

# Resources to Help Childhood, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivors



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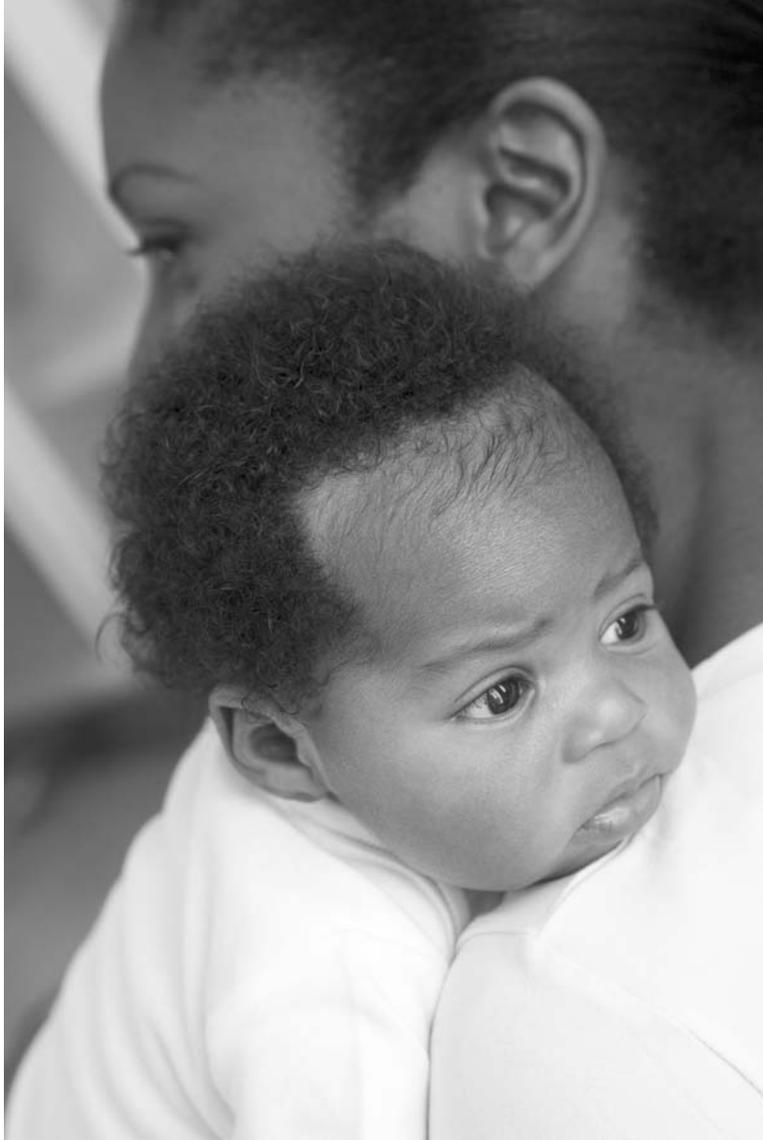
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## Advocacy / Legal

### **Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy**

301-565-9670

[www.childrenscause.org](http://www.childrenscause.org)

Advocacy for research, resources, and support

### **Fetaweb**

[www.fetaweb.com](http://www.fetaweb.com)

Review of advocacy skills for parents and educators

### **Livestrong Young Adult Alliance**

512-236-8820

[http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXKIPxHmF/b.2661399/k.71A4/Young\\_Adult\\_Alliance.htm](http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXKIPxHmF/b.2661399/k.71A4/Young_Adult_Alliance.htm)

Information and advocacy for young adults with cancer in order to promote research and improve survival rates

### **Wrightslaw**

[www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)

Up-to-date information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities

## All-Encompassing Resources and Miscellaneous

### **American Cancer Society (ACS)**

1-800-ACS-2345

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

### **Cancervive<sup>®</sup>, Inc.**

310-203-9232

[www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org)

Dedicated to helping cancer survivors reenter school or the workplace. Cancervive offers books and videos for adults, teens, and children; an "Ask the Expert" e-mail for legal questions; and a listing of scholarships for cancer survivors.

### **Candlelighters<sup>®</sup> Childhood Cancer Foundation**

1-800-366-2223

[www.candlelighters.org](http://www.candlelighters.org)

Offers support, education, and advocacy for children and adolescents with cancer, survivors of childhood cancer, their families, and the professionals who care for them

### **Crazy Sexy Cancer**

<http://crazysexcancer.com/>

Documentary film about a young woman looking for a cure and finding her life.

### **CureSearch**

1-800-458-6223

[www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org)

Represents the Children's Oncology Group (COG) and the National Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF). Supports lifesaving research and helps raise awareness of the importance of cancer clinical trials. Provides online information on types of childhood cancer and treatments.

### **Emmanuel Cancer Foundation**

908-322-4323

[www.emmanuelcancer.org](http://www.emmanuelcancer.org)

Serves New Jersey's children with cancer and their families by providing emotional, material and emergency financial support

### **Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey**

201-457-1670

[www.gildasclubnnj.org](http://www.gildasclubnnj.org)

### **Gilda's Club South Jersey**

609-926-2699

[www.gildasclubsouthjersey.org](http://www.gildasclubsouthjersey.org)

A place where men, women and children living with cancer, together with their families and friends, can join with others to build social and emotional support as a complement to medical care. Free of charge and nonprofit, Gilda's Club offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops, and social events in a nonresidential, home-like setting.

