TANF program

Website: <https://acf.hhs.gov>

First Hand Foundation

Provides funding for children—both domestically and globally—who need assistance with clinical necessities (such as surgery, medication, and therapy), medical equipment and travel related to care

Website: <https://firsthandfoundation.org>

Phone: 816-201-1569

Grants

Aubrey Rose Foundation

Assists families with medical expenses

Website: <https://aubreyrose.org>

Financial Counselors at Texas Children’s Cancer and Hematology Center

Oncology; BMT; Hematology

Phone: 832-822-3483

Maggie Welby Foundation

Provides grants to families in need

Website: <https://maggiewelby.org>

Phone: 314-330-6947

Modest Needs

Assists families who don’t qualify for conventional types of social or charitable assistance, and who are facing a financial crisis because they’ve encountered a single, unexpected expense they just can’t afford on their own

Website: <https://modestneeds.org>

United Healthcare Children’s Foundation

Provides medical grants to help children access health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their parents’ commercial health insurance plan. Families can receive up to \$5,000 annually per child (\$10,000 lifetime maximum per child). See your social worker for assistance applying

Website: <https://uhccf.org>

Phone: 1-855-MY-UHCCF

Insurance

American Cancer Society

Insurance information, publications on insurance and cancer

Website: <https://cancer.org>

Phone: 713-266-2877

American Childhood Cancer Organization

Helps parents and childhood cancer survivors exercise their rights under the law

Website: <https://acco.org>

Phone: 1-855-858-2226

American Council of Life Insurance

Information about insurance questions

Website: <https://acli.com>

Phone: 202-624-2000

American Family Life Assurance Council (AFLAC)

Offers ways to buy supplemental health insurance

Website: <https://aflac.com>

Phone: 1-800-992-3522

American Health Insurance Plans

Insurance industry trade association that will provide information on insurance and health care issues

Website: <https://ahip.org>

Phone: 202-778-3200

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Information on Medicaid programs and benefits

Website: <https://cms.gov>

Phone: 1-877-267-2323

Department of Health and Human Services Hotline for the Office of the Inspector General

Hotline for complaints about Medicaid. Provides assistance with issues of entitlements, benefits, insurance, and community resources

Website: <https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud>

Phone: 1-800-447-8477

Family Law Hotline

Attorney advises persons on legal rights and possibly other legal resources available

Phone: 1-800-777-FAIR

Houston Volunteer Lawyers

Assistance with legal rights, insurance issues

Website: <https://www.makejusticehappen.org/>

Phone: 713-228-0732

Medical Care Management Corporation

Helps families work with insurance companies on paying for necessary treatment including hematology, phase I, BMT, etc

Website: <https://mcmcllc.com>

Phone: 1-800-227-1464

National Association of Insurance Commissioners

Offers help with situations in which you feel you or your family are not being treated fairly by your insurance carrier

Website: <https://naic.org>

Phone: 816-842-3600

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Information on health care for cancer survivors

Website: <https://canceradvocacy.org/resources/health-insurance>

Phone: 301-650-8868

National Patient Advocate Foundation

Provides legal consulting and referral service for patients confronting denial of insurance coverage or need for negotiating support for public assistance through both state and federal agencies

Website: <https://npaf.org>

Phone: 202-347-8009

Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation

PAN has provided nearly one million underinsured patients with over \$2.6 billion in assistance in over 60 disease-specific programs, hemophilia being the newest; Patients who qualify for their Hemophilia Premium Assistance Program are eligible to receive \$4,500 per year; Eligible patients must reside and receive treatment in the U; S; and have health insurance; Several informative publications are available to download, including: Nose Bleeds, The Child with A Bleeding Disorder: Guidelines for Finding Childcare, Family Emergency Kit Checklist, and more

Website: <https://panfoundation.org>

Phone: 1-866-316-7263

Eligibility: PAN has provided nearly one million underinsured patients with over \$2.6 billion in assistance in over 60 disease-specific programs, hemophilia being the newest; Patients who qualify for their Hemophilia Premium Assistance Program are eligible to receive \$4,500 per year; Eligible patients must reside and receive treatment in the U. S

Social Security Administration

Provides benefits to persons who can't work; Eligibility for social security benefits often means you may qualify for other programs or benefits

Website: <https://ssa.gov>

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Eligibility: for social security benefits often means you may qualify for other programs or benefits

Texas Dept. of Insurance - Risk Pool

Call for details about insurance for anyone

Website: <https://tdi.texas.gov>

Phone: 1-800-252-3439

How to Access: Call for details about insurance for anyone

WealthMark Advisors

Helps you figure out a plan for insurance. They underwrite individual policies and temporary insurance, if needed

Website: <https://wealthmarkadvisors.com>

Phone: 1-800-274-2844

Medical Equipment and Medication Assistance

Medical Equipment

Challenged Athletes Foundation

Provides opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. CAF believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life

Website: <https://challengedathletes.org>

Phone: 858-866-0959

Chariots of Hope

Collects used wheelchairs and repairs and distributes them with no cost to recipient. Driver's license required

Website: <https://cpfamilynetwork.org/>

Phone: 860-242-4673

Cody's Wheels of Hope

Any child, age 15 or under, suffering from a life-threatening illness is eligible for a bike, scooter, trike etc

Website: <https://cwoh.org>

Phone: 814-460-8228

Eligibility: Any child, age 15 or under, suffering from a life-threatening illness is eligible for a bike, scooter, trike etc

