
Kids & Teens Resources

Camps/Extracurricular Programs

All FREE of charge unless otherwise noted

Camp Boggy Creek

Location: Eustis, FL

Website: <http://www.boggycreek.org>
info@campboggycreek.org

352-483-4200

Camp Boggy Creek is specifically designed for children with chronic or life threatening illnesses and allows them to safely enjoy the activities of a “traditional” camp. Between early morning swims and evening campfires, children whose lives have been a series of medical procedures and hospital stays are transformed into just “kids.” They have a chance to be with others coping with the same illness or condition and realize that they are not alone.

Eligibility: Children 7-16 diagnosed chronic or life threatening illness

Sofia’s Hope- Equestrian Program

Location: Miami/Ft. Lauderdale

www.sofiashope.org

Contact: Marta 305-798-6725

Free horseback riding lessons to provide children a much-needed pleasurable outlet and give them an identity outside of being ill. We believe horseback riding, along with the close relationships children build through working with horses, is a life-affirming journey toward wellness.

Eligibility: Children affected by cancer

First Descents

Location: Varies

<https://firstdescents.org>

970-328-1806

Using kayaking, extreme sports and professional athletes, First Descents offers young adults with cancer outdoor experiences that will forever change their lives.

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

Cost: The FD experience is 100% free of cost to all first-time participants. We ask that you cover your own cost of travel, but if you’re not able, travel scholarships are available based on need. All food, lodging, instruction, gear and activities during the week are included.

Deliver the Dream

Location: Varies

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

contact@deliverthedream.org

(954) 564-3512

Deliver the Dream helps Florida families experiencing a serious illness or crisis in their lives by organizing monthly three-day, two night retreats. Each family that attends has a family member - whether it’s a child or parent – living with an illness/crisis such as cancer, autism, a blood disorder, spina bifida or multiple sclerosis.

Our program invites up to 15 families, free of charge, to one of our retreat locations so they can relax, enjoy time together, forge new friendships and create support groups with the other families dealing with the same illness/crisis.

Eligibility: Families who have a child with cancer; Families who have experienced the death of a loved one

Camp Make a Dream

Location: Gold Creek, Montana

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

(406) 549-5987

Kids Camp is a unique experience for children ages 6-14 in various stages of cancer therapy or those that have completed treatment. The things that make Kids Camp an escape from cancer are the things that make it much like any other camp. We begin with the usual summer camp diversions. Goofy traditions like having to sing a song to be the first cabin seated for breakfast. Kids get a chance to challenge themselves on the climbing wall, try a new craft in the art studio or go horseback riding. There are opportunities to connect with the outdoors around a campfire or fishing. To this we add shared experiences around cancer. During Cabin Chat for example kids have a chance to discuss how it feels to be the only kid at their school who is sick or what it's like to lose their hair. Through these discussions kids not only get to share their emotions, they learn that other kids have faced and come through the same challenges. Kids Camp is designed to give children a week of normalcy; a chance to make new friends, try new things and just be kids.

Dream Street Foundation

Location: Ojai Valley California

<http://dreamstreetfoundation.org/>

dreamstreetca@gmail.com

(424)333-1371

The Dream Street provides unique camping and support programs, free of charge, for children and young adults affected by a life-threatening and chronic illnesses.

Eligibility: A child (4-14 years of age) who has been diagnosed with a chronic illness

Okizu Camp

Location: Berry Creek, California

<http://www.okizu.org/programs-calendar>

info@okizu.org

415-382-9083

Oncology Camp is a week-long camp for kids who have cancer. Siblings Camp is a week-long camp for brothers or sisters of kids with cancer. Family Camp is a weekend camp for families that have a loved one with cancer.

Eligibility: For the oncology camp, the child must have or have had cancer, the child must be 6-17 years of age at the camp, and have approval from the physician. For the Siblings Camp, the child must have cancer or have had a sibling with cancer and they must be 6-17 years of age.

Camp Simcha

Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL, New York, etc.

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

southeast@chailifeline.org

A kosher camp for children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. At Camp Simcha, children and teens trade hospital rooms and doctors' offices for fun, friendship, and hope for the future. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities in fully handicapped-accessible facilities. Talent shows, concerts, and helicopter,

hot-air, and motorcycle rides make every day super-special. Campers return home reinvigorated, with deep friendships and happy memories to help them travel the rough road ahead.

Eligibility: Children with cancer or other illnesses.

Camp Sunshine

Location: Maine

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

info@campsunshine.org

(207) 655-3800

A camp for the entire family located in South Casco, Maine, provides respite, professional counseling and recreational opportunities for families facing the physical, emotional and financial strain of a child with a critical illness. There is no charge for families.