### **Go4theGoal Foundation**

201-615-5700

215-266-7509

[www.go4thegoal.org](http://www.go4thegoal.org)

Go4theGoal Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to helping support children diagnosed with cancer and their families and helping to find a cure for Ewing's Sarcoma. Their mission is to provide assistance to children with cancer and their families by providing financial and emotional support so that they can experience all of the "normal" joys of childhood, while they fight to achieve their goal of being healthy again soon.

### **I'm Too Young for This!**

877-735-4673

<http://imtooyoungforthis.org>

Online forums, plus resources and information for every need (financial aid, counseling, retreats, etc.)

Most comprehensive list of resources for adolescents and young adults

List for retreats/camps in every state

### **Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)**

1-877-236-8820

[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

Inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. Helps people with cancer focus on living. Believes unity is strength, knowledge is

power, and attitude is everything. Provides the practical information and tools people with cancer need to live life on their own terms. Serves its mission through advocacy, public health, and research.



### **Learning Disabilities Association of America**

412-341-1515

[www.lदानatl.org](http://www.lदानatl.org)

Started by parents, the association offers parents information on learning disabilities, negotiating the special education process, and helping your child and yourself. Includes an online training course about the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)**

The Information Resource Center (IRC)

1-800-955-4572 (Mon-Fri, 9 AM to 6 PM EST)

[www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)

Committed to providing information, support, and guidance to people living with blood cancers and to the health professionals involved in their care. The Society provides ongoing educational programs, printed materials, and videos for children, parents, and educators. Services include the IRC, a

call center staffed with social workers, nurses, and health educators who offer callers up-to-date, accurate disease-related information. Includes a network of chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To locate a chapter near you, visit the website or call the toll-free number.

**Northern New Jersey Office:**

Main Number: 908-956-6600

Patient Services: 908-956-6641

**Southern New Jersey Office:**

856-638-1250 x208

Toll-free Number: 1-888-920-8557 x208

### **A Lion in the House**

<http://www.lioninthehouse.com/> and  
[www.itvs.org/outreach/lioninthehouse/](http://www.itvs.org/outreach/lioninthehouse/)

A Primetime Emmy Award-winning documentary film that follows the stories of five children and their families as they battle pediatric cancer. Educational Video Modules for health care professionals sensitively address issues of childhood and young adult cancer: available at [www.aquariusproductions.com/lion](http://www.aquariusproductions.com/lion). Youth can do service learning projects correlated with national academic standards with project kits available at [www.mylion.org](http://www.mylion.org).

### **LIVESTRONG™ SurvivorCare**

866-235-7205 (9 AM to 5 PM EST)

[www.livestrong.org/survivorcare](http://www.livestrong.org/survivorcare)

This LAF program helps cancer survivors and family members face the everyday challenges of cancer survivorship through emotional support; individual counseling; and assistance with financial, legal, and/or insurance issues and matching to clinical trials.

### **National Cancer Institute**

1-800-4-CANCER

[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

Provides general cancer information. Includes the latest cancer research news and help for finding clinical trials.

### **The National Children's Cancer Society**

314-241-1600

[www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org](http://www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org)

Provides financial and in-kind assistance, advocacy, support services and education

### **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

888-650-9127 (toll free)

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

Advocates at the federal level for quality cancer care and empowers cancer survivors by providing credible and accurate patient information such as the *Cancer Survival Toolbox* (Available at: <http://www.canceradvocacy.org/toolbox/>)

### **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**

1-800-695-0285

[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Provides information on childhood disabilities, the laws protecting children's rights, and research-based educational practices.

### **Outlook**

<http://www.outlook-life.org/index.pl>

For survivors of childhood cancer. Gives information on financial aid, how to cope in school, health issues, etc.

## **Planet Cancer**

512-452-9010

[www.planetcancer.org](http://www.planetcancer.org)

Information, retreats, support groups, online forums, etc. for young adults

## **Real Time Cancer**

1-877-571-7325 (REAL)

[www.realtimercancer.org](http://www.realtimercancer.org)

An initiative of Young Adult Cancer - Canada. Online community and information on Montreal Retreat, all geared toward ages 15-30.

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities**

973-403-0390 (RMHC of the New York Tri-State Area)

[www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org)

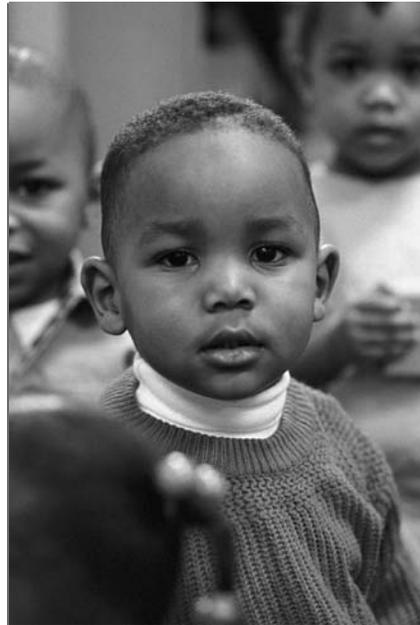
RMHC offers three core programs: Ronald McDonald House - provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. Ronald McDonald Family Room - extends the comfort of the Ronald McDonald House into the hospital by providing a place to enjoy a meal, talk with other parents and relax. Ronald McDonald Care Mobile - brings cost-effective, high-quality medical, dental and health education services directly to underserved children in rural and urban areas across the globe.