How to Access: Application on website

Friends of Man

Assists with medical and mobility equipment and prosthesis

Website: <https://friendsofman.org>

McLindon Family Foundation

Provides special needs children with adaptive bikes

Website: <https://mclindonfamilyfoundation.org>

MY GYM Challenged America

Provides equipment and services to improve quality of life of children coping with chronic illness and/or are physically or developmentally challenged

Website: <https://mygymfoundation.org>

Phone: 818-907-6966

Project Mend

Refurbishes mobility devices and assists families with medical equipment needs

Website: <https://projectmend.org>

Phone: 210-223-MEND

Ramps.org

Connects those in need of a wheelchair ramp with the necessary suppliers and installers

Website: <https://ramps.org>

Phone: 847-680-7700

Ride to Give

Raise funds for medical equipment, travel expenses, and other out of pocket costs related to having a medically fragile child

Website: <https://ridetogive.com>

United Health Care Children's Foundation

Financial assistance grants for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their health insurance. They aim to fill the gap between what medical services/items a child needs and what their commercial health benefit plan will pay for. 16 years old and younger

Website: <https://uhccf.org>

Variety — The Children’s Charity

Provides equipment and services for mobility, independence and social inclusion

Website: <https://usvariety.org>

Phone: 323-954-0820

Wheelchairs For Kids

Provides custom wheelchairs, widens doors, builds ramps and provides wheelchair lifts and carriers for vehicles.

Other services include standers and gait trainers

Website: <https://wheelchairs4kids.org>

Phone: 727-946-0963

Medication Assistance

Amgen

A variety of patient assistance programs. Amgen makes the drugs Aranesp, Neulasta, Neupogen, Nplate and Epogen

Website: <https://www.amgen.com/about/how-we-operate/policies-practices-and-disclosures/transparency-disclosures/donation-and-grant-recipients>

Bridges To Access

A patient assistance program that provides Glaxo Smith Kline prescription medicines to qualified patients who need help paying for treatment

Website: <https://bridgestoaccess.com>

Community Assistance Program

The Community Assistance Program (CAP) prescription discount card saves cardholders an average 15% on brand name medications and 55% on generic medications; The cards are accepted at over 80% of pharmacies in the US and its territories, including Puerto Rico; Anyone may use the card, regardless of age or income

Website: <https://caprxprogram.org>

Phone: 1-888-311-6224

Eligibility: Anyone may use the card, regardless of age or income

Good Rx

Prescription drug savings. Compare prices, print free coupons and save money

Website: <https://goodrx.com>

Health Well Foundation

Assists patients living with chronic and life-altering illnesses in paying prescription drug copayments, deductibles, and health insurance premiums

Website: <https://healthwellfoundation.org>

National Children’s Cancer Society

Services include: an online support network for parents of children with cancer, educational materials, and financial assistance for treatment-related expenses. Printable publications. They partner with Agility, a national provider of discount prescription drug cards

Website: <https://thenccs.org>

Phone: 314-241-1600

NeedyMeds, Inc.

Information about patient assistance programs which provide no cost prescriptions to eligible participants

Website: <https://needymeds.org>

Eligibility: Information about patient assistance programs which provide no cost prescriptions to eligible participants

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

Single point of access to more than 275 patient assistance programs, including over 150 offered by pharmaceutical companies

Website: <https://pparx.org>

Patient Advocate Co-Pay Relief

Financial assistance to qualified patients, with prescription drug co-payments their insurance requires relative to their diagnosis

Website: <https://copays.org>

How to Access: Call counselors work directly with the patient and physician to obtain medical, insurance and income information to expedite the process

Patient Services, Inc.

Helps chronically ill patients locate health insurance, subsidize the cost of health insurance premiums, obtain pharmacy and treatment co-payment assistance, assisting with Medicare Part D Co-insurance, and advocacy for Social Security Disability

Website: <https://patientservicesinc.org>

Pfizer RSVP

Reimbursement solutions, verification, and payment HELpline; Program to help both insured and uninsured patients access Pfizer medicines (including Rapamune/Sirolimus)

Website: <https://www.rxresource.org/prescription-assistance/pfizer-rsvp-program.html>

Phone: 1-888-773-0121

Eligibility: Program to help both insured and uninsured patients access Pfizer medicines (including Rapamune/Sirolimus)

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Offers a single point of contact to access over 475 public and private prescription assistance programs

Website: <https://pparx.org>

Phone: 1-888-477-2669

RxAssist Volunteers in Health Care

Search engine for patient assistance programs that offer free medication to patients in financial need; downloadable information packet describing options for assistance

Website: <https://rxassist.org>

Eligibility: Search engine for patient assistance programs that offer free medication to patients in financial need

RxHope

Helping hand to people in need of obtaining critical medications that they are unable to afford

Website: <https://www.rxhope.com/>

RxOutreach

A non-profit pharmacy whose mission is to provide affordable medications

Website: <https://rxoutreach.com>

Safety Net

Program to help with drug reimbursement for Amgen medicines (Neulasta and others)

Website: <https://safetynetfoundation.com>

ScriptSave

Prescription drug saving program; a discount card for numerous participating pharmacies providing savings through membership to individuals without consideration of income

Website: <https://scriptsave.com>

Hearing and Vision Support*Hearing***Texas Elks Children's Service Prosthetic Grant Program**

Coverage for limbs, hearing aids, telephonic equipment, bracing devices, adaptive/assistive devices for health such as seating, positioning, mobility, and integration equipment; Physician must fill out part of application; Call to locate nearest Elk Lodge to you

Website: <https://texaselks.org>

Eligibility: Physician must fill out part of application

How to Access: Physician must fill out part of application; Call to locate nearest Elk Lodge to you