Hole In The Wall Gang Camp

Location: Ashford, Connecticut

<http://www.holeinthewallgang.org/Page.aspx?pid=471>

ashford@holeinthewallgang.org

(860) 429-3444

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is dedicated to providing “a different kind of healing” to seriously ill children and their families throughout the Northeast, free of charge. It’s a community that celebrates the fun, friendship and spirit of childhood where every kid can “raise a little hell.”

Eligibility: Children between the ages of 7 and 15 who have been diagnosed with cancer or serious blood disorders

Ronald McDonald Camp

Location: Pennsylvania's Poconos Mountains

<http://www.philarmh.org/our-programs/ronald-mcdonald-camp/>

prmh@philarmh.org

215-387-8406

RMC is a place where kids with cancer, and their siblings, can enjoy just being kids. It's a week of fun and friendship, and freedom from being different. It's a chance to experience new activities and acquire new skills in a supportive, nurturing environment. It's a time when kids can talk openly about cancer and everybody else understands.

Eligibility: Children ages 7 to 17 who have completed cancer treatment or who are still undergoing therapy

Give Kids the World Village

Location: Central FL

<http://gktw.org/>

myvacation@gktw.org

1-800-995-KIDS

Give Kids The World Village is a 79-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The Village and its community partners provide children and their families accommodations in fully-furnished villas, transportation, tickets to theme parks, meals, daily entertainment and much more.

Eligibility: All participants must be approved by the wish-granting organization and Give Kids The World prior to arrival. Family members not approved on the actual wish are welcome to stay in the area and visit with you at Give Kids The World.

Clinical Trials

Children's Oncology Group

<https://childrensoncologygroup.org/index.php/research-collaborations>
HelpDesk@childrensoncologygroup.org

The COG, with more than 9,000 experts worldwide, has nearly 100 active clinical-translational trials open at any given time. These trials include front-line treatment for many types of childhood cancers, studies aimed at determining the underlying biology of these diseases, and trials involving new and emerging treatments, supportive care, and survivorship.

NCI

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials>

Information on understanding and finding clinical trials. The site contains information on more than 12,000+ open clinical trials.

Emotional Support

Group Loop

<http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/find-support/online-support/group-loop>

Group Loop is a safe (and fun!) online community where teens affected by cancer can meet and connect with each other to build social and emotional support, and to regain a sense of control over their lives.

Additionally, Group Loop provides educational information about cancer, and tools to cope with the anticipated changes in relationships and day-to-day activities due to a cancer diagnosis.

- 24-hour a day live discussion boards
- Instant Messenger
- Your very own video journal
- Your personal blog
- Access to other teens who can either become your "Friends" (people you can email) or "Buddies" (people who are only on your wall)
- So don't wait – join today and get connected to our online community of tons of other teens just like you!

Financial assistance

Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation

<http://childrenscancerrecovery.org/>
childrens@cancerrecovery.org

800-238-6479

The Camp Scholarship Program provides funding for a camp of their choice; sports, music, art, science, horseback riding, skiing or whatever activities they missed most during treatment. The Helping Hands Fund provides emergency bridge payments directly to the utility companies and landlords, ensuring that each child has a warm, safe place to call home while recovering from cancer.

Eligibility: Camp Scholarship Program- All patients must be under the age of 18 to qualify for consideration. The child's date of remission will be taken into consideration for funding. All Social Workers/Child Life Specialists will receive notification (approved or declined applications) via email.

Helping Hands Fund's Applications are NOT available to individuals or families. Please contact your social worker or child life specialist to obtain an application. All patients must be under the age of 18 and currently receiving active cancer treatment to qualify for consideration.

Rally Foundation

<http://rallyfoundation.org>

info@rallyfoundation.org

404-847-1270

Funds will be used to cover patient's cancer related medical bills or other family costs related to treatment (i.e.: utilities, mortgage, rent, transitional housing, etc.). Support for one patient has an annual (12 month calendar year) cap of \$500 and a lifetime cap of \$750.

Eligibility: Be currently receiving treatment for a cancer-related diagnosis or side effects from cancer treatment. Not be over 21 years old. Submit a completed application through a social worker or hospital representative. Only apply for support once per calendar year.

Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation

<http://jjccf.org/>

954-770-1745

The *mission* of the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation is to provide emergency financial assistance for children fighting cancer to ensure access to basic human necessities. Additionally, the Foundation advocates for and raises awareness of childhood cancer.