## **Starlight Starbright™ Children's Foundation**

1-800-315-2580

[www.starbright.org](http://www.starbright.org)

Creates innovative, media-based programs that help seriously ill children and teens better cope with their disease — and enhance their quality of life. Offers free CD-ROMs and online communities of information and support for kids and parents.



## **Tomorrows Children's Fund**

1-800-ATCF-KID

[www.atcfkid.com](http://www.atcfkid.com)

Provides financial, educational, and emotional support as well as social work and psychological services

## **The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

888-393-FUND (888-393-3863)

[www.ulmanfund.org](http://www.ulmanfund.org)

Addresses areas of cancer support, advocacy, and education for young adults dealing with cancer. Connects young adults affected by cancer. Offers financial assistance through grants and college scholarships.

## Camps, Retreats, and Activities

### Big Sky Kids

406-586-1781

[www.eaglemount.org](http://www.eaglemount.org)

Outdoor adventure camps (skiing, rafting, etc) in Montana. Ages 5-23

### Camp Adventure

1-800-ACS-2345

[http://community.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=C\\_EA\\_CA\\_home](http://community.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=C_EA_CA_home)

Camp Adventure is a free, fun-filled, week-long sleep away camp for children with cancer and their siblings, ages 6 to 18. Takes place in August on the shores of Shelter Island, Long Island. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

### Camp-Mak-A-Dream

406-549-5987

[www.campdream.org](http://www.campdream.org)

Year round conferences and camps (free of charge) for different adolescent and young adult categories (for teens, siblings, 2+ years out of treatment, etc.), ages ranging from 6-25.



### Crossing the Finish Line

267-708-0510

[www.crossingthefinishline.org](http://www.crossingthefinishline.org)

Free, one week excursion for the survivor (24-50) and their main caregiver.



### Dream Street Foundation

323-951-1227

[www.dreamstreetfoundation.org](http://www.dreamstreetfoundation.org)

Provides a unique camping program, free of charge, to children with chronic or life-threatening diseases.

### First Descents

970-845-8400

[www.firstdescents.org](http://www.firstdescents.org)

Free, one week outdoor adventure (kayaking, hiking, rafting, rock climbing) for young adults (18+) with cancer

### Make-A-Wish Foundation of America

1-800-722-WISH (9474) (toll-free)

[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)

Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

### Next Step

617-864-2921

[www.nextstepnet.org](http://www.nextstepnet.org)

Workshops and retreats year-round for teens and young adults with cancer and blood disease

## **On the Tip of the Toes Foundation**

418-543-3048

[www.tip-of-toes.com](http://www.tip-of-toes.com)

Adventure camps in Canada

## **Special Love, Inc.**

888-930-2707

[www.speciallove.org](http://www.speciallove.org)

Year-round camps in Virginia and Maryland for ages up to 25

## **Educational Programs**

### **Welcome Back: Facilitating the school experience for childhood cancer survivors.**

This live professional education program is held in every chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society especially for schoolteachers, nurses, social workers, guidance counselors and administrators.



## **External Support Groups**

### **Alicia Rose “Victorious” Foundation**

856-784-0615

[www.victoriousfoundation.org](http://www.victoriousfoundation.org)

Hospital Teen Rooms: 31 Hospital Installations including St. Barnabas (Livingston), Cancer Institute and Robert Wood Johnson (New Brunswick), Newark Beth Israel, Joseph Sanzari Children’s (Hackensack) etc.

Provides “teen kits” to newly admitted and diagnosed teenage patients with life-threatening illnesses.

### **Cancer Care for Young Adults**

1-800-813-HOPE (4673)

[www.cancercare.org/get\\_help/special\\_progs/young\\_adults.php](http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/special_progs/young_adults.php)

Counseling and group support, as well as financial resources, for people in their 20s and 30s

### **The Life Lab**

212-920-3672

[www.nylifelab.org](http://www.nylifelab.org)

Programs for young adults (20s-40s) in New York City that offer guidance on discovering their possible paths in life after treatment.

### **Young Empowered Survivors**

303-477-2161

[www.youngempowered.org](http://www.youngempowered.org)

For individuals diagnosed before 45 years old Meet once a month. Based out of Boulder, CO

## Financial Assistance, Insurance and Prescriptions

### Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

1-800-335-FUND (3863)  
609-292-0600

[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/catill/catill1.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/catill/catill1.htm)

A financial assistance program for New Jersey families whose children have an illness or condition otherwise uncovered by insurance, State or Federal programs, or other source, such as fundraising

### NJ Family Care

1-800-701-0710  
<http://www.njfamilycare.org/>

NJ FamilyCare is a federal and state funded health insurance program created to help New Jersey's uninsured children and certain low-income parents and guardians to have affordable health coverage.

### Patient Advocate Foundation

1-800-532-5274  
[www.patientadvocate.org/](http://www.patientadvocate.org/)

A national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of financial stability. Serves as an active liaison between patients and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis.