AG Bell College Scholarship Program

AG Bell Scholarships are for high-achieving students who have bilateral hearing loss that was diagnosed before age 4

Website: <https://agbell.org>

American Society for Deaf Children

Provides education and online support for parents and families of deaf children

Website: <https://deafchildren.org>

Phone: 1-800-942-ASDC

Apraxia Kids

Awards iPads and protective cases to kids for aid in communication

Website: <https://apraxia-kids.org>

Audiology Center at Texas Children's Hospital

Identifies, evaluates and provides habilitation of hearing impairment in children

Website: <https://www.texaschildrens.org/departments/ear-nose-and-throat-otolaryngology>

Better Hearing Institute

Provides publications, financial assistance information related to hearing loss

Website: <https://betterhearing.org>

Phone: 202-975-0905

Ear Community

Supportive community for individuals with varying degrees of hearing loss. Resources available for school, financial assistance, and more. Hear now is the assistance program for hearing aides

Website: <https://starkeyhearingfoundation.org>

Phone: 1-800-328-8602

Hearing Aid Express

Retail provider of hearing aids, hearing aid repairs and batteries. Multiple locations

Website: <https://hearingaidexpress.com>

Phone: 1-888-259-2126

Hike Fund

Provides hearing devices for children in need

Website: <https://thehikefund.org>

Miracle Ear Foundation

Provides hearing aides to those in need

Website: <https://miracle-ear.com>

Phone: 1-877-632-6320

National Association of the Deaf

Works to protect the civil rights of deaf individuals. Provides an information center and the answers to many questions regarding rights of the deaf in the work force

Website: <https://nad.org>

National Scholarship for Deaf Students

Scholarship programs exist for students with every level of hearing loss, and are supported by a variety of national organizations and advocacy groups, as well as by colleges and universities across the country. Requirements and award amounts will vary greatly according to program

Website: <https://collegescholarships.org/scholarships/deaf.htm>

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.

Provides links, education and advocacy for the hard of hearing

Website: <https://hearingloss.org>

SERTOMA - Service to Mankind

Offers scholarships to individuals with hearing impairments and communicative disorders. Scholarships are available in \$1,000 amounts

Website: <https://sertoma.org>

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services- Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Links to programs and resource information for the deaf and hard of hearing in Texas

Website: <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/reviews-and-reports/agencies/departments/department-assistive-and-rehabilitative-services>

Texas School for the Deaf

Provides education for children with hearing loss. Also provides residential facilities for school aged children

Website: <https://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>

The Center for Hearing and Speech

Birth to 18 years who have speech and language delays relating to hearing impairment

Website: <https://centerhearingandspeech.org>

Phone: 713-523-3633

Travelers Protective Association Trust for Deaf

Provides assistance for mechanical devices, medical care, and/or specialized education or treatment, to those who demonstrate financial need. U. S. citizens only. Grants may be used to purchase hearing aids, assistive listening equipment, or may help with the cost of a cochlear implant

Website: <https://tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html>

*Vision***American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**

Provides doctor search, information about childhood eye disorders and additional information. Available in Spanish and Chinese

Website: <https://aapos.org>

Phone: 415-561-8505

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Eye Cancer Network

Information about the diagnosis and treatment of ocular tumors, eye cancer, and orbital diseases for patients, their families, and the health professionals who care for them

Website: <https://eyecancer.com>

Phone: 212-832-8170

Addi's Faith

Children that are in need of a prosthetic eye due to cancer may now apply for assistance with that purchase. We will consider funding up to \$3,750 per eye. Submit a diagnosis letter and estimate from a ocular prosthetic facility.

Payments will be made to the facility directly

Website: <https://addisfaith.org>

American Council of the Blind*

Membership organization, information and referral, advocacy, specific college scholarships, job listings on the web site, monthly magazine. Annually awards approximately 20 scholarships ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to vocational, entering freshmen, undergraduate and graduate college students who are legally blind, maintain a 3.3 GPA and are involved in their school/local community

Website: <https://acb.org>

Phone: 1-800-424-8666

American Foundation for the Blind*

Information requests, publications, talking books and other materials, disability specific scholarships. Scholarships for blind students pursuing a college degree

Website: <https://afb.org>

Phone: 212-502-7600

American Printing House for the Blind

Creates educational, workplace and lifestyle products and services for blind catalogs at no cost in print and on cassette

Website: <https://aph.org>

Phone: 1-800-223-1839

Anne Lowe Scholarship

Awarded to blind students based on academic achievement and citizenship

Website: <https://christianrecord.org/member-services/scholarship>

Association for Education and Rehab of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Disability specific scholarships, information and referral

Website: <https://aerbvi.org>

Phone: 703-671-4500

Association on Higher Education and Disability

Newsletter, bibliography of resources, employment exchange, journal

Website: <https://ahead.org>

Phone: 704-947-7779

Blind Children's Center

Infant-preschool level services in Los Angeles, CA, publications for teachers/parents

Website: <https://blindchildrenscenter.org>

Phone: 323-664-2153

Braille Institute

Information and referral, youth and adult programs, student and library services, catalog for the visually impaired, national resource line, Braille Press

Website: <https://brailleinstitute.org>

Phone: 1-800-BRAILLE

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

College scholarships, pamphlets, quarterly newsletter

Website: <https://cclvi.org>

Phone: 865-766-0477

Hadley School for the Blind

Distance education for the blind or visually impaired

Website: <https://hadley.edu>

Phone: 1-800-323-4238

Institute for Families

Support for families of visually impaired children books, videos, and support services

