

## RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HISTIO:

**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation:** [For Childhood Cancer Families | Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer \(alexslimonade.org\)](#) Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation offers many programs and tools to help families navigate the challenges of having a child with cancer. Services team 866-333-1213 [FamilyServices@alexslimonade.org](mailto:FamilyServices@alexslimonade.org) (travel for care program, supersibs, treatment journal, school support).

**B+ Fighting Childhood Cancer:** [B+ | Fighting Childhood Cancer \(bepositive.org\)](#) We believe that every child who has battled or is battling cancer is a hero. The B+ Hero Program is intended to make the children (and their siblings) feel special. [The Andrew McDonough \(squarespace.com\)](#)

**Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation:** [Family Support Services - Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation](#) We offer financial support to all families who qualify for a Bear Hug. Families are eligible for \$500 per instance of diagnosis and relapse, which can be used for gas, groceries, transportation, or assistance in paying utility bills.

**Cancer Care:** [Financial & Co-Payment Assistance for Cancer Patients \(cancercare.org\)](#) Offer limited financial assistance for cancer-related costs & co-pays. Professional oncology social workers that can assist with finding additional resources.

**Chance for Hope Foundation/ Residence Program:** (For an U.S. families traveling to Houston, TX for treatment). [Residence Program – Chance for Hope Foundation](#) Temporary lodging- one bedroom, fully furnished apartments in the Texas Medical Center, provided at no cost to families traveling to Houston for pediatric cancer treatment. Offered on a first come, first serve basis and provide shuttle service to TCH and Texas MD Anderson's Children's Cancer hospital & Proton Therapy Center. (not intended for stays exceeding 6wks).

**Childcare. Gov:** [Financial Assistance for Families | Childcare.gov](#) There are many programs available in your state or territory that provide financial assistance to eligible low-income families to help them pay for necessities such as food, nutrition, and heat—just to name a few. If you need help, look at these programs.... miscellaneous resources-can click by type and state and fill out request forms.

**CJR Memorial Foundation:** [Apply for Assistance - CJR Memorial Fund](#) In order to qualify for assistance, a child must be medically involved, i.e. currently or recently hospitalized receiving ongoing medical treatment at a medical facility or at home through specialized nursing care. Please have social worker or health care professional assigned to your child fill out forms. Requests for assistance include mortgage, rent, daycare, travel expense, lodging, utilities.

**Compass to Care Childhood Cancer Foundation:** [I Need Help - Compass to Care](#) : Must meet following requirements in order to apply; child must be under age of 18, must be diagnosed with cancer, must be in active oncology treatment confirmed by a social worker or oncologist familiar with their treatment plan, household annual income must be at or below the maximum household income chart provided on website. If application is approved, will pay for one or several of the following expenses based on family needs: airfare, gasoline, lodging, parking fees, tax/uber/lyft fees, train fare.

**Daniela Conte Foundation:** [Apply For Support | Daniela Conte Fondation \(danielacontefoundation.org\)](#) Foundation assists with financial help such as medial co-pays, gas, food and burial should their warrior pass on.

**Dollar For-Charity Care:** [Debt Forgiveness - Dollar For](#) apply for help with covering hospital bills- to apply, visit webpage and fill out form (takes about 3 minutes).

**Family Reach:** [Financial Support for Cancer Patients | Family Reach](#) – Offers grants to help cover nonmedical expenses, including mortgage/rent payments, utilities, groceries, and transportation.

**Health Well Pediatric Assistance Fund:** [Pediatric Assistance Fund - HealthWell Foundation](#) --- The Health Well Pediatric Assistance Fund® is specifically designed to provide financial assistance to eligible families so their children can start or continue critical, often life-saving medical treatments, they desperately need. This unique fund assists children 18 years old or younger living with chronic or life-altering conditions that their families are struggling to treat due to cost.