### RX 4 NJ

888-793-6764 (RXFORNJ)  
<http://www.rx4nj.org/>

Rx4NJ is a program that connects qualified, low-income people with discount prescription drugs, direct from the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

## For Families/Friends of Those With Cancer

### Partnership for Parents

831-763-3070  
[www.partnershipforparents.org](http://www.partnershipforparents.org)

A support network and online guide for parents of children with serious illnesses

### Pediatric Oncology Resource Center

[www.acor.org/ped-onc](http://www.acor.org/ped-onc)

A website for parents, friends, and families of children who have or have had childhood cancer

### SuperSibs!

866-444-SIBS (7427)  
[www.supersibs.org](http://www.supersibs.org)

Ongoing comfort and care support via mail and website for the brothers and sisters of children with cancer. Specific materials available for: young children, adolescent and teens, materials for siblings who are bereaved, information and support for parents and caregivers, resources and tools for medical and psychosocial support professionals, teachers and religious and spiritual leaders.



***Too Young To Be Ill...A Practical Survival Guide for Caregivers of Children and Young Adults*** – a publication of the Patient Advocate Foundation

Available at: <http://www.patientadvocate.org/pdf/pubs/tooyoung.pdf>

Provides information and resources on disability, insurance, access to care, medical records, financial issues, respite care, early intervention, fertility and survivorship

**Young Cancer Spouses**

[www.youngcancerspouses.com](http://www.youngcancerspouses.com)

Sharing information, support, and experiences with young spouses through online forums (through the Bulletin on website)

**Information and Education**

**2 b me**

1-800-395-LOOK

[www.2bme.org](http://www.2bme.org)

Information on the physical and social changes that one may go through, includes look good feel better for teens

**Alex's Lemonade Stand**

610-649-3034

[www.alexlemonade.org](http://www.alexlemonade.org)

Offers a free treatment journal to all families of pediatric cancer to help organize and track their child's medications, procedures, side effects and more.



**Band-Aides and Blackboards - Stories from the Front**

<http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/stories.html>

Features stories from children, teens, and siblings about living with serious illness

**Beyond the Cure**

314-241-1600

[www.beyondthecure.org](http://www.beyondthecure.org)

Information for survivors of childhood cancer, including insurance, fertility, psychosocial, education, advocacy, employment, and healthy living information

***Long-Term Follow-Up Guidelines for Survivors of Childhood, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancers*** – published by

CureSearch

[www.survivorshipguidelines.org](http://www.survivorshipguidelines.org)

Provides guidelines for the screening and management of late effects related to cancer treatment. Intended for healthcare providers.

**Survivor Alert**

859-219-0772

[www.survivoralert.org](http://www.survivoralert.org)

Information on how/what young adult cancer survivors can do to be/stay healthy

**Teens Living With Cancer**

[www.teenslivingwithcancer.org](http://www.teenslivingwithcancer.org)

Sponsored by Melissa's Living Legacy Foundation. Offers teens a place to get cancer facts, connect with others, and share stories of hope and inspiration.

## University of Texas at Austin – K-16 Education Center

1-888-232-4723

<http://www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/k16/>

Distance education program serving Texas students who want or need an educational alternative; similar programs may be available in other states.

## Vital Options International

1-800-477-7666

[www.vitaloptions.org](http://www.vitaloptions.org)

Information and resources for young adults (ages 17 through 40s)

## International and Location-Specific Resources

### Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund, Inc.

609-967-0100

<http://brendansfund.org/>

A pediatric cancer fund for the residents of Cape May County, NJ. Services range from professional counseling and advocacy programs to financial and material assistance.

### Friends of Karen

914-277-4547

[www.friendsofkaren.org](http://www.friendsofkaren.org)

Dedicated to providing emotional, financial and advocacy support to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Serves children from birth to 21 who are diagnosed with any life-threatening illness and living in the New York metropolitan area, including all of New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island,

Queens), Long Island (Nassau, Suffolk), Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties, northern New Jersey (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union), and Fairfield County, Connecticut.



### Navigating the New Normal

215-955-8370

[www4.kimmelcancercenter.org/kcc/clinical/patients/supportprograms/navnewnormal/index.html](http://www4.kimmelcancercenter.org/kcc/clinical/patients/supportprograms/navnewnormal/index.html)

Support and resources (lecture series, counseling, buddy program) for patients 18-40 (in the Philadelphia area)

### Oceans of Love – For Children With Cancer

1-800-368-4385

<http://ocean-of-love.org/>

Dedicated to helping Ocean County, NJ children with cancer and their families. Provides financial and emotional support.

### Teenage Cancer Trust

[www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org)

UK site that offers awareness, education, conferences, support networks, etc. With focus on building teenage units (13-24) in UK hospitals

### Teen Impact Program

323-361-4660

[www.teenimpactprogram.com](http://www.teenimpactprogram.com)

Support groups, retreats, and mentoring programs for ages 6-25. Based out of the Los Angeles Children's Hospital.