Website: <https://instituteforfamilies.org>

Library Reproduction Service

Large print reproductions of any and all educational materials. Delivery 2-8 weeks, order catalog

Website: <https://largeprintschoolbooks.com>

Phone: 1-800-255-5002

Lighthouse of Houston*

Education programs, camps, tech training, job placement; Each year, the Lighthouse Guild scholarship program helps outstanding and deserving legally blind high school students from across the country attend college with scholarships of up to \$10,000; Scholarships are based on strong academic accomplishments and merit to provide additional financial support to help students successfully transition from high school to a college or university of their choice; Candidates are not required to demonstrate financial need

Website: <https://lighthouseguild.org>

Phone: 1-800-284-4422

Eligibility: Candidates are not required to demonstrate financial need

Mira Foundation

Provides guide dogs for blind children ages 11-17. Provides ongoing seminars for families with reference to daily living skills, psychology of blindness, what to emphasize in orientation and mobility training

Website: <https://mirausa.org>

Phone: 910-944-7757

National Alliance of Blind Students

Newsletter, job bank

Website: <https://acb.org>

Phone: 1-800-424-8666

National Braille Press

Braille printing and publishing house, catalogs free of charge, weekly newspapers, publications on employment, computers and more

Website: <https://nbp.org>

Phone: 1-888-965-8965

National Federation of the Blind*

Education about blindness, referral information, literature and publications about blindness; scholarships for students who are blind and in post-secondary education, listservs, etc. Annually offers blind college students in the United States and Puerto Rico the opportunity to win one of 30 merit-based, national-level scholarships worth from \$3,000 to \$12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service and leadership

Website: <https://nfb.org>

Phone: 410-659-9314

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

Magazine for parents, toy suggestions for the blind

Website: <https://nopbc.org>

Phone: 717-658-9894

Recording for the Blind or Dyslexic- Renamed to: Learning Ally

Educational books free on loan, books on diskette, library services, other resources. Fee-based service for employers to place printed work materials in formats accessible to the blind

Website: <https://learningally.org>

Phone: 1-800-221-4792

Vision Council of America

Information on general eye care and specific eye diseases and conditions

Website: <https://thevisioncouncil.org>

Phone: 1-866-826-0290

Housing, Lodging, and Transportation

Hotels and Housing

Aishel House

Apartment style hotel with shuttle service

Website: <https://aishelhouse.org>

Phone: 713-522-2004

Americas Best Value Inn Medical Center Downtown

A few rooms have kitchen, no shuttle

Location: Houston, TX 77004

Website: <https://www.redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/tx/houston/americas-best-value-inn-medical-center-downtown>

Phone: 281-974-4432

Astro Best Motor Inn

Hotel, no shuttle, no kitchen 9430 S. Main St

Location: Houston, TX 77025

Website: <https://astrobestinn.com>

Phone: 713-668-0691

Braeswood Park Condominiums

Apartments, shuttle to medical center; kitchen

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://braeswoodpark.org>

Phone: 713-797-0662

Courtyard Houston -West University

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77005

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/houbs-courtyard-houston-rice-university/overview/>

Phone: 713-576-3767

Crown Plaza Houston Near Reliant - Medical

Hotel with no kitchen. Provides shuttle service to medical center

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/houston/hougp/hoteldetail>

Phone: 713-748-3221

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Houston By the Galleria

Hotel with kitchen, shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77056

Website: <https://doubletreesuiteshouston.com>

Phone: 713-961-9000

Econo Lodge Medical Center

Hotel with microwave and refrigerator 7905 S. Main St

Location: Houston, TX 77025

Website: <https://choicehotels.com/texas/houston/econo-lodge-hotels>

Phone: 713-667-8200

Extended Stay America - Houston Medical Center - NRG Park - Fannin

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/tx/houston/med-ctr-reliant-pk-braeswood-blvd?propertyCode=EA%3BHFHS&checkIn=2024-04-21&checkOut=2024-04-22&rooms=1&adults=2&children=0&rateType=ESH&code=&rate=Best%20Available%20Rate&accessible=off&mid=nmeta-Google&iata=HSD11500&dclid=ClrFxeukq4QDFdPPTwldYs0Lrw&com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1>

Phone: 713-797-0000

Hampton Inn & Suites Houston Medical Center/Reliant

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service 1715 Old Spanish Tr

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/houmdhx-hampton-suites-houston-medical-center-nrg-park/>

Phone: 713-797-0040

Language: Spanish

Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center

Hotel with no kitchen. Provides shuttle service to medical center

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://hilton.com>

Phone: 713-313-4000

Holiday InnNRG Arena

Hotel with no kitchen. Provides shuttle service to medical center

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: https://ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/houston/houad/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--HI--USA--HOUAD

Phone: 713-790-1900

Houston Marriott Medical Center

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://marriott.com/hotels/travel/houmc-houston-marriott-medical-center/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Phone: 713-796-0080

Lexington Hotel – Houston Medical Center

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://lexingtonhotels.com/property.cfm?idp=22021&rcode=sim2016>

Phone: 713-790-1617

Mainstay Suites Texas Medical Center/Reliant Park

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service 3134 Old Spanish Tr

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/houston/mainstay-hotels/tx933>

Phone: 832-201-3131

Language: Spanish

Quality Inn & Suites NRG Park

Shuttle service; contract with Medicaid; W

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://choicehotels.com/texas/houston/quality-inn-hotels/txc23?source=gyxt>

Phone: 713-799-2436

Residence Inn Houston Medical Center/NRG Park

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service 7710 S. Main St; Contract with Texas Children's