**Jack Davis Hope Foundation:** [The Jack Davis Hope Foundation](#) Assists families that are experiencing financial difficulties associated with the care of their sick child. (Child must be under the age of 18). Assists with devices not covered by insurance, transportation cost to receive care (one time only-not ongoing care), hotel costs while receiving care, other items may also be considered as needed. \*\*Money will not be given directly to the families; the foundation will purchase items or make payments on behalf of the family in need.

**Koenig Childhood Cancer Foundation:** [Apply for Support | Koenig Childhood Cancer Foundation \(thekccf.org\)](#) Assistance with miscellaneous bills, care packages, toys, visits, etc.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN:** [Pennies from Heaven | Caleb's Foundation \(calebspennies.org\)](#)

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN was started in loving memory of Caleb Joseph, a beautiful little boy who brought love and happiness to everyone he met. Caleb was happy and healthy until a malignant brain tumor ended his life suddenly in February 2007... he was only 2 years old when he gained his angel wings. Caleb's Foundation was started out of love for him as well as the desire to be a support system for families in need. We provide financial assistance to families with a critically ill child fighting for their life. Help comes by way of covering rent or mortgage payments, electric or medical bills, groceries, transportation and much more. PENNIES FROM HEAVEN helps families relieve the stress of financial burdens at home, so parents can concentrate on the more important issue at hand, their child's recovery. No parent should ever have to prioritize a payment or job before the care of their sick child.

**Pinky Swear Foundation:** [Pinky Swear – Helping Kids With Cancer](#) Assist with financial impact of cancer by helping with rent/mortgage payments, auto payments, auto insurance, utilities, gas, and groceries.

**Ragan's Hope-Helping Other Parent's Endure:** [Ragans Hope | Helping Parents Of Children With Medical Conditions](#) Assists with: ready-made meals delivered to their home, utilities, rent, & mortgage assistance, hospital parking passes, assistance with pets, funeral assistance, fundraising, arranging for maid service, lawn care, laundry needs, stilling with children in the hospital when parents are unable to be there, hospital visits from like-minded people that have gone through similar circumstances, on going support after a child has left the hospital in order to help parents learn new routines for medically challenged children.

**Tyler Robinson Foundation:** [The Impact of TRF Funds | Tyler Robinson Foundation](#) (in order to apply, must be patient at one of partnering hospitals (multiple hospitals listed. Click to view list here: [TRF Partner Hospitals & Centers | Tyler Robinson Foundation](#) The Tyler Robinson Foundation seeks to strengthen pediatric cancer families financially and emotionally by offsetting out-of-pocket life expenses. In order to connect with the families in need, we receive TRF Grant Applications from our Partner Hospitals throughout North America. If you or someone you love needs support and are also treated at one of the hospitals listed below, please reach out to the hospital social worker for information on applying to become a TRF Family.

## RESOURCES THAT ARE STATE SPECIFIC:

### **ARIZONA:**

**Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels.** [Programs — amandahope.org](http://amandahope.org) (HAS EXPANDED TO HELP NV). has financial assistance, comfort & care, family life, gifts for patient under 18yrs old.

### **CALIFORNIA:**

**Jack's Helping Hand:** [Financial Assistance - Jack's Helping Hand \(jackshelpinghand.org\)](http://jackshelpinghand.org) (SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY). Appointment travel assistance, as well as miscellaneous assistance and programs.

**Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services:** (Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, & South Santa Clara Counties). [Contact | Jacob's Heart \(jacobsheart.org\)](http://jacobsheart.org) Aid provided: grocery delivery, transportation to treatment, financial support, housing assistance, counseling, referrals for resources.

**Michael Hoefflin Foundation:** (Santa Clarita & surrounding valleys): [Who We Are | Michael Hoefflin Foundatio \(mhf.org\)](http://mhf.org) Provides financial and emotional support to children and their families.

### **FLORIDA:**

**Candlelighters of SW Florida:** [Services – Candlelighters of Southwest Florida \(candlelightersswfl.org\)](http://candlelightersswfl.org) Family Activities, Operation TNT, Emergency Funds (available to all registered families to provide limited financial assistance), Death benefits, and/or memorials.

**Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation:** [Requirements | Jessica June Child Cancer Foundation \(jiccf.org\)](http://jiccf.org) ( Please view webpage to see qualifying locations in state of FL). Assists with outstanding bills such a medical bills, utilities, rent, mortgage, insurance, car payment. Grocery or gas gift cards may also be requested.

### **INDIANA:**

[Application – Joey's Journey Foundation \(joeysjourneyfoundation.org\)](http://joeysjourneyfoundation.org) (Indiana & surrounding states). Joey's Journey Foundation is an organization created to foster hope, happiness and to help families during their time of need.

Joey's Journey Foundation will provide financial support to families that have a child going through cancer treatment or treatment for other life-threatening illnesses. We hope families have the opportunity for special moments that take their mind away if even for a moment. This could include, but is not limited to, travel expenses, dinner, tickets, goodies, or other items to create comfort, provide peace of mind for parents or make a child smile.

**KANSAS:**

**Center of Hope: (Wichita & surrounding counties).** [Emergency Assistance | centerofhopeinc](#)  
Provides emergency rent & utility assistance to those in danger of being evicted from their homes or having their utilities shut off.

**MICHIGAN:**

**Angels of Hope:** [Apply for Assistance - Angels of Hope](#) Provides financial assistance to families permanently residing in Michigan with a legally dependent minor (26yr old or younger) in the patient's home.

**Cancer Families United:** [Pediatric Cancer Support \(cancerfamiliesunited.org\)](#) (SOUTHWEST). Provides essential supports and services to families of SW Michigan affected by childhood cancer through financial assistance, family networking, community awareness and advocacy for a cure.

**Mission of Hope Cancer Fund:** [Mission of Hope Cancer Fund - Jackson, MI](#) Assistance for prescription or co-pays, lodging (for stays next to treatment centers), travel costs, insurance premiums, medical equipment & supplies, medical expenses, help locating grief & emotional support groups.

**NEBRASKA:**

**Angels Among Us:** [Our Financial Application - Angels Among Us : Angels Among Us \(myangelsamongus.org\)](#) Requirements: Be a resident of Nebraska and have a child with pediatric cancer (ages birth to 19). Be a non-Nebraska resident and have a child who is being treated in Nebraska. Have a complete application on file with AAU. Provide the necessary documentation of the bills you're needing assistance with.

**NEVADA:**

**Candlelighters:** [Financial Assistance : Financial Assistance : Programs & Services : Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada \(candlelightersnv.org\)](#) Assistance available: Emergency Assistance, Co-Pay reimbursement, Travel for Treatment, Local Transportation, Bereavement Assistance

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:**

**Childhood Cancer Lifeline:** [Childhood Cancer Lifeline - What We Can Do For You](#) Emergency fund- this program can pay one bill one time for NH families during a time of need. Family assistance programs: grocery certificates, meal vouchers for hospital stays, prepaid phone cards.

**NEW JERSEY:**

**Ashley Lauren Foundation:** [How We Help - The Ashley Lauren Foundation](#) Financial assistance, material assistance, emotional support, parties & outings for the children, birthday & holiday gifts for children, & “Making Dreams Come True” program.

**Ocean of Love for Children with Cancer: (OCEAN COUNTY).** [About Our Childhood Cancer Charity | Toms River & Brick, NJ | Ocean Of Love](#) Assistance provided: gas cards, grocery store gift cards, assistance with household bills, holiday gift checks, holiday food baskets, scholarships & more.

**NEW YORK:**

**Contractors for Kids (CFK). LONG ISLAND:** [Contractors For Kids](#) Provides financial assistance to families facing financial hardship due to their ill child. Assist with phone bills, mortgage payments, etc.

**PENNSYLVANIA:**

**Julia’s Grace:** [GRACE | juliasgrace \(juliasgracefoundation.org\)](#) (primarily assists in PA but will consider out of state request as funds allow) \*\*\*\*\* Julia’s Grace assists with finances such as electric bills, phone bills, car loan payments, mortgage payments, & the cost of unexpected car repairs for families with childhood cancer. Families can apply for a GRACE through their social worker or child life worker. Families can apply for a maximum of \$1,000 per family, per year. GRACES are granted based on availability of funds for distribution at the time of the application. Payments are made directly to the issuer of the invoice by Julia’s Grace Foundation on behalf of the family.