## **Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation**

1-866-538-6331 (toll free)

[www.tcjayfund.org](http://www.tcjayfund.org)

Provides support by assisting children and families touched by leukemia or other cancers with financial needs they incur during treatment for the child's disease such as mortgage, rent, car, electric, water, phone, and food payments. Target population is children and young adults, ages 0-22 years old, who are currently undergoing treatment up until 6 months after treatment ends. Serves families who are permanent residents of the New York City Metropolitan Area, including:

- The five boroughs of New York City
- Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union Counties in New Jersey



## **NJ Pediatric Hematology Oncology Network Centers**

### **The Cancer Institute of New Jersey**

Department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
195 Little Albany Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08903  
(732) 235-KIDS  
[www.cinj.org](http://www.cinj.org)

### **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Specialty Care Center in Voorhees, NJ**

1012 Laurel Oak Road  
Laurel Oak Corporate Center  
Voorhees, NJ 08043  
(856) 435-1300  
[www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/location.jsp?id=27762](http://www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/location.jsp?id=27762)

### **Cooper University Hospital**

1 Cooper Plaza  
Camden, NJ 08103  
(856) 342-2000  
[www.cooperhealth.org](http://www.cooperhealth.org)

### **Monmouth Medical Center**

300 Second Avenue  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
(732) 222-5200  
[www.sbhcs.com/hospitals/monmouth\\_medical](http://www.sbhcs.com/hospitals/monmouth_medical)

### **Morristown Memorial Hospital**

100 Madison Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07962  
(973) 971-5000  
[www.morristownmemorialhospital.org/en/morristown](http://www.morristownmemorialhospital.org/en/morristown)

### **Newark Beth Israel Medical Center**

201 Lyons Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07112  
(973) 926-7850  
[www.sbhcs.com/hospitals/newark\\_beth\\_israel](http://www.sbhcs.com/hospitals/newark_beth_israel)

**Overlook Hospital**

99 Beauvoir Avenue  
Summit, NJ 07902  
(908) 522-2000  
[www.overlookhospital.org/en/overlook](http://www.overlookhospital.org/en/overlook)

**Saint Barnabas Health Care System**

94 Old Short Hills Road  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
(973) 322-5000  
[www.saintbarnabas.com](http://www.saintbarnabas.com)

**St. Joseph's Hospital**

703 Main Street  
Paterson, NJ 07503  
(973) 754-2000  
[www.stjosephshealth.org](http://www.stjosephshealth.org)

**Saint Peter's University Hospital**

254 Easton Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
(732) 745-7944  
[www.saintpetersuh.com](http://www.saintpetersuh.com)

**Tomorrows Children's Institute**

Hackensack University Medical Center  
30 Prospect Avenue  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
(201) 996-5437  
[www.tcikids.com](http://www.tcikids.com)



**Online Forums/  
Support Groups**

**Group Loop**

[www.grouploop.org](http://www.grouploop.org)  
Sponsored by The Wellness Community. Provides online support, information, and resources for teens with cancer and their parents.

**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)**

[www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)  
Online discussion boards including topics such as “When a Child Has Cancer” and “Young Adults with Blood Cancer”

**Prepare to Live**

[www.preparetolive.org](http://www.preparetolive.org)  
Online videos/clips, support groups, stories

**Re-Mission**

[www.re-mission.net](http://www.re-mission.net)  
Videogame and online community

**Star Bright World**

[www.starbrightworld.org](http://www.starbrightworld.org)  
An online community for chronically ill teens and their siblings

**Starlight Starbright Programs: Coping with Chemo**

<http://chemo.starlightprograms.org/>  
Interactive video for kids, plus online teen-teen connection through chats and blogs

**The Virtual Wellness Group**

[www.thewellnesscommunity.org/support/](http://www.thewellnesscommunity.org/support/)  
Online support groups for people 21+ years old.

## Scholarships, Financial Aid, and Career Info

### **Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation**

310-276-7111

[www.andreriveroflife.org](http://www.andreriveroflife.org)

E-mail: [info@AndreRiverOfLife.org](mailto:info@AndreRiverOfLife.org)

Awards the Andre Sobel Award of \$5,000 and honorable mentions of \$1,000 to young cancer survivors under the age of 21. This is an essay competition. The deadline is in early April.

### **Barbara Palo Foster Memorial Scholarship / Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

888-393-3863

E-mail: [scholarship@ulmanfund.org](mailto:scholarship@ulmanfund.org)

Provides a \$2,500 scholarship to college students who have lost a parent to cancer or whose parent is currently fighting cancer. Applicants must be age 35 or younger at the time of application and be currently attending or accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college, university or training program (including graduate and professional schools). Applicants must be seeking a college degree in nursing. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in patient education, medically underserved communities and/or women's health issues. Recipients are required to complete 25 hours of community



service. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, medical hardship, dedication to community service, commitment to educational and professional goals, and a demonstration of how the applicant has used their cancer experience to impact the lives of other young adults affected by cancer. The deadline is May 1.

### **Camp Good Days and Special Times**

585-624-5555

<http://www.campgooddays.org/>

Scholarship money to people whose lives are affected by cancer; limited scholarship for students from any state to attend college/business or trade schools; applicant must be a childhood cancer survivor who is a high school graduate and must display financial need.

### **Cancer and Careers**

[www.cancerandcareers.org](http://www.cancerandcareers.org)

Resources and information for working women with cancer

### **Cancer for College**

760-599-9339

[www.cancerforcollege.org](http://www.cancerforcollege.org)

Cancer for College provides one-time and recurring scholarships for current and former cancer patients under age 35. The scholarships are available for attendance at a four-year or two-year undergraduate institution or graduate school. Amounts vary from hundreds to thousands of dollars. The deadline is May 1, except for applicants from the Pacific Northwest (WA, ID, OR, MT) who have a September 1 deadline. Cancer for College was founded in 1993 by Craig Pollard, a two-time cancer survivor.