Eligibility: Child fighting cancer comes from a low income family currently experiencing much financial stress. Most cases involve a single parent household and child/family qualifies for government assistance programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income. Child must reside in the state of Florida. Child's cancer treatment prevents parent from working and is temporarily causing financial distress. Child must be under 18 years of age (0-17 years old). Child/Family must be referred by their physician or assigned social worker who will in turn provide them with a JJCCF Financial Assistance Application.

Beyond The Cure Scholarship Program

<http://www.beyondthecure.org>

survivorship@theNCCS.org

(800)-5-FAMILY

The Beyond the Cure Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to childhood cancer survivors who have demonstrated the ability to overcome the difficult challenges of cancer with determination and motivation.

Cancer Fund of America

www.cfoa.org

(800) 578-5284 or (865) 938-5281

Helps defray cancer-related expenses not covered by insurance; a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide free professional help to people with all cancers through counseling, education, information and referral and direct financial assistance.

The Szott Foundation

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

info@szottfoundation.org

This foundation offers financial assistance so that one previously full time employed parent can stay home and care for a child with cancer. The initial communication for the application for a grant is initiated by the hospital social worker. See the website for more information, including FAQs.

Eligibility: If the child is receiving care from a pediatric unit, he or she is eligible to apply for the grant

Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation

<http://andriveroflife.org/>

info@andriveroflife.org

(310) 276-7111

“When Compassion can’t wait and single parent families are in despair, we help with urgent expenses to allow these caregivers to stay at their child’s bedside during catastrophic illness.”

Our Commitment: We respond in 24 hours, when all other resources are exhausted.

Medical

The Bone Marrow Foundation

<http://bonemarrow.org/>

TheBMF@BoneMarrow.org

This Foundation offers financial assistance and free support services to bone marrow/stem cell transplant patients and their families.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

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

The site offers disease and treatment information for leukemia and lymphoma patients and their families. On-site questions and answers.

National Brain Tumor Society

<http://braintumor.org/>

TheBMF@BoneMarrow.org

The site offers support and education for brain tumor patients and their families and allows users to e-mail questions to a nurse specializing in brain tumors.

Scholarships

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

[http://www.curethekids.org/family-](http://www.curethekids.org/family-resources/scholarships/#.V7M_jPkrK70?referrer=http://www.thencs.org/helpful-links)

[resources/scholarships/#.V7M_jPkrK70?referrer=http://www.thencs.org/helpful-links](http://www.curethekids.org/family-resources/scholarships/#.V7M_jPkrK70?referrer=http://www.thencs.org/helpful-links)

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's college scholarship program eases the financial hardships of a childhood brain tumor diagnosis and helps survivors reach their career goals.

The Ulman Fund for Young Adults

<http://ulmanfund.org/scholarships/>

\$2,500 scholarships for those 15-39 years old during their own diagnosis/treatment or during the diagnosis/treatment of a parent or sibling.

Transplant

Children's Organ Transplant Association

<http://cota.org/>

Offer fund-raising guidance to families who need to raise money for transplants. It has some emergency funds available.

The Bone Marrow Foundation

<http://bonemarrow.org/>

This Foundation offers financial assistance and free support services to bone marrow/stem cell transplant patients and their families.

Transportation Programs

Air Care Alliance

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

This is a nationwide league of humanitarian flying organizations dedicated to offering free flights for patients.

Corporate Angel Network

<http://www.corpangelnetwork.org/about/index.html>

info@corpangelnetwork.org

Corporate Angel Network is the only charitable organization in the United States whose sole mission is to help cancer patients access the best possible treatment for their specific type of cancer by arranging free travel to treatment across the country using empty seats on corporate jets. This not only improves the patients' chances of survival but at the same time, it reduces their emotional stress, physical discomfort and financial burden.

Eligibility: Eligibility to participate in our program is open to all cancer patients, bone marrow donors, and bone marrow recipients who are ambulatory and not in need of medical support while traveling. Eligibility is not based on financial need, and patients may travel as often as necessary.

Mercy Medical Airlift

<http://mercymedical.org/>

info@MercyMedical.org

Mercy Medical Airlift is dedicated to helping those in need of air medical transportation and ground transportation.

Give-away Programs

Peach's Neet Feet

<http://www.peachsneetfeet.com/>

hope.PNF@gmail.com

Peach's Neet Feet brings joy into the lives of children who have experienced great hardship in the form of chronic illness and disability. Through mindful practices and the science of caring, this is accomplished by providing services that include, but are not limited to, painting and distributing personalized shoes, organizing and sending care packages, providing outreach parties to communities all over the United States, and managing a community art center in San Juan County.