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://marriott.com/hotels/travel/houas-residence-inn-houston-medical-center-nrg-park/>

Phone: 713-660-7993

Residence Inn Houston West University

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77005

Website: <https://marriott.com/hotels/travel/houbf-residence-inn-houston-west-university/>

Phone: 713- 576-3767

Rodeway Inn & Suites

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/houston/rodeway-inn-hotels/tx448>

Phone: 713-663-6200

Spring Hill Suites Houston Medical Center/NRG Park

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service 1400 Old Spanish Tr

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://marriott.com/hotels/travel/hourp-springhill-suites-houston-medical-center-nrg-park/>

Phone: 713-796-1000

Language: Spanish

Spring Hill Suites Houston Medical Center/NRG Park

Hotel with kitchen and shuttle service 1400 Old Spanish Tr

Location: Houston, TX 77054

Website: <https://marriott.com/hotels/travel/hourp-springhill-suites-houston-medical-center-nrg-park/>

Phone: 713-796-1000

Language: Spanish

Wyndham Houston Medical Center

Hotel with shuttle service, no kitchen

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/houston-texas/wyndham-houston-near-nrg-park-medical-center/overview>

Phone: 713-528-7744

General Housing

A Shelter for Cancer Families

One and two bedroom apartments offered to out of town patients and families receiving cancer treatment at the Texas Medical Center; Must be US citizen or legal resident, must be from out of town, background check required, maximum 8 weeks; There is a security deposit and cleaning fee; No daily fees

Website: <https://cancerfamilies.org>

Eligibility: Must be US citizen or legal resident, must be from out of town, background check required, maximum 8 weeks

American Cancer Society - Hope Lodge

Free hotel lodging for 4 nights/15 nights per year. Needs 2-3 weeks notice. Some restrictions may apply. Also has a partnership with Extended Stay America for some lodging assistance. It is limited and something that the family or adult patient has to apply to directly

Website: <https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging.html>

Phone: 1-800-227-2345

Angel House at St Dominic Village

This is an extension of the St. Dominic Village Senior Care Community and offers room rentals for \$75 per night. Sleeps up to three individuals with Chapel on site. No kitchen

Website: <https://www.stdominicvillage.org/angel-house/>

Ballard House

Provides a private room and bathroom at a shared house to patient and families who are receiving treatment for a life threatening or critical illness; Background check required, accommodate up to 4 individuals including patient/caregiver, patient or caregivers must be 18 years plus; No cost; Referral must come from social worker

Website: <https://theballardhouse.org>

Eligibility: Background check required, accommodate up to 4 individuals including patient/caregiver, patient or caregivers must be 18 years plus; Referral must come from social worker

Dan's House of Hope

Private room and bathroom, shared communal spaces. For oncology patients ages 15 – 39 only and limited to patient and one caregiver. No cost, minimum of 5 nights with maximum of two months

Website: <https://danshouseofhope.org>

Elijah's Heart House

Helps families with lodging and related costs when a child is receiving serious medical care away from home

Website: <https://elijahsheart.org>

Faith House

\$35 daily. Refundable \$100 deposit. 8 days-4 months

Website: <https://faithhousehouston.org>

Phone: 713-664-3048

Halo House Foundation

Families with child undergoing leukemia or lymphoma treatment may apply to stay at an apartment through this foundation; Speak with social work about getting on the waiting list; They are currently fundraising however, they have apartments that are available for leukemia/lymphoma and myeloma families; Their wait list can be long, per social work so typically they have been encouraging them to get on the wait list early; Must live 50 plus miles away, background check required, and other restrictions

Website: <https://halohousefoundation.org>

Eligibility: Must live 50 plus miles away, background check required, and other restrictions

Healthcare Hospitality Network

Provides free or significantly reduced cost lodging to patient and families while receiving medical care away from home. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://www.hhnetwork.org/>

Phone: 1-800-542-9730

Hospitality Apts.

Free housing for 3 months. Some restrictions may apply. Apartments have a max of 4 people. Children under 18 cannot stay unless they are the patient as they do not have facilities for children. They have about a three-month wait-list and a three-month maximum stay. Check out; for a list of possibilities (choose "TX" and then "Houston metro.")

Website: <https://hospitalityapartments.org>

Phone: 713-790-9120

Additional Links: <https://joeshouse.org>

Houston Haven

Provides homes of varying sizes to patients undergoing active treatment. Background check required. Daily fee of \$20 - \$35 depending on the size of the home. Cleaning fee of \$120

Website: <https://houstonhaven.com>

InSpirit Patient Housing

Fully furnished 1 or 2 bedroom apartments that are leased and maintained by volunteers. Able to accommodate 4 – 5 individuals including patient and caregiver. May require a background check. Daily rate is \$45 - \$70. If unable to complete online form, may request to complete by phone by completing a contact request at

Website: <https://app.inspirithousing.org/user/apply>

How to Access: If unable to complete online form, may request to complete by phone by completing a contact request at inspirithousing.org/contact

Additional Links: <https://inspirithousing.org/contact>

Joe's House

Online directory of places to stay that are near hospitals and cancer treatment centers, which offer discounts to family members and caregivers. The site is designed for patients/families to search the list of lodging options and find the best lodging solution for their situation

Website: <https://joeshouse.org>

Phone: 1-877-563-7468

Medical Accommodations

These apartments offer the comforts of home: fully-equipped kitchens, in-unit laundry, free parking and Wi Fi, along with cozy linens and cookware. Enjoy ease of access with stair-free entries and relax in power-lift-recliners. With discounted medical rates, clean spaces are locally owned and expertly managed. Fees subject to apartment chosen