### **The Cancer Survivors Fund**

281-437-7142

E-mail: [csf@cancersurvivorsfund.org](mailto:csf@cancersurvivorsfund.org)

Provides scholarships for cancer survivors who are residents of the United States. Candidates must be a cancer survivor or currently diagnosed with cancer, but do not need to be receiving treatment to qualify. Scholarships are awarded based on hardship and academic qualifications of the candidates. The application deadline is June 1. The Cancer Survivors Fund also awards scholarships to the MD Anderson Pediatric Center, with plans to award scholarships for cancer survivors to the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, and other colleges.

### **Friends of Scott Foundation**

[www.friendsofscott.org](http://www.friendsofscott.org)

E-mail: [info@friendsofscott.org](mailto:info@friendsofscott.org)

Offers two scholarships per year (one fall, one spring) to cancer patients currently on treatment or to survivors. Provides funding to survivors who want to continue their education through technical school, vocational school, junior college, or a four-year college or university.

### **Marilyn Yetso Memorial Scholarship / Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

888-393-3863

E-mail: [scholarship@ulmanfund.org](mailto:scholarship@ulmanfund.org)

Provides a \$2,500 scholarship to college students who have lost a parent to cancer or whose parent is currently fighting cancer. The parent or guardian must have been diagnosed while the applicant was between the ages of 15 and 35. Applicants must be age 35 or younger at the time of application and be currently attending or accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college, university or vocational

program (including graduate and professional schools). Recipients are required to complete 25 hours of community service. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, medical hardship, dedication to community service, commitment to educational and professional goals, and a demonstration of how the applicant has used their cancer experience to impact the lives of other young adults affected by cancer. The applicant must have been diagnosed with cancer since reaching age 15. The deadline is May 1.

### **Matt Stauffer Memorial Scholarship / Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

888-393-3863

E-mail: [scholarship@ulmanfund.org](mailto:scholarship@ulmanfund.org)

Provides a \$2,500 scholarship to college students who are fighting cancer or who have overcome cancer. Applicants must be age 35 or younger at the time of application and be currently attending or accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college, university or vocational program (including graduate and professional schools). Recipients are required to complete 25 hours of community service. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, medical hardship, dedication to community service, commitment to educational and professional goals, and a demonstration of how the applicant has used their cancer experience to impact the lives of other young adults affected by cancer. The applicant must have been diagnosed with cancer since reaching age 15. The deadline is May 1.

### **Michael A Hunter Memorial Scholarship Award**

[http://www.oc-cf.org/NetCommunity/  
Page.aspx?pid=336&srcid=310](http://www.oc-cf.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=336&srcid=310)

Scholarships to help improve the quality of life for those affected by leukemia.

## **National Collegiate Cancer Foundation**

[www.collegiatecancer.org/content/view/29/49/717-215-0943](http://www.collegiatecancer.org/content/view/29/49/717-215-0943)

E-mail: [info@collegiatecancer.org](mailto:info@collegiatecancer.org)

Sponsors an annual nonrenewable \$1,000 scholarship for college students whose lives have been impacted by cancer and who are seeking to continue their higher education while still undergoing treatment. Applicants must be college students between the ages of 17 and 27. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, an essay, recommendations, cancer story, and demonstrating a “Will Win” attitude. The deadline is September 15.

## **New Jersey Next Stop**

[www.njnextstop.org](http://www.njnextstop.org)

Njnextstop.org is a website developed by the State of New Jersey, Rutgers University and leading business experts that tells you what skills are needed to be in demand in New Jersey industries, including health care, finance, construction, utilities, manufacturing, tourism, transportation and information technology. The website allows individuals to match skills and interests with occupations that will be highly marketable when they are ready to enter the workforce, describes the various occupations within an expanding industry and provides overviews that identify weekly earnings and projected growth within the industry.



## **The Pacific West Cancer Fund**

504-301-1464

Provides \$1,500 scholarships for cancer survivors through 70 colleges and universities nationwide

## **Patient Advocate Foundation**

1-800-532-5274

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

Awards eight Scholarships for Survivors of \$5,000 per year for cancer survivors to initiate or complete a course of study that has been interrupted or delayed by a diagnosis of cancer or other life-threatening, chronic or debilitating disease. Recipients must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Recipients are required to complete 20 hours of community service during the school year. The application deadline is May 1.

## **Pediatric Oncology Resource Center**

[www.acor.org/ped-onc/scholarships/](http://www.acor.org/ped-onc/scholarships/)

Various scholarships for cancer survivors.

## **Princeton Area Community Fund**

[www.pacf.org](http://www.pacf.org)

Sandra M. Glazier Scholarship Fund: One scholarship totaling up to \$20,000 is awarded annually to a graduating senior from high school in Ocean or Monmouth County, NJ with a parent who has been stricken by cancer, or who has been afflicted themselves. The award will be paid out in amounts of \$5,000 per year for up to four years. A “C+” (2.5 g.p.a.) average or better must be achieved throughout the term of the scholarship. The student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Application packages must be received at the Princeton Area Community Foundation by May 1.