**Kisses for Kyle Foundation: (Delaware Valley):** [Our Mission \(kissesforkyle.org\)](#) Provides financial assistance to help with bills, including- rent & mortgage, car payments, utility bills, travel expenses, wigs, and food. In addition, funeral expenses are also included. Misc gifts for children also provided throughout year and basic needs such as winter coats.

**TEXAS:**

**Adam’s Angels Ministry:** [Adam's Angels Ministry - Serving families who face childhood cancer. \(adamsangelsministry.org\)](#) Assists cancer families with living expenses, meals, transportation, and medical parking fees.

**Candlelighters (HOUSTON):** [Family Services – Candlelighters](#) “ We invite all families whose child has received a cancer diagnosis & treatment at TCH cancer center, MD Anderson’s Children’s cancer hospital, or Children’s Memorial Herman to join our Candlelighters family. Families must complete registration form before we can provide our programs & services.” Assistance offered: Hospital meal passes, gas gift cards, grocery gift cards, funeral assistance, toiletry bags & supply cart, treasure chest.

**Gregg Pearson Foundation:** [Request Assistance](#) | [The Gregg Pearson Foundation](#) Beneficiaries must live (or be receiving active treatments) within the immediate Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. We exist to help individuals that are battling cancer and other acute illnesses. We are not able to help individuals with injuries due to accidents, or chronic conditions and diseases. Mission- to provide financial, spiritual, and emotional support to families & friends who are dealing with cancer & other acute illnesses.

**Heroes for Children:** [Our Story](#) | [Heroes \(heroesforchildren.org\)](#) Advocate and provide financial and social assistance to families with children (0-22 years of age) that are battling cancer.

**VIRGINIA:**

**ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation:** [Family Support - ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation \(askccf.org\)](#) (Central VA locations). ASK provides emotional, spiritual, financial, social and educational support. Founded in 1975, ASK is Central Virginia's oldest and most comprehensive provider of support services for young cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

**Fairy Godmother Project (FGP).** [HOME MAIN - Fairy Godmother Project \(fgpinfo.org\)](#) (Planning District 16 (Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, King George Counties and Fredericksburg City) and the Northern Neck. Services offered: Day-to- day support (professional house cleaning, lawncare, grocery gift cards, gas gift cards, house projects; Emotional support; financial support-assistance with bills twice a year.

**WASHINGTON:**

**Footprints of Fight:** [Pediatric Cancer Seattle](#) | [Childhood Cancer Seattle](#) | [Children With Cancer Seattle \(footprintsoffight.org\)](#) Provide WA state pediatric cancer families services such as house cleaning, grocery cards, gas cards, and a variety of other items that will aid in alleviating stress of the family so that the main focus can be on increasing the health of the child with pediatric cancer.

**WASHINGTON DC:**

**Candlelighters of DC:** [DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation](#)- DC Candlelighters serves children with cancer and their families, long-term survivors and their families, and bereaved families, who live or receive treatment within 50 miles of Washington DC. Our services are at no-cost, supported entirely by financial gifts, sponsors and fundraising efforts.

**Still Brave Childhood Cancer Foundation:** [Mission & Vision - StillBrave](#) Mission is to provide non-medical, support care to children with cancer, as well as their family. Help with bills and/or provide gas cards, grocery cards, and similar items. Can assist with yard work, home repairs, baby sitting, and other tasks. Offer materials and book to help educate, guide and bring joy to their lives. Serving DC Metro area.