Website: <https://medicalaccommodations.com/>

Phone: 888-900-2559

Project Joy and Hope: Tulip Project

3 bedroom duplex homes for children/adolescence with life limiting illness and their families; Can accommodate entire family; Requires SSN and current photo ID for all adults 18 plus; Monthly service fee of \$450; Social worker must refer family

Website: <https://joyandhope.org>

Eligibility: Social worker must refer family

Ronald McDonald House Charities Greater Houston

Housing for pediatric families and patients. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://rmhc.org>

Phone: 713-795-3500

Parking

Big Love Cancer Care

Provides parking vouchers to oncology families. This service is based on need and provided as funds allow

Website: <https://biglovecancercare.org>

Phone: 1-888-522-7339

Candlelighters

Provides parking vouchers to oncology families. This service is based on need and provided as funds allow

Website: <https://candle.org>

Phone: 713-270-4700

Leukemia Society

For families with a child who has leukemia

Website: <https://lls.org/texas-gulf-coast>

Phone: 1-888-557-7177

How to Access: They will reimburse for outpatient parking (need to fill out an application)

Parking at Texas Children's Hospital

Pricing and location of all medical center parking areas

Website: https://www.texaschildrens.org/patients-families/visitor-information/parking-and-directions?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqObChMliPyxKarhAMVtTGtBh0NpgaYEAAYASAAEgKYRvD\ BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Provides handicap stickers for parking; Must fill out application and have physician sign

Website: <https://txdmv.gov/motorists/disabled-parking-placards-plates>

Phone: 1-888-DMV-GOTX

Eligibility: Must fill out application and have physician sign

We'll Get This

Support child with cancer and their families with transportation costs and other challenges

Website: <https://wellgetthis.org>

Phone: 713-817-3035

Transportation to the Medical Center

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

Provides travel for patients who are traveling to clinical trials and non-standard of care treatments (MIBG, Proton Beam Therapy, etc.)

Website: <https://alexlemonade.org>

American Red Cross

Provides free transportation to and from the Medical Center. Se habla Española. Dependent on volunteer availability

Website: <https://redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast>

Phone: 713-526-8300

American Red Cross — Pasadena

Provides transportation within Pasadena and to and from the Medical Center, se habla Español. Operates within Pasadena - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Mon-Fri, to Medical Center 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Tues and Thur. (arrive between 9:00-9:30 am and ready to pick-up @ 1:00 pm)

Website: <https://redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast>

Phone: 713-943-7000

Angel Wheels to Healing

Provides non-emergency, long-distance ground transportation to financially disadvantaged, ambulatory patients who are traveling for treatment. A typical trip supported by Angel Wheels does not exceed 300 miles (one-way), and they do not normally handle trips within a local area or community. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis, routinely for cancer patients traveling daily for treatment. They utilize the following resources for assisting patients: Gas cards (provided to off-set fuel costs for patients) Bus Tickets (Greyhound, Trailways, etc.) Train Tickets (Amtrak)

Website: <https://mercymedical.org>

Compass to Care

Schedules and pays for travel arrangements to the hospital where the child is being treated for cancer; Child must be under 18, on active treatment, demonstrate financial need, live in and be traveling within the US

Website: <https://compasstocare.org>

Phone: 312-515-9490

Eligibility: Child must be under 18, on active treatment, demonstrate financial need, live in and be traveling within the US

Dream Rydes

Provides children with cancer transportation to chemotherapy and radiation treatments. In addition, provides rides of a lifetime experience (see website for examples)

Website: <https://www.dreamrydes.org/>

Grind for Life

Provides financial assistance to cancer patients and their families when traveling long distances to doctors and hospitals. Those who qualify may request assistance for travel and lodging expenses, meals, and personal needs

Website: <https://grindforlife.org>

Phone: 561-252-3839

METRO

Houston Public Transportation

Website: <https://ridemetro.org>

Phone: 713-635-4000

METROLift

METROLift provides transportation for persons with disabilities who cannot board, ride or disembark from a METRO fixed-route bus, even if that bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift or ramp

Website: <https://ridemetro.org/Pages/MLEligibility.aspx>

Texas Children's Kangaroo Crew

Kangaroo Crew brings critically ill babies and children to Texas Children's Hospital from all over the nation and Central America for expert care

Website: <https://texaschildrens.org/departments/kangaroo-crew>

We'll Get This

Provides transportation for families who need assistance to and from medical appointments

Website: <https://wellgetthis.org>

Phone: 713-817-0328

*Air Transportation***Aero Angel**

Provides free air transportation for medical care using high performance aircraft and a crew of professional pilots

Website: <https://aeroangel.org>

Aero National

Provides air transportation for fee. Some insurance will pay. No Medicaid accepted. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://aeronationalinc.com>

Phone: 1-800-245-9987

Air Care Alliance Mercy Medical Angels

Mission is to ensure that no financially stressed patient is denied access to care for lack of long-distance, medically-related transportation. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://aircarealliance.org>

Phone: 1-888-675-1405

Air Charity Network

Provides access for people in need who seek free flights to specialized health care facilities due to crisis. Serves all 50 states. Volunteer pilots utilize their own aircraft, fuel and time to provide free flights to medical facilities for financially distressed citizens or otherwise unable to use public transportation. Also coordinates flights for organ transplant candidates, clinical trial participants, chemotherapy or other repetitive treatment. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://aircharitynetwork.org/>

American Airlines: Kids in Need

Provides worldwide support to children, families, and organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with medical, educational or social services needs; Email miles.kids@; to set up a flight; Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://americanairlines.gcs-web.com/news-releases/news-release-details/american-airlines-supports-kids-need-program-through-aadvantage>

Phone: 817-963-8118

Eligibility: Application takes 2 weeks to review, several criteria - consult social worker

Additional Links: <https://mercymedical.org>

Angel Airlines for Cancer Patients(a.k.a. Angel Airline Samaritans, Mercy Medical Angels)

Facilitates no-cost or reduced rate commercial airline tickets for needy cancer patients and their families. AACCP encourages patient transport referrals through the National Patient Travel Center. They use commercial airlines to provide charitable cancer patient travel. AACCP does not duplicate any of the efforts of any other charity

Website: <https://angelairlinesforcancerpatients.org>

Phone: 1-800-296-1217

Angel Flight, Inc.