### **Ryan Mullaly Second Chance Fund**

609-737-1800

E-mail: [The2dChanceFund@aol.com](mailto:The2dChanceFund@aol.com)

Diagnosed with cancer or a recurrence of cancer between age 13 and graduation from high school; under active treatment for cancer while in high school, resulting in a substantial impact on ability to attend class, take the SAT's, etc.; treatment history which includes chemotherapy and/or radiation; currently age 22 or younger; currently pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college OR currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary vocational or trade program which will culminate in certification. Graduate school programs are not eligible.

### **SuperSibs!**

866-444-7427

[www.supersibs.org](http://www.supersibs.org)

*SuperSibs!* will award FOUR \$5,000 scholarships and TEN \$1,000 for high school seniors who have or have had a brother or sister with cancer. The deadline is January 30.

### **Surviving and Moving Forward: The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer**

[www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)

Helps support young adult cancer survivors in the transition from high school to college. Offers financial assistance through grants and scholarships.

### **Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation**

1-866-538-6331 (toll free)

[www.tcjayfund.org](http://www.tcjayfund.org)

The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation awards an annual college scholarship as an

inspiration to a childhood cancer survivor in order that they may achieve their full potential in life. Residents of the New York City Metropolitan area, including: the five boroughs of New York City, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passiac and Union Counties in New Jersey who have had a diagnosis of leukemia or cancer prior to the age of 21 are eligible. Academic record, leadership ability, moral character and need are some of the attributes considered in selecting the winner. The recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll full time in an accredited college or university and will receive \$1500 yearly for up to four years. The annual NY/NJ scholarship application deadline is May 20th.

### **Vera Yip Memorial Scholarship / Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults**

1-888-393-3863

E-mail: [scholarship@ulmanfund.org](mailto:scholarship@ulmanfund.org)

Provides a \$2,500 scholarship to college students who were diagnosed with cancer between ages 15 and 35 or who have lost a parent to cancer or whose parent is currently fighting cancer. Applicants must be age 35 or younger at the time of application and be currently attending or accepted to a 4-year college or university and seeking a bachelor's degree or higher. Recipients are required to complete 50 hours of community service. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of medical hardship, dedication to community service, leadership, commitment to educational and professional goals, and a demonstration of how the applicant has used their cancer experience to impact the lives of other young adults affected by cancer. The deadline is May 1.

## **Working Against Cancer**

626-914-2914

[www.workingagainstcancer.org](http://www.workingagainstcancer.org)

For children, adolescents, and young adults.  
Offers scholarships, mentoring, career referrals.

## **Sexuality, Fertility, Pregnancy**

### **Cancer and Fertility Society**

212-312-5967

[www.cancerandfertility.org](http://www.cancerandfertility.org)

Experts that research and conduct educational activities, trying to find and deliver cures for any type of cancer, as well as preserving and restoring fertility

### **Fertile HOPE**

888-994-HOPE

[www.fertilehope.org](http://www.fertilehope.org)

Resources and information for cancer survivors faced with infertility

### **Pregnant with Cancer**

1-800-743-4471

[www.pregnantwithcancer.org](http://www.pregnantwithcancer.org)

Support (connects women together) and resources for women diagnosed with cancer while pregnant



## **Site-Specific Resources**

### **Breast Friends for Life**

[www.breastfriendsforlife.org](http://www.breastfriendsforlife.org)

Raising awareness for the issues faced by young women with breast cancer by improving and strengthening the mental and emotional well-being of those affected

### **Children's Brain Tumor Foundation**

866-228-4673

<http://cbtf.org/cms/>

Support, education, and advocacy for children with brain and spinal cord tumors to improve treatment, quality of life, and long term outlook

### **Colon Club**

[www.colonclub.com](http://www.colonclub.com)

Raises awareness for colon cancer using unique techniques (such as the colossal colon)

### **Living Beyond Breast Cancer**

888-753-5222

[www.lbbc.org](http://www.lbbc.org)

Empowering women affected by breast cancer through offered programs and services

### **Making Headway Foundation Inc.**

914-238-8384

[www.makingheadway.org](http://www.makingheadway.org)

Offers support and care through professionals for children with brain and spinal cord tumors before, during, and after surgery

### **MaleCare**

[www.malecare.com](http://www.malecare.com)

Information and (support group) resources for men affected by prostate/testicular cancers

**Rethink Breast Cancer**

1-866-RETHINK

[www.rethinkbreastcancer.com](http://www.rethinkbreastcancer.com)

Information, research, support, news and prevention

**Rolling to Recovery**

[www.rollingtorecovery.com](http://www.rollingtorecovery.com)

Resource for young adults with colon cancer

**Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation**

212-986-0892 ext. 5

[www.seankimerling.org](http://www.seankimerling.org)

Information, events, focus on prevention and awareness

**Sharsheret**

866-474-2774

[www.sharsheret.org](http://www.sharsheret.org)

Young Jewish women living with breast cancer.

Information, forum, events.