**WYOMING:**

**Jason's Friends:** [Jason's Friends Foundation | Home \(jasonsfriends.org\)](http://jasonsfriends.org) Jason's Friends exists to assist Wyoming families whose children suffer from cancer, brain tumors or spinal cord tumors by providing financial assistance, advocacy and encouragement. We provide financial assistance for any Wyoming family regardless of income, allowing them to focus on one of the most emotional and critical challenges in life, having a child with cancer. [Our Program | Jason's Friends \(jasonsfriends.org\)](#)

**MULTI STATE (SPECIFIC)**

**CAROLINAS (NORTH & SOUTH):**

**Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas:** [Children's Cancer Partners – Supporting Children Battling Cancer \(childrenscancerpartners.org\)](http://childrenscancerpartners.org) Provide funds for food, lodging, transportation and meals associated with cancer treatment. Also help with critical homecare needs, step in when financial emergencies arise, and help with final arrangement when the ultimate tragedy strikes.

**DELAWARE/NEW JERSEY/PENNSYLVANIA:**

**Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund:** [Financial Assistance – Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund \(dolanfund.org\)](http://dolanfund.org) Aid includes: financial assistance for utility & phone bills, mortgage/rent, car payments, transportation, disability needs, a/c for children with specific needs for it, medically necessary dietary supplements, special foods, and formulas, co-pays, child car, funeral expenses. (Assistance is paid directly to vendors or creditors to avoid misappropriation of funds. Burial lots located at two PA locations also offered-visit webpage for further details).

**NEW ENGLAND: (Connecticut, Maine, Mass., NH, Rhode Island, Vermont).**

**Cops for Kids with Cancer:** [Home - Cops for Kids with Cancer™](http://copsforkids.org) When a family receives such a devastating diagnosis regarding their child, some things happen immediately and at least one parent often has to quit work. This is where we step in, giving that family \$5,000 to use as they see necessary, to help remove some of their financial burden while they care for their ill child.

**This Star Won't go Out-The Esther Effect:** [This Star Won't Go Out \(tswgo.org\)](http://tswgo.org) Our direct support offers families a way to pay for their needs-whether paying for travel, mortgages, extended time away from work, or the cost of medical care not covered by insurance.

**NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK /CONNECTICUT:**

**Friends of Karen:** [Who We Serve | Friends of Karen](http://friendsofkaren.org) (Please visit website to see specific locations that qualify for assistance). Serves families with a child (newborn through age 21)



who has been diagnosed with and is actively in treatment for cancer or another life-threatening illness, who is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, and who lives in one of the following boroughs or counties (for at least 12 months prior to their diagnosis). Assist with household expenses, illness related expenses, and holiday, birthday, and back to school gift programs for all children in the family.

**Kier's Kidz:** [Stay In Touch & Get Involved! - Kier's Kidz \(kierskidz.com\)](http://kierskidz.com) learn more about possible financial support, help with locating other kinds of support services, connect with other nonprofits & organizations that offer additional resources for pediatric cancer.

**WASHINGTON DC/MARYLAND/VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA/ DELAWARE/CARONLINAS:**

**Special Love for Children with Cancer:** Assists with utilities (gas, electric, & phone) which are in danger of being shut off for non-payment, auto repairs that are necessary in order for families to travel for treatment, rent or mortgage payments, other emergency situations involving basic living expenses, funeral expenses. \*\*Families must request funds through the patient's social worker, doctor, or other hospital representative, not directly to Special Love. All payments are made directly to the service provider on behalf of the family. \*\*

**WEST TEXAS/SOUTH NEW MEXICO:**

**Candlelighters:** [Financial Assistance – Candlelighters \(candlelighterselp.org\)](http://candlelighterselp.org) Serves families of children with cancer ages 0-25. Programs include: Bundle of Hope, Helping Hands, Living Expenses, Meal Vouchers, Food Pantry, Unreimbursed Medical, Care-A-Van, Out of Town Travel.

**OUTSIDE UNITED STATES RESOURCES:**

**CANADA:**

**Childhood Cancer Canada:** [Childhood Cancer - Programs](#) Aid offered: Emergency Fund program for financial assistance, Empower pack program, Survivor scholarship program, Benevolent fund program.