Arranges travel through a network of volunteer pilots for people who require specialized medical treatment not available to them locally; Social worker must assist as there is an application with medical signature needed; Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://angelflightsc.org>

Phone: 972-458-0700

Eligibility: Social worker must assist as there is an application with medical signature needed

Children's Flight of Hope

Free air transportation to and from medical facilities for children who—due to medical, financial or logistical reasons—are not able to travel to treatment any other way. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://childrensflightofhope.org>

Phone: 919-466-8593

Corporate Angel Network

The only charitable organization in the United States whose mission is to help cancer patients access the best possible treatment by arranging free travel using empty seats on corporate jets. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://corpangelnetwork.org>

Phone: 914-328-1313

Critical Care Medflight

Provides air transport to patients and families. Uses state-of-the-art medical equipment and works with insurance carriers. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://ccmedflight.com>

Phone: 1-800-426-6557

Freedom Flight Charitable

They fly people in need of distant medical treatments who are geographically isolated from airline travel or financially depleted due to illness. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://freedomflightusa.com>

Phone: 940-242-3838

Lifeline Pilots

The volunteer pilots are FAA certified pilots; Passengers must have financial need, be able to sit upright, be ambulatory and be willing to fly in a small, unpressurized aircraft; No limit on the number of times a passenger can utilize the service; Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://lifelinepilots.org>

Phone: 1-800-822-7972

Eligibility: Passengers must have financial need, be able to sit upright, be ambulatory and be willing to fly in a small, unpressurized aircraft

Miracle Flights

Provides free flights to distant specialized care and valuable second opinions. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://miracleflights.org>

Phone: 1-800-359-1711

National Patient Air Transport Helpline - Air Care Alliance

Provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medically-related transportation and provides referrals to sources of help available in the national charitable medical transportation network. Health care professional or family can call. Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://patienttravel.org>

Phone: 1-800-296-1217

Operation Liftoff

Operation Liftoff provides air transportation for children with a life-threatening illness for a treatment trip

Website: <https://operationliftoff.com>

Volunteer Pilots Association

Provides flights to people in need who must travel to receive necessary medical treatment; Check criteria for patients prior to requesting a flight; Some restrictions may apply

Website: <https://aopa.org/training-and-safety/online-learning/safety-advisors-and-safety-briefs/volunteer-pilots>

Eligibility: Check criteria for patients prior to requesting a flight

Medicaid Transportation**Out Of Town Assistance**

Medicaid helps with gas reimbursement and food assistance in some cases

Texas Medicaid and Chip Transportation

Sets up non-emergency rides for people who have no other way to get to their Medicaid health-care visits; This includes people with Medicaid, children who get services through the Children with Special Health Care Needs program, and people in the Transportation of Indigent Cancer Patients program; The program does not set up rides in an ambulance, even for non-emergency purposes, but the program can pay back (reimburse) someone who uses their personal car to drive a Medicaid member to and from their Medicaid-related health visit; 1; Call Your Health Plan (number should be on the back of your Medicaid card) 2; Request a ride to medical appointment 3; You will need: 1; Medicaid number 2; Child name and date of birth 3; Name, address, and phone for hospital or doctor office you are visiting;; (for the Cancer and Hematology Clinic) 4; Call three days before your appointment 5; Some transportation vendors have a form the medical staff must sign if you need a taxi rather than a bus ticket (e.g., if patient has low blood counts); The health plan will tell you if they need this letter; 6; If you are coming from out of town, your health plan may ask our social worker to mail a letter of medical necessity, which describes why your child must be seen at Texas Children's and not closer to your home; 7; Medicaid status must be current to qualify 8; You must provide a car seat for children under age 8

Location: Houston, TX 77030

Website: <https://hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/mtp/>

Phone: 6701 Fannin St

Eligibility: Some transportation vendors have a form the medical staff must sign if you need a taxi rather than a bus ticket (e.g., if patient has low blood counts); If you are coming from out of town, your health plan may ask our social worker to mail a letter of medical necessity, which describes why your child must be seen at Texas Children's and not closer to your home; Medicaid status must be current to qualify 8; You must provide a car seat for children under age 8

How to Access: Call Your Health Plan (number should be on the back of your Medicaid card) 2; Request a ride to medical appointment 3; Call three days before your appointment 5

Social Support

Caring Bridge

Personal, protected websites for patients and caregivers to stay connected

Website: <https://caringbridge.org>

Chai Lifeline

Chai Lifeline is an international non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the non-medical needs of seriously ill children, their families and communities. Their mission is to enhance lives through programs and services that offer friendship, good times, great memories, and social and emotional support. Texas is considered to be in the Southeast area

Website: <https://chailifeline.org>

Phone: 1-877-CHAI-LIF

Courageous Parent Network

A safe space for parents caring for seriously ill children. It has a blog, news, guides and testimonials