**Tamika and Friends**

[www.tamikaandfriends.org/index.htm](http://www.tamikaandfriends.org/index.htm)

Cervical cancer and HPV

Awareness, events, support

**The Yellow Umbrella Organization**

978-744-5300

[www.theyellowumbrella.org](http://www.theyellowumbrella.org)

Raising awareness for cervical cancer through advocacy and concerts

**Young Adults Surviving Glioblastoma**

[www.yasg.com](http://www.yasg.com)

For young adults with glioblastoma (most aggressive form of brain cancer)  
Online forums and chats

**Young Survival Coalition**

877-YSC-1011

[www.youngsurvival.org](http://www.youngsurvival.org)

Women 40 and under with breast cancer  
Advocacy, education, online support

**Statistics**

**Childhood Cancer in New Jersey, 1979-2005, Cancer Epidemiology Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services**

Available at:

[www.state.nj.us/health/ces/documents/childhood\\_cancer\\_report.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/ces/documents/childhood_cancer_report.pdf)

Cancer incidence and mortality data from 1979-2005 for NJ children up to 19 years of age.

**National Cancer Institute: SEER: Cancer Epidemiology in Older Adolescents and Young Adults**

[www.seer.cancer.gov/publications/aya](http://www.seer.cancer.gov/publications/aya)

Epidemiology for different types of cancer  
Statistics for ages 15-29



## Treatment and Quality of Life Research

### Hope Lab

650-569-5900

[www.hopelab.org](http://www.hopelab.org)

Research and innovative solutions for chronic illnesses to improve health and quality of life for young adults

Remission Game: [www.re-mission.net](http://www.re-mission.net)

## Books and Pamphlets

*To obtain a copy of these materials, go to [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org) or call the telephone number provided. If only a publisher is listed, you can obtain a copy through your local bookstore.*

### For children and teens

***Henry and the White Wolf***, by Tyler and Tim Karu. A book to help children going through the process of hospitalization or chemotherapy.

***The Human Body: An Illustrated Guide to its Structure, Function, and Disorders*** — big, colorful book that helps children learn about their bodies. Useful tool for classroom presentations. Available from DK Publishing Inc.

***The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*** by David Saltzman — a story about finding laughter and happiness inside oneself to help get through challenging times such as a cancer diagnosis. Useful tool for classroom presentations. Published by Jester Books.

***What Is Cancer Anyway? Explaining Cancer to Children of All Ages*** by Karen L. Carney — in simple terms, provides basic information about cancer in a reassuring way. Published by Dragonfly.

### ***Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie***

by Jordan

Sonnenblick. A

fictional account of the story of 13-year-old, Steven, and how his life is turned upside down when his baby brother is diagnosed with leukemia.

Available from Scholastic Press.



### For parents and teachers

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society offers disease specific informational booklets about: Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML), Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL), Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML), Lymphomas and other blood cancers. All are available at [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

***100 Questions & Answers about Your Child's Cancer*** by William L. Carroll. Published by Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Inc.

***Cancervive Parent's and Teacher's Guide for Children With Cancer*** — explains social and academic challenges childhood cancer survivors face and outlines strategies for successful school reintegration. Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

***Childhood Cancer Survivors: A Practical Guide to Your Future*** by Nancy Keene, Wendy Hobbie, and Kathy Ruccione. Published by O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.

***Childhood Leukemia: A Guide for Families, Friends & Caregivers*** by Nancy Keene. Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

***Coping With Childhood Leukemia and Lymphoma*** is available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)

**Educating the Child With Cancer: A Guide for Parents and Teachers** by Nancy Keene. Available from [www.candlelighters.org](http://www.candlelighters.org).

**Learning & Living With Cancer: Advocating for your child's educational needs.** Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

**Living With Childhood Cancer: A Practical Guide to Help Families Cope** by Leigh A. Woznik and Carol D. Goodheart. Published by the American Psychological Association.

**Our Child Has Cancer: What Do We Do About School?** by Carla Woyak. To order, call 602-300-0831.

**Pictures of My Journey** is a coloring book & activity book for children with cancer. Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

**The Stem Cell Transplant Coloring Book** is for children with blood cancer who are coping with having a stem cell transplant. Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)

**Young People With Cancer — A Handbook for Parents.** Available from [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

## Videos

**Back to School: Teens Prepare for School Re-entry.** Available from [www.starbright.org](http://www.starbright.org).

**Childhood Cancer and School Issues.** DVD Module follows the struggles of four survivors and one bereaved sibling, and recommends interventions for medical and educational specialists.

**Emily's Story: Back to School After Cancer.** Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

**I'm Still Me.** This videotape for young school aged children features Susan Linn and her puppets talking about childhood leukemia and the fears and concerns of classmates of the child.

**Making the Grade: Back to School After Cancer for Teens.** This is an 18-minute documentary where teens discuss returning to school after having been diagnosed with cancer. Available from [www.cancervive.org](http://www.cancervive.org).

**Siblings Stories.** Tells the story of several siblings with a brother or sister who has fought cancer. DVD Module available at [www.aquariusproductions.com/lion](http://www.aquariusproductions.com/lion) and Online Clips available through [SuperSibs.org](http://SuperSibs.org), For You.

**Why, Charlie Brown, Why?** This videotape for young school-age children features Charlie Brown characters reacting to a classmate's diagnosis of leukemia. Available in English and Spanish from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).

**With a Little Help From My Friends- Living with Leukemia and Lymphoma.** This 21-minute documentary is for middle-school-age students. Available from [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).





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