**Childhood Cancer Family Support (CCFS). Locations helped: Northern BC, Thompson-Okanagan, Kootenay, Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Cariboo-Interior.** [Programs | CCFSupport](#) Works with BC Children's Hospital plus Surrey memorial & Victoria General's pediatric Oncology Dept. Families in need are determined by social workers at the hospitals. Aid offered: Bereavement support, date night, food/dinners for families, & miscellaneous financial support.

**Friends of Children:** [Home :: friendsofchildren.ca](http://friendsofchildren.ca) (Northern BC & East Kootenay) Friends of Children serve the Northern Health region assisting children in medical need from as far south to Quesnel, east to Valemount west to Haida Gwaii, north to Fort Nelson. Friends of Children assist children in medical need throughout the East Kootenay region of BC. From Creston east to Elk Valley and north to Field and is situated between 3 mountain passes. The region borders the U.S. to the South and Alberta to the East. Aid provided: assisting with financial support for travel, meals, and accommodation involving children's medical needs; providing resource information & emotional support; coordinating support through our links with other organizations.

**Jack Hand Legacy Foundation:** [ABOUT US | djhlf \(jackhand.ca\)](http://djhlf(jackhand.ca)) Assist families with financial support for medical expenses such as travel costs, hospital costs, medical practitioner costs, prohibitively expensive RX drugs, cover food costs, accommodations, and travel required for treatment, and any other obstacles that may come up.

**Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity: (ONTARIO):** [Apply for Assistance - Jenash](#) Eligibility requirements: need for financial assistance must result from extraordinary costs which are incurred directly as a result of the child's illness or disability. Child must be under 18yrs of age. Family's gross income must be less than \$65,000 per year.

**Leucan:** [Services Available during Illness - Leucan](#) (Quebec) Leucan ensures that all families of a child diagnosed with cancer are supported throughout the treatments with services tailored to their needs. Provide financial assistance to help break them out of isolation, in addition to sharing relevant information so families can focus their energy on their child's recovery.

## HAPPINESS/WELLNESS FUN KITS

[Welcome to For a Day Foundation, as seen in TheSkimm, People Magazine, & The Oprah Winfrey Show — The For a Day Foundation](#) The For a Day Foundation is committed to creating emotionally therapeutic experiences for seriously ill children - and providing them and their families with a joyful and much needed diversion from the strain of chronic treatment. We serve communities through a national network of local chapters directed by volunteers.

### [APPLY 4iPAD « Journey4ACure](#) CRITERIA for applicants

- A permanent U.S. Resident with permanent address provided. (If you are in temporary housing at a medical facility, please provide permanent address as well as temporary address)

- One application per family
- Children between the ages of 3 and 18 with a diagnosis of cancer
- Children must currently be in treatment, with projected dates, length of treatment identified, please specify whether the treatment is in-patient or out-patient.
- Applications include name and location of treatment facility, current residence, distances to and from facility for out-patient treatment.
- Applications include signature of parent or guardian.
- Applications must be signed by physician supporting request of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Physicians name and phone number must be clearly identified on the application.

### **Supporting documentation to assist with diagnosis support.**

Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), Erdheim-Chester Disease (ECD), and Rosai Dorfman Disease have recently been classified by the World Health Organization as a rare cancer, and that is supported by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)'s recently published guidelines on **histiocytic neoplasms**. Often this can be submitted to help with insurance approval for tests, treatment, and other services. Patients are also eligible for state and federal specific cancer support which can often include financial aid for various things including utilities. If the patient is on a clinical trial for treatment, there are also opportunities for financial support through Be the Match and other similar programs.

- On 3/1, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) published clinical guidelines for treating the three most common forms of histiocytosis in adults: Langerhans cell histiocytosis, Rosai-Dorfman Disease, and Erdheim Chester Disease. While these are developed for adults, they may be beneficial or treatment guidelines for children as well. [NCCN Press Release](#), [Clinical Guidelines](#) - create a free account and share with your physician(s); they are listed under “histiocytic neoplasms”.

**DISCLAIMER: The Histiocytosis Association cannot guarantee that any of these foundations will be able to provide assistance for Histiocytosis patients.**