Website: <https://courageousparentnetwork.org>

Family Voices

Resources, tips, brochures and a newsletter that advocates children's health care needs

Website: <https://familyvoices.org>

Phone: 1-888-835-5669

Give In Kind

Personal, protected websites for patients and caregivers to stay connected

Website: <https://giveinkind.com>

Icing Smiles

Provides custom celebration cakes to families impacted by the critical illness of a child. Can be for the ill child, or the sibling

Website: <https://icingsmiles.org>

Phone: 443-420-7096

Lifextra Ordinary

Through an easy-to-use blog system, you can share your story through words, vivid pictures and videos. Has crowd funding and connection opportunities

Website: <https://liveextra.org>

My Music Rx

reaches thousands of kids and teens in pediatric hospitals across the country with topical music content that makes a difference. Medical research shows music can play a powerful role in their daily experience, with measurable benefits that are social, emotional, and physiological. You can play games, learn how to play instruments, listen to concerts and more

Website: <https://mymusicrx.org>

Project Joy and Hope for Texas

Project Joy and Hope strives to prevent and relieve suffering for children with life-limiting conditions and their families through community awareness, education, and special supportive care services and programs

Website: <https://Joyandhope.org>

Phone: 1-888-835-4674

Team Impact

Works at improving quality of life for children facing life threatening and chronic illnesses through the power of team. They do this by drafting courageous kids with a local college athletic team

Website: <https://goteamimpact.org>

Phone: 617-801-0248

Texas Parent to Parent

Tx P2P empowers families to be strong advocates through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education

Website: <https://txp2p.org>

Wishers and Dreamers

Will send children suffering from illness, disease, a disabling condition or fighting medical challenges a hospital gown for their doll, bear or little buddy

Website: <https://wishersanddreamers.org>

Wigs and Head Coverings

Wigs

Andre of Houston Wig Salon

A family owned and operated wig salon located minutes from the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas

Website: <https://wigsbyandre.com>

Phone: 713-622-6933

Apollo Hair Replacement

Offers cutting edge, non-surgical hair loss solutions for men

Website: <https://apolloimage.net>

Phone: 713-766-5592

Billie Jean's

A full-service wig salon near the Texas Medical Center that cuts, cleans, conditions and restyles wigs

Website: <https://billiejeans.com>

Phone: 713-523-7895

Childhood Leukemia Foundation (Hug u wear)

Custom made, 100% human hair wigs with kid-friendly hats to children around the country

Website: <https://clf4kids.org>

Phone: 1-888-253-7109

Children with Hair Loss

Provides human hair replacements at no cost to children and young adults facing medically-related hair loss. Human hair replacements are provided at no cost to qualifying recipients every year until age 21

Website: <https://childrenwithhairloss.us>

Phone: 734-379-4400

Crowns of Coverage

Group that provides halo wigs (hat with hair attached) to children undergoing chemotherapy. Free of charge

Website: <https://crownsforcourage.com>

Phone: 602-717-4422

Forever Sewn In

High quality cranial prosthesis medical wigs for children, youth and adults facing hair loss due to medical conditions

Website: <https://Foreversewnin.com>

Phone: 713-535-0654

Glamour Tress Wigs

Large wig selection

Website: <https://glamourtress.com>

Hair Club for Kids

Offers free hair restoration services to children with disease-related hair loss

Website: <https://hairclub.com/hairclub-for-kids>

Phone: 1-888-888-8986

Hair Replacements by Eddie Pritchard

Custom hair loss solutions for those who want to look and feel their best

Website: <https://hairreplacementbyeddieprichard.com>

Phone: 713-782-9691

Locks of Love

Free wig to patient who has financial hardship

Website: <https://locksoflove.org>

Phone: 888-896-1588

Magic Yarn Project

Magic yarn wigs are inspired by beloved Disney characters, and invite children back to the world of play and daydreaming. They are beacons of fun, laughter, and play, during scary times

Website: <https://themagic yarnproject.com>

National Alopecia Areata Foundation

Organization that assists people with hair loss

Website: <https://naaf.org>

Phone: 833-438-6223

Pink Heart Funds

Provides cranial prosthetics (wigs) for children and adults with hair loss disorders, including those receiving cancer treatment

Website: <https://pinkheartfunds.org>

Phone: 228-575-8299

Ruby's Wigs

Offers a large selection of wigs and hairpieces from top designers. Over 100 wigs on. Ruby's has been serving Houston and surrounding area for over 40 years

Website: <https://rubyswigs.com>

Wigs For Kids

Free wigs to kids. Apply online and give child's measurements

Website: <https://wigsforkids.org>

How to Access: Apply online and give child's measurements

Hats/Scarves

Ellie's Hats

Provides hats to kids with cancer. Complete request online

Website: <https://elliesshats.org>

Hats Off For Cancer

Sponsors drives for hats and gives to kids with cancer

Website: <https://hatsoffforcancer.org>

Hats, Scarves, and More

Good selection of cute, unusual, and useful head coverings

Website: <https://hatsscarvesandmore.com>

Phone: 877-838-6151

Headbands Of Hope

Social worker or other professional request required

Website: <https://headbandsofhope.com>

Phone: 919-323-4140

Headcovers Unlimited

Wigs and hats in kids sizes

Website: <https://headcovers.com>

Phone: 1-800-264-4287

Heavenly Hats

Distributes hats to those who have lost their hair due to cancer or medical treatment

Website: <https://heavenlyhats.org>

Phone: 920-362-2668

Love Your Melon

Will provide a hat to any child fighting cancer

Website: <https://loveyourmelon.com>



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